

Lyle Garnet Kennedy

August 1, 1941 – January 22, 2025

Lyle Garnet Kennedy was born August 1, 1941 and passed away January 22, 2025. He was born in Detroit, Michigan to Martha and Glenn Kennedy and was an identical twin with Lynn Kennedy. A brother, Merrill, was born ten years later. The family lived in Michigan until 1956 when his father moved the machinery business to Walnut, California. Lyle graduated from Puente High School and attended classes at Mt. Sac Junior College and Cal Poly University Pomona for engineering while working in the family business. After marrying, he worked in the engineering department for Los Angeles County and the Cities of Upland and San Bruno for several years. He then returned to southern California to help run the family business, Industry Machinery Sales, for many years until it was sold in 2013, and he retired.

Lyle was married to Marci Cook, his high school girlfriend of 47 years before her passing in 2010. They had three children, and seven grandchildren. They were members of the Walnut Valley Baptist Church (Lyle served as a deacon) and later attended Inland Community Church in Chino where he and Marci were active in the children's ministry.

In 2014 he married Velma Neeley, and they moved to Elverta, California where Lyle enjoyed having several classic cars, a big shop and a huge hay barn to keep his "treasures". He was a member of a few car clubs and loved going to car shows and swap meets. He was a living encyclopedia about cars and Henry Ford and would talk to anyone about any car topic. Besides cars, he loved telling jokes and making people laugh, a truly fun guy. He was a member of Lifepointe Nazarene Church in Rio Linda, California and enjoyed Bible studies with the Geezers class. He was a devout Christian and loved God and his country.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marci, his parents and his younger brother. He leaves his wife, Velma; his three children Rachael (Glen) Mayfield, Blaine (Cris) Kennedy, and Joshua (Monika) Kennedy; his twin brother, Lynn (Hubertine) Kennedy, sister-in-law Valerie (Merrill) Kennedy; seven grandchildren Christopher, Amanda, Makayla, Shelby, Jackson, Ashley and Windsor; nieces, nephews and cousins. He enjoyed his stepchildren Cynthia (Charles) Odom, Cheryl (Bill deceased) Harris, Jeffrey Langenhorst (deceased) three grandchildren Amber, David and Ezekiel and two great-grandchildren,

Lyle will be missed by many. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Lifepointe Nazarene Church, Rio Linda, 7200 Rio Linda Blvd., Rio Linda, California.