



## William Helgeson

December 1, 1932 - December 11, 2008

William A. Helgeson, Jr. "Billy" of Lindsay, Oklahoma departed this life at his home on December 11, 2008 at the age of 76. Billy was born on December 1, 1932 in Fargo, North Dakota to William Allen Helgeson, Sr. and Evelyn Joyce (Larson) Helgeson. He married Rosa Gonzalez in Mexico on September 10, 1979.

Mr. Helgeson served his country as a Sergeant in the Marine Corps. From 1949 to 1953, and received the Silver Star medal for his valor during the Korean War. He held a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and worked as a Deputy Sheriff, Badge # 1517, for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department from 1961 to 1981. Mr. Helgeson moved to Lindsay, Oklahoma upon his retirement from the Sheriff's Department in 1981. Billy was a member of the Criner Baptist Church. He loved traveling, fishing, farming, going to church and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Survivors of Mr. Helgeson include his wife, Rosa Helgeson of Lindsay, Oklahoma, his daughter, Jan K. Wiget of California, four sons; Geary R. Gornick of California, Lance H. Gornick of California, Paul A. Gornick of California, and Bellan N. Gornick of Chickasha, Oklahoma, and two sisters; Margie Helgeson and Marty Mitchell. Billy also leaves behind ten grandchildren; Joel Wiget, Courtney Robinson, Ashley Gornick, Alex Wiget, Blaine Palczynsky, Chris Gonzalez, Paul Brown, Valrie Gornick, Wyatt Gornick

and Khylee Gornick.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, William Allen Helgeson, Sr. and Evelyn Joyce Helgeson..

Funeral Services for Mr. Helgeson with military honors are set for Monday, December 15, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Criner Baptist Church in Criner, Oklahoma with Pastor John Hornbeck officiating. The services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

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“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers are with you Rosie, and all the family at this time. My sister Joan Loyd also sends her love and thoughts to you and your family. Billy was one of our favorite cousins. May God richly bless you and keep you at this most difficult time. May Billy rest in peace. Love and prayers, Frank and Joan Larson (Loyd)*

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**Frank R. Larson** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM