



## Alton Oswald Patschke

December 28, 1922 - November 11, 2017

Alton Oswald Patschke, 94 of Giddings, Texas passed away Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Bastrop Lost Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Chris Nietubicz officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the Friendship Cemetery in Hills, Texas. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 12, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Alton was born in Fedor, Texas on December 28, 1922 to Oswald and Anna (Jatzlau) Patschke. He was raised in Fedor as the oldest of eight children. During this time, he attended parochial school where he was taught in German. Alton was baptized January 19, 1922 and confirmed on April 8, 1936 at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fedor, Texas.

In March of 1941, he moved to McDade, Texas to live with his aunt and uncle, John and Olga Dube. There he apprenticed on their farm and learned to grow crops and raise livestock. It was during this time he met Marie Emilie Goerlitz. Alton and Marie were married on August 8, 1943 at the Shiloh Lutheran

Church in McDade, Texas.

During World War II, Alton was stationed in California where he served in the US Navy as a signalman and interpreter for German prisoners. After he was discharged, he joined Marie in Paint Creek, Texas. In 1949, they purchased a farm in Paige, where for the next 55 years he raised livestock and farmed peanuts and various other crops. Alton was never one to shy away from hard work. In fact, he loved it. His long days were only interrupted by the three hearty, home-cooked meals Marie would have waiting for him. He enjoyed seining the tank and hosting his extended family for a large fish fry. Despite the busy farm life, he and Marie found time to travel throughout North America. During the later years on the farm, Alton enjoyed making trips with his grandchildren to the Lee County Farmers Co-op to treat them to a Dr. Pepper.

During his life, Alton remained involved in his community. He was a founding member of the Bastrop County Soil & Water Conservation District where he served for 46 years. He also sat on the boards of the Lee County Jr. Livestock, Post Oak Livestock and Lee County Farmers Cooperative. Alton was awarded Bastrop County Farmer of the Year and Peanut Farmer of the Year by the Giddings Chamber of Commerce. He was also a devoted member and elder of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings.

In 2002, Alton and Marie retired to Giddings. There Alton reinvented his life. When he no longer had the long hours of operating the farm, he became an avid Houston Astros fan. He volunteered his time at Rejuvenation and enjoyed 42 tournaments at the Senior Center with Marie as his partner. He took an interest in cooking shows, especially Emeril Lagasse. There was never anyone more enthusiastic about their next meal. He especially loved hot guts.

For over two decades, Alton battled a heart condition. Despite often receiving

discouraging reports from his doctors, Alton never seemed to listen and always battled back. At the age of 89, he underwent an experimental valve replacement surgery much to the dismay of his family. When he was asked if he was sure that he would want to put himself through the procedure, he maintained that even if the surgery would not help his condition he knew that his participation could help someone else.

Alton had a tenacious spirit. He loved his family and was always eager to share each of their accomplishments with pride. He took pleasure in being the first person to call someone the morning of their birthday and stocking his fridge with “college beers” in anticipation of the next visit from a grandson.

Alton was predeceased by his wife; parents; two brothers, Arnold and Wilbert, and two sisters Verline Patschke and Alice Proske.

He is survived by children, Raymond Patschke and wife, Jan of Austin, Marilyn Petersen and husband, Larry of La Porte, Sharon Becker and husband, Billy of Giddings and Scott Patschke of Independence Missouri; nine grandchildren Tim Petersen and his wife, Wendy of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Philip Petersen and wife, Jana of Houston, Brent Becker and wife, Sarah of Houston, Brady Becker of Giddings, Lauren Hurtado and husband, Michael of Independence, Missouri, Eric Patschke of South Korea and Mark, Amelia and Jackson Patschke all of Independence, Missouri; five great grandchildren, Margo & Owen of Rancho Rio, New Mexico and Sydney & Sam Petersen of Houston, and Isabella Rickman of Missouri; brothers Edmund Patschke and wife Alice of Houston, Monroe Patschke and wife Lorine of Lincoln; sister Sydonia Iselt and husband Fred of Houston, and sister-in-law Kathleen Patschke of Cypress as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandchildren, Tim Petersen, Philip Petersen, Brent Becker, Brady Becker, Lauren Hurtado, Mark Patschke, Eric Patschke, Amelia Patschke and Jackson Patschke.

Memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Stained Glass Restoration Project, 300 North Grimes Street, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of your choice.

We remain grateful for the wonderful care he received at the Lost Pines Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bastrop.

# Cemetery Details

## Friendship Cemetery

650 Friendship Road  
Paige, TX 78659

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

## Visitation

NOV 14. 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM (CT)

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3950 East Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

## Church Service

NOV 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942



# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Prayers for peace and comfort as the memories flood over you, Ed and Martha Mark

Martha Mark - November 14, 2017 at 10:05 AM

CN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You have our deepest sympathy.

Terry and Cindy Namken



Cindy Namken - November 13, 2017 at 02:54 PM

CC

“ Mr. Patscke never told us kids “no” when wanted to have a bonfire or hunt on a Friday night. He was definitely the “cool” Dad. We’ll miss him. Truly a wonderful man.

Christy Claxton - November 13, 2017 at 02:33 PM

MM

“ May God's peace and comfort be with you now thru family and friends and in the days to come. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy!

Rodney and Melanie Meyer

Melanie Meyer - November 13, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alton Oswald Patschke.*



November 13, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *ExxonMobil, HCA/IPE Group purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Alton Oswald Patschke.*



**ExxonMobil, HCA/IPE Group** - November 13, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Alton Oswald Patschke*



**Michelle M Schuetz** - November 13, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ *To all in he Patschke Family; May God be with you and comfort you during this time of the loss of your loved one, God Bless: Richard Wieder*

**Richard ""R.G" Wieder Sr.** - November 12, 2017 at 11:51 PM

RS

“ Richard ""R.G" Wieder Sr. lit a candle in memory of Alton Oswald Patschke



Richard ""R.G" Wieder Sr. - November 12, 2017 at 11:49 PM

LC

“ Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Alton Oswald Patschke



Linda Cook - November 12, 2017 at 11:12 PM

DA

“ So sorry for your loss, Sharon. Prayers sent for strength for you and your family.

Debra Ahlhorn - November 12, 2017 at 09:43 PM

DA

“ Debra Ahlhorn lit a candle in memory of Alton Oswald Patschke



Debra Ahlhorn - November 12, 2017 at 09:42 PM

GS

“ Prayers and sympathy are sent your way.  
Gary and Janice Schneider



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**Gary and Janice Schneider** - November 12, 2017 at 02:15 PM

GJ

“ Our deepest condolences to the family.  
Gina & Ewaldt Knobloch, Jr



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**Gina & Ewaldt Knobloch, Jr.** - November 11, 2017 at 09:22 PM