



George Alfred Billgren

July 7, 1947 - March 24, 2025

George Alfred Billgren, 77, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2025, in Visalia, California. Born on July 7, 1947, in Jamestown, New York, George lived a full life marked by hard work, resilience and love for his family and friends.

For an extraordinary 40+ years, George served with the United States Postal Service. His nearly half-century career stands as a remarkable testament to his unwavering commitment and strong work ethic. Throughout these decades of service, he became a familiar presence in his community; he never met a stranger.

He was the proud father of three children: Dianne Billgren, Jodi Billgren Brutosky, and Michael Billgren, and was a grandfather to four grandsons; Cain Madrid, Bryden Brutosky, Ian Brutosky, and Justin Billgren. George is also survived by his two younger sisters, Elaine McCourt and Cathy Valverde, his brother-in-law Gilbert Valverde and five nieces. He also leaves behind his companion of many years, Christy Cordero.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Sara "Sally" Billgren.

George was a true enthusiast of classic cars, especially Corvettes. Bowling was another favorite pastime; he enjoyed participating in league play and was

most proud of several perfect 300 scores. George took great pride in maintaining his yards; landscaping was not just a chore but a labor of love.

Music held a special place in George's heart. He had a fondness for oldies and never hesitated to sing along to his favorite songs. Boxing was another source of enjoyment...he loved watching matches and giving you his prediction on who would come out on top.

May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him.

Memorial services will be held 2pm Thursday, May 1st, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia with a reception to follow at the Salser & Dillard Life Event Center, 135 E Caldwell 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

Memorial

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (PT)

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

Reception

MAY 1. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Life Event Center
135 E Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of George Alfred Billgren*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - April 29, 2025 at 10:40 AM

SC

We only had the chance to meet George once, he came to our house for a meatball sandwich - boy o boy, you would have thought he was eating steak and lobster the way he commented on how good it tasted. He was such a fun and happy person and a joy to spend time with. We hope that he is resting in peace.

Susan and David Cavalli

Susan Cavalli - April 29, 2025 at 09:47 PM

JG

“ *A wonderful neighbor, he always had positive vibe and friendly word to share. Just a lovely person, you will be missed.*

John Gibble - May 14, 2025 at 10:37 AM

MM

“ My (great) uncle George will be dearly missed by us all in the family. I feel a sense of peace that he’s with my amazing great-grandma Yaya & great-grandpa “Papa” now. Uncle George was always hilarious to be around, and as a kid, I always considered him one of the coolest in the family. It’s not known by many in the family how much he helped me in my youth, but thanks to him I was able to have a happy end to my high school years and young adult years. Thank you, Uncle George, for making it possible for me to go to prom, stay in school, and enjoy graduation and grad night, among so many other things you did for me. My heart hurts for my grandma Elaine, who will certainly feel the loss of her dear older brother, as he was one of her best friends. Please watch over her. Till we meet again. We miss you lots!



Love,

Your great-niece Monica

Monica Madrigal-Negrete - May 02, 2025 at 04:34 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George Alfred Billgren.

April 25, 2025 at 09:28 PM

WF

“ *With love from the Blessing Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of George Alfred Billgren.*



With love from the Blessing Family - April 22, 2025 at 06:57 PM

TF

“ *The Isaac Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Alfred Billgren.*

The Isaac Family - April 21, 2025 at 09:45 AM

TF

“ *The Isaac Family purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of George Alfred Billgren.*



The Isaac Family - April 21, 2025 at 09:45 AM

KW

“ One of my fondest memories with Uncle George—who I affectionately called Uncle Kooky (and vice versa)—was the time he tried to help me remove the black dye from my hair when I was a teenager. Much to his surprise, and my absolute delight, it turned bright pink instead! We laughed so hard. That moment perfectly captured how kooky, funny, and full of life he was.

Uncle Kooky had a special gift for making me laugh throughout my childhood and adulthood. His joyful, lighthearted spirit brought so much warmth to our family. He never judged me—he always embraced my weirdness with open arms, a playful tease, and endless laughter. He especially loved (as did most of my family) when I’d break into a ridiculous English accent and pretend to be British. I always loved making him laugh—or at least question my sanity, haha.

He was also deeply loving and compassionate, especially in how he cared for my beloved grandma during her final years. He was so loved—especially by his sisters, who absolutely adored him—and always will be.

He had a flair for fun, and I always enjoyed hearing about his Corvette—getting a ride in it was such a privilege! He took great pride in owning one, and every time I see a Corvette, I think of him. We’d tease him about pretty ladies, and I even got to hit the gym with him once on a visit—he gave me lifting tips and showed me how it’s done! And of course, there was bowling. He and Grandma shared a love for it, and when I was in 6th grade and living in Visalia, I joined a bowling league—knowing he’d bowled a 300 left me in complete awe.

Uncle George lived life with a wink, an eyebrow wiggle, and a smile. That spark of his will never be forgotten.

Rest easy, Uncle Kooky. I’ll carry your laugh, your love, and your light with me always. Tell Carmella that “Big Mistake” misses her

more than words. Until we meet again...

Love,
The OG Kooky 💖

Keri Wilmore - April 15, 2025 at 07:56 PM

EM

“*Brother Dear, You were the best brother ever that anyone would wish for. I will forever cherish all the wonderful memories of you. I will truly miss our phone conversations and you saying “It Is What It Is” which was one of your favorite sayings! God, please take care of mine and my Sissy’s brother up there with you, as you already know you have one very special angel in Heaven with you! I love you brother dear and already miss you so very much! Until I see you again!*”



Elaine McCourt - April 13, 2025 at 05:11 PM

CV

“*I have so many good memories of my dear brother it would take forever for me to say them all I can say right now is he was the best brother I could ever have had I miss you so much and I love you I hold you in my heart RIH*”



Cathy L Valverde - April 12, 2025 at 10:58 PM

SN

“*My long time friend (like a brother) ...been through a lot together.. I will truly miss you my dear friend.. but u are healthy again.. till I see u again💔*”

s neel - April 12, 2025 at 12:19 PM

KN

“ I have a few favorite happy memories of my Uncle George that will always be in my heart , first was back when I was only 5 years old and was so excited my Uncle was coming to visit us in Goleta all the way from Visalia and I waited up until he got there and walk's in and says to me there's my little Butterball (I was a chubbers then) and he give me the biggest hug and I always made him sleep with me like a little slumber party, my next favorite memory is when I was visiting and he went to a dinner dance for the post office I think and comes home looking so handsome and so excited and telling my Grandma and me what I great time he had especially when they suddenly played one of his favorite songs “Old Time Rock and Roll “ and got him on the dance floor. And of course his love for his Corvette and actually let me take it for a spin with him on the freeway and I remember him laughing and saying to me why does everyone keep staring at us, and I looked and said to him oh Uncle they probably think I'm your little young girlfriend and we both started laughing and I turned to him and said oh let them fools think what they want and would honk at each person that would stare at us and wave and point to my uncle and give them the thumbs up sign, he was so embarrassed haha! Love you Uncle Georgie, until we meet again in Heaven 💖



Kristina Negrete - April 12, 2025 at 01:47 AM