



Calvin Dale Berger

May 26, 1960 - November 11, 2018

Calvin Berger of Lincoln, age 58, passed away Sunday, November 11, 2018, surrounded by his family at M.D. Anderson in Houston, Texas.

Calvin Dale was born May 26, 1960 in Giddings, Texas to Elferd & Mildred (Maass) Berger. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings. He graduated from Giddings High School in 1978. An active member of the FFA organization, he proudly received the highest state honor, The Lone Star Farmer Degree, in 1977.

After graduation, Calvin worked with his father raising pigs at their operation, Berger Farms. It was during this time that he met his wife of 32 years, Debbie Cowsert. They were married on December 27, 1986 and were blessed with two daughters, Maggie and Mandy.

Calvin held many positions around Giddings over the years due to his skills as a handyman and knowledge of livestock. Most recently he worked for the maintenance department at the Giddings State School. Regardless of where he worked, Calvin was always grateful for the lifelong friends he made.

Calvin's passion for livestock served as a foundation for his life. He and Debbie and the girls raised goats, pigs and cattle on their ranch in Manheim. Time with each of his girls and supporting them with their chosen animals was

a priority, and his passion was inherited by both, with Maggie raising pigs and Mandy helping with the horses.

Growing up on a working farm, Calvin didn't always have time for typical extracurricular activities. But he didn't miss out on life. He made sure his girls had unlimited opportunities and always celebrated their success. He particularly enjoyed going with them to livestock shows across the state and was often more excited than they were when they won. He also was an avid fan of the Texas A&M Aggies and was a proud father of two Aggie graduates.

Calvin was very involved in his community and church, Immanuel Lutheran. He was involved in multiple capacities with the Lee County Junior Livestock Show and enjoyed fundraising to support the local agricultural youth through the Manheim Youth Supporters. None of this was done for self- glorification, but rather for the betterment of citizens and friends of his community.

Calvin will be lovingly remembered by his family for his strength, perseverance and showing his unconditional love for them by making sure they were taken care of.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law, Robert William Cowsert, and uncle and mentor, George Elwood Berger.

Surviving family includes his wife, Debra Berger of Giddings; his two daughters, Maggie Berger of Caldwell and Mandy Harkrider & her husband, Tyler of Richmond; one sister, Cheryl Jurk & her husband, Robert of Giddings; one brother, Cliff Berger of Giddings; mother-in-law, Arva Evelyn Cowsert of New Braunfels; brother-in-law, Robert "Billy" Cowsert Jr. & his wife, Joannette of La Vernia as well as several nieces, nephews, numerous cousins and many friends.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner and Rev. Chris Nietubicz officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Martin Albrecht, Ray Berger, Robert Cowser, Tyler Harkrider, Robert Jurk and Jason Stork.

Memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church, The Manheim Youth Supporters, and Cattlemen for Cancer Research, or the charity of your choice.

The Berger family would like to express special thanks to the staffs of M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Center in Houston and St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan. They would also like to express their gratitude for the outpouring of love and support from family, neighbors and friends during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Family Present for Visitation

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Church Service

NOV 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
300 North Grimes Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Calvin Dale Berger*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 14, 2018 at 10:05 AM

RB

“ *I am so grateful for the support Calvin always gave my children through the Manheim Youth Supporters and for his guidance as an elder at Immanuel Lutheran through their confirmations.*



Rebecca Byars - November 17, 2018 at 09:17 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.*



November 15, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.*



November 14, 2018 at 04:26 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I have been keeping you all in my prayers ever since I heard the news. Love to all.*

Jennifer Placke

Jennifer Placke - November 14, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ *So many memories. As a neighbor and friend....you couldn't ask for a better person, father and husband! Memory....watching him and family with the goats ...trimming goat toe nails, shots etc. I knew nothing but I learn a lot quick! Plus sitting on the front porch laughing and talking about everything watching the sun go down. He will be deeply missed. My heart goes out to Debbie and family. Love you all.*

Kenyon Littles - November 14, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.*



November 14, 2018 at 10:40 AM



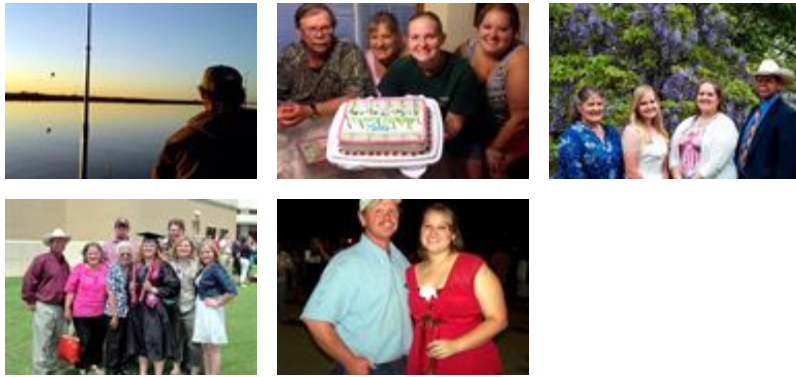
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.* ”



November 14, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *106 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 14, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ *Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Calvin Dale Berger* ”



Michelle M Schuetz - November 14, 2018 at 07:34 AM

KR

“ No words will express how sad I am for your family. I know he was the anchor. Although you will always feel grief, I pray that your happy memories of him will find a place in your heart.

Kelley Starnes Richardson - November 13, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.



November 13, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.



November 13, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.



November 13, 2018 at 05:28 PM

ZG

“ Zachary Gersch lit a candle in memory of Calvin Dale Berger



Zachary Gersch - November 13, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.



November 13, 2018 at 01:37 PM

BF

“ Sorry to hear of Calvin's passing. He is up in heaven with some good company. Prayers for comfort to the family.
-Benhard & Shirley Faske



Ben & Shirley Faske - November 13, 2018 at 01:11 PM

HP

“ Howard and Becky Pool purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.



Howard and Becky Pool - November 13, 2018 at 12:02 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Calvin Dale Berger*



Linda Cook - November 13, 2018 at 11:21 AM

TG

“ *Travis And Lynn Gunter lit a candle in memory of Calvin Dale Berger*



Travis and Lynn Gunter - November 13, 2018 at 11:01 AM

DF

“ *Debbie, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Prayers for peace and comfort.*
Dwight & Kathy Friedrich

Dwight & Kathy Friedrich - November 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin Dale Berger.*



November 13, 2018 at 05:27 AM

MP

“ *When I babysat Mandy, we were out for a walk one day, Calvin was driving by; he jumped out of his truck and grabbed her and hugged her; then got back in his truck and went on his way. He loved his girls!!!*

Myra Paul - November 13, 2018 at 05:20 AM

CN

“ *We are so sorry for your huge loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God bless and be with you today and every day. You have our deepest sympathy.*

Terry and Cindy Namken

Cindy Namken - November 12, 2018 at 09:17 PM



JG

“ *Debbie my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Just know Calvin is pain free and watching over you every second of the day. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Joan Gersch - November 12, 2018 at 07:46 PM



JG

“ *Joan Gersch lit a candle in memory of Calvin Dale Berger*

Joan Gersch - November 12, 2018 at 07:32 PM



JS

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



Janice and Gary Schneider - November 12, 2018 at 05:16 PM

DF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at
this difficult time. May God Bless and give you
peace. Just know if there is anything you
need please call.*



Darlene Jenke & Family - November 12, 2018 at 02:14 PM

CF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Know that Calvin's pain is gone and he is
with his Lord and Savior. We will be keeping you and the family in
our prayers.*

*Thinking of you,
Jerry and Carolyn Faske*

Carolyn Faske - November 12, 2018 at 12:50 PM