

## Charles Lee Kunkel

January 17, 1936 - November 10, 2016

Charles Lee Kunkel passed away Thursday morning, November 10, 2016 at the Scott & White Hospital in Temple at the age of 80. Funeral service will be at 11:00 am, Monday, November 14, 2016 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thorndale with Pastor Scott Schaller officiating. Burial will follow in the Kunkel Family Cemetery in the Salty area. Visitation will be Sunday, November 13, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Charles was born on Jan. 17, 1936 in Otto, Texas to Fritz Awald and Della (Feller) Kunkel. He and Shirley Ann Lehrmann were married on July 7, 1956 in Riesel, Texas, he has lived in Rockdale for the past 60 years and was formally of Otto, Texas. He was in the US Army from 1961 to 1963 and served as an M.P. He was employed at ALCOA and worked in numerous capacities for 41 years and retired in 1997. After the death of his first wife he married Mary (Holliman) Ridgway in November of 2008 in Cameron. Charles was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and was formally a longtime member of Grace Lutheran church in Rockdale. He enjoyed farming and ranching, woodworking and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Shirley Ann Kunkel (March 30, 2007) and three sisters, Selma Pick, Alice Kunkel and Viola Jund.

Surviving are his, wife, Mary Ridgway of Rockdale; sons, Douglas Charles Kunkel & wife Karen of Cameron and Darron Lee Kunkel & wife Sandy of Rockdale; daughter, Denise Lynn Muegge & husband Jeff of Thorndale; sisters, Olga Schlemmer, Verneta Grohoske, Doris Banas all of Waco; 6 grandchildren, Jamie Lee Kunkel, Tabitha Gale Bland, Kristian Michelle, Kunkel, Justin Ryan Kunkel, Wesley Garrett Payne and Laramie Paige Payne; great-granddaughter, Calli Elizabeth Kunkel; great-grandson, Ryan James Bland; also a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Jamie L. Kunkel, Justin R. Kunkel, Wesley Payne, Daryl Banas, Gabriel Cousin and Ernie Cates.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 101 N 3rd St, Thorndale, Texas 76577.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

NOV **13.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
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## Funeral Service

NOV **14.** 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Thorndale  
101 N. 3rd Street  
Thorndale, TX 76577

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Lee Kunkel*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - November 11, 2016 at 05:56 PM

JK

“ *My sympathy. Charles and Shirley lived in a duplex on other side of us on Evelyn Street after we married in 1957, and we played dominoes each night...our side or their side.*

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**June Key** - November 14, 2016 at 02:02 AM

MR

“ *Michael and Tanna Ridgway purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles Lee Kunkel.*



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**Michael and Tanna Ridgway** - November 13, 2016 at 07:16 PM

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“ *Doug, Karen and family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Doug, Lisa and Jakob Schlemmer*

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**Lisa Schlemmer** - November 13, 2016 at 04:25 PM

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“ Doris & Darryl purchased the *Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum* for the family of Charles Lee Kunkel.



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**Doris & Darryl** - November 12, 2016 at 11:06 AM

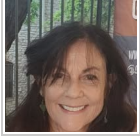


“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - November 11, 2016 at 05:32 PM



“ I am in total gratitude that I got to meet and know Charles Kunkel. Charles and my Mom spent about the last 9 years together. He was ALWAYS so wonderful, welcoming and kind to me from the very first moment I met him. His entire family is like that and I feel very fortunate to know them. His sense of humor and huge smile was contagious the minute you were around him. We are of similar politics which just fueled our witty conversations and mutual respect. I love you Charles Kunkel, I always will. Where as I will miss seeing you in your physical form, I will continue to feel you in my heart and continue our conversations in my thoughts. See you again in the next life Charles and thank you so very much for sharing some of your beautiful life with me. xoxo



Wanda Cousin - November 11, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Kunkel.



November 11, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Kunkel.



November 11, 2016 at 08:42 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy sent to Jamie and all the Kunkel family from your SAF-T-BOX family. We are thinking about you and praying for you.*

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**Michael Flatt** - November 11, 2016 at 07:33 AM



“ *We are sorry to hear of your loss! It is never easy to say goodbye to a love one! But remember Charles is not gone, just away! One day you will have a wonderful reunion with him and other love ones in our heavenly home. God be with you and bless you all during this time of sorrow.*

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**Cynthia & George Galbreath** - November 10, 2016 at 09:16 PM