



Franklin Kelly McGrew

June 29, 1950 - February 8, 2026

Franklin Kelly McGrew, beloved son, brother, husband, dad, Papa Bear, uncle, and friend, passed away on February 8, 2026, at the age of 75, following a courageous 132-day battle with glioblastoma.

Born on June 29, 1950, in Fresno, California, to Howard and Cletus McGrew, Frank was the youngest of five siblings raised in the Chowchilla area. From an early age, he developed a strong faith, steady character, and love of the outdoors that would define his life.

Frank lived a life marked by generosity, leadership, and deep devotion to God. He was known for his gentle spirit, quiet strength, and unwavering kindness. A faithful servant at Koinonia Church in Hanford, California, he served as an elder and faithfully prayed over others as part of the prayer team. Frank led not only with words, but by example-showing up when it mattered most, offering steady counsel, and making everyone feel welcomed and valued.

Above all, Frank was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Deborah McGrew, whom he loved faithfully and wholeheartedly; his daughter, Stephanie Moglia (Steve); his son, David McGrew; and his cherished grandchildren, Madison Rogers, Macie Rogers, Wyatt Rogers, and Lawson McGrew, who all lovingly called him "Papa Bear." He is also survived by his sister, Janice Crockett (Donald), brother-in-laws, David Walters, Robert

Walters, Ronnie Little, and sister-in-law Letha McGrew. His family will forever treasure his guidance, steady presence, and unconditional love.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings Ima Hurt, Barbara Little, and Douglas McGrew; and his decades-long friend, Clifton Pierce.

Frank found great joy in the simple things in life-early mornings spent hunting or just scouting for deer, days spent on the lake fishing, time at the beach, and especially moments surrounded by his grandchildren. Whether casting a line, looking for deer, or cheering from the sidelines, he treasured time together.

The family is deeply grateful for the many friends and loved ones who supported Frank during his illness-driving him to appointments and radiation treatments, bringing meals, visiting, and covering him and the family in prayer. Your love carried them through an incredibly difficult season.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frank's memory to Koinonia Church, Hanford, CA (Selma Project).

Frank will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him. Though his family grieves his absence, they rejoice in the assurance that he is now at peace in the presence of his Savior.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 1:00 PM Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Funeral

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Graveside

FEB 17. 1:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery
1300 W Goshen Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin Kelly McGrew*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 16 at 04:32 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Franklin Kelly McGrew*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 11 at 05:02 PM



“ *Mobile Webcast of the Graveside service on Tuesday February 17th, at 1pm from Visalia District Cemetery.*

<https://www.viewlogies.net/salser-and-dillard/WyW1fW17A?pin=296856>

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapels - February 11 at 04:59 PM

CM

“ Chad and Rebecca Mueller purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Franklin Kelly McGrew.



Chad and Rebecca Mueller - February 15 at 08:25 AM

DF

“ Don & Jans Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Franklin Kelly McGrew.

Don & Jans Family - February 14 at 03:01 PM

DF

“ Don & Jans Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Franklin Kelly McGrew.



Don & Jans Family - February 14 at 03:01 PM

CD

“ Cindy Dunn lit a candle in memory of Franklin McGrew



Cindy Dunn - February 13 at 10:29 AM

CD

“ Uncle frank, even though your gone on earth, I know your here in spirit. Heaven gained a great warrior. One great memory I remember, when we were growing up, all 6 of my brothers and sisters would go to uncle frank and aunt Debbies house, we would hang out all weekend and have fun. I remember putting on aunt Debbie's dresses and shoes and dressing up and having a great time.

I love you

Cindy

Cindy Dunn - February 13 at 10:28 AM

DM

“ Dan and Margaret Middleton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Franklin Kelly McGrew.

Dan and Margaret Middleton - February 12 at 10:44 AM

DM

“ Dan and Margaret Middleton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Franklin Kelly McGrew.



Dan and Margaret Middleton - February 12 at 10:44 AM

LW

“ Uncle Frank, I love you with all my heart and thank you and Aunt Debbie for always being there for all of us. You will always be the uncle everyone cherish. 💕💕

Lori Whatley - February 11 at 10:46 PM