



Billy Kunkel

June 2, 1957 - May 15, 2026

Billy Kunkel, age 68, of Kingsville, Texas passed away on May 15, 2026 in his hometown.

Billy was born in Kingsville, Texas on June 2, 1957, the son of Richard Herman Kunkel and Frances Maria Kunkel. Billy was the firstborn child.

Billy was preceded in death by his dad, Richard Kunkel, and his baby sister Mary Beth Kunkel.

Billy leaves behind his mother, Frances Maria Kunkel, his sisters, Kathy Henrikson (Rick) and Linda Baham (Michael), as well as Richard Kunkel (Tina). Two sons, a daughter and grandchildren. Three nieces, a nephew and three great nieces.

After high school Billy became a ranch hand on the famous KING RANCH for a couple of years. Billy became a master furniture mover and specialized in the movement of Grand Piano's. Billy was also a master carpenter and furniture maker.

Billy passed away after a long battle with cancer at Lone Star Ranch Rehabilitation Home. The family is so indebted to the care givers at Lone Star Ranch and Kingsville Hospice.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home, with a Memorial Service beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home
230 East Ella Avenue
Kingsville, TX 78363
(361) 592-2413

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our most heartfelt condolences to the Kunkel family -- Frances, Kathy, Linda, Ricky and Billy's children and grandchildren. Our families have been neighbors for over 40 years and have been there for each other through celebrations and losses. We are forever grateful to Billy for always checking in on our parents when we were no longer in Kingsville. Knowing that he was next door if they ever needed anything brought us great comfort. The entire Kunkel family has loyally been by our side and us theirs - so grateful to call them neighbors and love them like family. May Billy rest in peace and send our love to Mary Beth and Richard. With much Love, Marina Valle and the Valle family

Marina Valle - May 29 at 01:55 AM

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“ Sadden to hear about Billy's passing. I use to hang out with The Kunkel kids. My cousins lived next door to El Jardin. Great summer memories. I had a little crush on Billy. Mary Beth would quietly tease me. The last time I saw Billy, he and his buddy caught an alligator gar. They cleaned it and fried it up. His Doberman Apollo by his side.

My deepest sympathy to Frances, Kathy, Linda, Ricky and his children.

Lydie Garcia - May 22 at 09:20 PM