



## Bill J. Mingle

December 12, 1942 - March 5, 2022

Bill J. Mingle, age 79, of Norman, Oklahoma, died on Saturday, March 5, 2022. He was born on December 12, 1942, to Harry E. and Myrtle (Brown) Mingle, at the family farm home southwest of Labette City, in rural Labette County, Kansas. His parents preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Linda, in September 2019.

Bill is survived by his daughter Kerry L. Benson, her husband Brad of Frederick OK and their children Kate, Rachel and Rebecca Jo; his son Mark J. Mingle, his wife Melissa of Norman OK and their children Brooke and Ryan. He is also survived by his sister Nancy (Mingle) Robinson and her husband Gary of Independence, Missouri, their two daughters and families.

He married Linda Louise George on June 14, 1964, at Altamont, Kansas. The couple established their first home in Wichita. Following his discharge from active military duty, Bill's work took them to Champaign, Illinois, The family moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in 1973 where they resided for 35 years. Following Bill's retirement, they moved to Norman, Oklahoma in 2008, to be closer to family.

He received his early education at a rural two room school in Labette City. Bill graduated from Labette County Community High School in Altamont, Kansas, in 1960. After attending Parsons Junior College his freshman year, he

transferred to Wichita State University, graduating in 1965.

At age 17, Bill was hired by KLKC, the radio station in Parsons, Kansas. It was the beginning of a broadcasting career that spanned nearly 30 years. He broadcast hundreds of sports events in Kansas, Illinois and Oklahoma, and even called a basketball game from Madison Square Garden at age 20. In 2017, he was inducted into the Bartlesville Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1989, Bill began an association of nearly 18 years with Bartlesville's Jane Phillips Medical Center. He served in various capacities with JPMC rising to the position of Vice President. Shortly after moving to Norman, he began volunteering at Norman Regional Medical Center where he enjoyed the friendship of his fellow volunteers and many hospital staff members.

Bill sought to live out his Christian faith as a follower of Christ by quietly seeking to set an example of character and love for his family. He was truly interested in the lives of those around him. He saw value in each person and would strive to honor people by memorizing their names and addressing them personally. For more than 35 years he regularly visited older men in their homes to offer his friendship and encouragement.

Bill was quite proud to have served in the nation's military for 12 years, two years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war and 10 years in both the Army and Air National Guard.

Bill wanted to be remembered as someone who showed up for work every day and did his best to provide for Linda and their children, and he did just that very well.

A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, March 12, at Trinity Baptist Church, 801 N. Peters Avenue, Norman, OK. Cremation has already

taken place.

Friends and family are invited to contribute in Bill's memory to a hospital of their choice or to Bartlesville Community Foundation, 208 East 4th, Bartlesville OK 74003.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church  
801 N. Peters Avenue  
Norman, OK 73069

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *My late father, Gene Joslin, of KLKC in Parsons, spoke glowingly of Bill as a brilliant broadcaster and wonderful man. May his memory likewise continue in all those he touched.*

*Charlie Joslin*

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**Charlie Joslin** - March 18, 2022 at 09:14 PM

AT

“ *Andy Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bill J. Mingle*



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**Andy Taylor** - March 12, 2022 at 02:47 PM

BK

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. It was an honor to be in the company of Bill during the mid-70's American Legion Baseball seasons. Both, those of us that coached the legion team, and the players learned some important lessons from Bill. Later on Bill and I had the pleasure of working together to establish the Crime Stoppers Program in our community. My friend, it was my honor and pleasure to have you as a friend! You will be missed by many! Bob Korthase*

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**Bob and Carla Korthase** - March 10, 2022 at 10:03 PM

JA

“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Bill J. Mingle



Jackie - March 10, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bill J. Mingle.



March 10, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill J. Mingle.



March 10, 2022 at 11:10 AM

KB

“ From a fellow former Wichita broadcaster, rest in peace my friend. Karl Berg

karl berg - March 10, 2022 at 10:20 AM

SW

“ Good man who served the Bartlesville community in a great way

Stan Walton - March 10, 2022 at 08:39 AM

DK

“ *David Kerr lit a candle in memory of Bill J. Mingle*



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**David kerr** - March 09, 2022 at 06:31 PM

DK

“ *David Kerr lit a candle in memory of Bill J. Mingle*



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**David kerr** - March 09, 2022 at 06:30 PM

EB

“ *Elizabeth Booth lit a candle in memory of Bill J. Mingle*



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**Elizabeth Booth** - March 09, 2022 at 04:22 PM

CF

“ *Enjoyed very much knowing Bill as a model lifetime friend, and a roommate during college.*

*Charles Frodsham*

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**Charles Frodsham** - March 09, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill J. Mingle.



March 09, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ Love Sharlene, Russell and family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bill J. Mingle.



Love Sharlene, Russell and family - March 09, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ We met Bill years ago. One of the finest man we've ever been acquainted with. RIP.

John and Alice Stokes - March 08, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ Jeanne Shepherd lit a candle in memory of Bill J. Mingle



Jeanne Shepherd - March 08, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Bill when he worked at KWON with my dad. He was a very special friend to everyone in my family. Prayers for you all.*

*kindest regards,  
Robin (Willaford) Thomas*

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**Robin Thomas** - March 07, 2022 at 04:29 PM

SK

*Our world lost a great man on Saturday, March 5, 2022. My friend, a tremendous human being, a follower of Christ and fellow broadcaster passed away this weekend. Bill Mingle, was a mentor and godly friend to me and was the first person I met when I moved to Bartlesville back in 1976. Bill was the best broadcast professional as a sportscaster and even a better person. We both worked at KWON during the 1970's. I learned much from this great man about broadcasting and walking with Christ. It is an honored to know Bill. -Steve Kime*

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**Steve Kime** - March 07, 2022 at 09:07 PM

RT

*Bill Mingle was full of joy, and we need more like him. He and I married cousins, so we have known one another for over 55 years. If I had life to live over again, I would spend more time with Bill Mingle and his wonderful wife, Linda. But I guess that's why Heaven will be so wonderful --- lotsof time to spend with folks like the Mingles.*

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**Rudy Taylor** - March 08, 2022 at 11:54 AM

CB

*I worked with Bill at KWON Radio for 12 yrs. Bill was a wonderful friend and co-worker. He was a real gentleman and highly respected by everyone in the company. I am truly saddened by this news. My thoughts a prayers are with his family.*

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**Connie Buster** - March 09, 2022 at 09:48 PM