



Charles Henry Patschke

October 19, 1938 - February 1, 2024

Funeral Services for Charles Henry Patschke are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington, Texas with Rev. Johnathan Meyer officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation on Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Charles Henry Patschke, 85 of Lexington passed away peacefully the morning of February 1, 2024 at CHI St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan with his family by his side. He was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 1999.

Charles, the youngest of ten kids, was born on October 19, 1938 to Carl Alvin and Alma (Symank) Patschke in Lexington, Texas. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington. He remained an active member there until his declining health would no longer allow. He served as an usher and was on the Finance Committee for many years.

He grew up in Lexington, attended Lexington Schools and had many friends. He had many fun adventures with those friends. Charles graduated from Lexington High School in May 1957. During High School he participated in FFA, played football, participated in the track and field events shotput and

discus, and was in the senior play. After High School, he attended Blinn Junior College in Brenham for two years, he then attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, graduating in August 1961 with two Bachelor's Degrees, one in Science and the other in Agriculture.

On December 7 1961, Charles was drafted into the United States Army, he was stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. He had several training courses in many of the southern states. During his time in the Army, he was a member of the infantry and ground surveillance team, actually serving as chief of the ground surveillance team. Upon discharge on December 6, 1963, he held the rank of Specialist (SPK) 5.

After being discharged from the Army, Charles worked many odd jobs around Lexington like mowing yards, painting houses and fixing window and door screens. He also worked for his brother-in-law Alton Behrend at Quality Feeds, a Purina Feed Store in Downtown Houston. He moved back to Lexington after his father passed away on December 22, 1965 to help his mother. He continued working many of those odd jobs around town. In February 1966, he began working for AW Herter at AW Herter Inc. and worked there 15 years until the fall of 1981. In February 1982, Charles began working for the Texas Department of Agriculture Seed Division "Seed Lab" in Giddings. He retired after 21 years and 9 months, in November 2003.

On October 25, 1969 Charles married Linda Sharon Hibbeler at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington. They made their lives in Lexington where they raised two children, Curtis and Robyn. Charles and Linda were married 54 years, 3 months and 13 days.

Charles was known as quite the jokester. He enjoyed playing jokes, writing funning songs, and telling funny stories. The targets of this jovialness was his family (especially his sitters and nieces), friends and coworkers. There are many stories that could be told. He was a wonderful son, brother, husband,

father, uncle, father-in-law and friend. He was an overall great man and was loved dearly by many. He was also a good cook, always coming up with new recipes which many are still loved today. He could cook just about anything except for his one attempt at using potted meat for sandwiches, it was awful. He really liked to BBQ (something he talked about and still wanted to do, even though his health had declined). He helped BBQ for the annual Patschke Reunion for many years when it was held in Lexington, something he loved and remembered fondly.

Charles will be remembered as a friendly, helpful, caring, loving man, and will be missed dearly by all who knew him. We all loved him very much.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Alvin and Alma Patschke; his brothers, Carl Alfred Patschke, Wilbur "Sonny" Patschke, and wife Jerrie and two infant brothers; his sisters, Elsie Patschke Jackowski Zoch and her husbands Lige Jackowski and Alvin Carl Zoch; Ella Patschke Behrend and Husband Alton E. Behrend, Irene Patschke Miller and husband Walter "Bill" Miller and one infant sister; brother-in-law Harold "Ike" Rhodes. Also preceding him are his in-laws, George Alfred and Gladys (Robbins) Hibbeler, Mary Lou Hibbeler Heim and husband Russel Heim, John Alfred Hibbeler, Clifford "Dean" Hibbeler and the mother of his children Martha Proske Hibbeler Knippa, Dilmus "Red" Hibbeler and wife Margie Keilers Hibbeler, Kenneth "Fuzz" Hibbeler and the mother of his children Rita Bradshaw Hibbeler Owens. Also several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Charles is survived by his wife, Linda Patschke of Lexington; son, Curtis of Lexington, daughter and son-in-law, Robyn and Jay Elbrich of Bryan; sister, Lorna Rhodes of Lexington, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Charles and family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Jenkins and

Goble and all the staff at CHI St. Joseph Cancer Clinic, Dr. Fernando Colato at Central Texas Heart Center in Bryan, Dr. David Buras and Delana Cortez (MA) at Internal Medicine College Station and Dr. Higginbotham and all the staff of Hospice Brazos Valley.

The family would also like to extend a very special thank you to all of the people of Lexington who were so helpful to them during these last few years. We know that a simple “thank you” is not enough for all you have done for us. Just know that we are eternally grateful and love each and every one of you.

Serving as pallbearers will be Joe Buenker, Daniel Green, Eddie Jackowski, Eric Johnson, Michael Milburn and Allen Retzlaff. Honorary Pallbearers will be Layne Dussetschleger, Ricky Hibbeler, Jodie Keilburg, Donnie Milburn, David Pillack, Wayne Retzlaff and Leonard Seifert.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Brazos Valley.

Arrangements by Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Cemetery Details

St. James Lutheran Cemetery

County Road 326
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Public Visitation

FEB 6. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
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Family Present for Visitation

FEB 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Public Visitation

FEB 7. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
320 North Rockdale Street
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Sorry for your loss
Our prayers are with you.

charles ricketson - February 07, 2024 at 12:06 PM

PP

“ Linda, Robin, and Family. Mr. Patschke will always have a special place in my heart. Since 2010, I have been blessed to get to know him and you all and always looked forward to seeing "my Charlie". He was strong, determined, kind and a very sweet man. Even when he was tired, he never gave up. I always looked forward to seeing and caring for him and know he is in a peaceful place now and no longer in pain. My sincerest condolences to you all.

Pam Pam - February 06, 2024 at 01:18 PM

PP

“ Pam Pam lit a candle in memory of Charles Patschke



Pam Pam - February 06, 2024 at 01:14 PM

AW

“ Aaron & LaNae White purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Charles Henry Patschke.



Aaron & LaNae White - February 06, 2024 at 11:12 AM

DB

“ David, Joanne Tally, And Samuel Bergsten lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Patschke



David, Joanne Tally, and Samuel Bergsten - February 06, 2024 at 08:05 AM

JT

“ Jim and Renae Taylor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Henry Patschke.



Jim and Renae Taylor - February 05, 2024 at 04:24 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Charles Henry Patschke.



February 05, 2024 at 04:19 PM

FF

“ Frances Kalmbach & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Henry Patschke.

Frances Kalmbach & family - February 05, 2024 at 04:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Henry Patschke.



February 05, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Eric & Laura, Delma, Vikki, and Jeff purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Charles Henry Patschke.



Eric & Laura, Delma, Vikki, and Jeff - February 05, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ Jackowski and Ross Families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Charles Henry Patschke.



Jackowski and Ross Families - February 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Jackowski and Ross Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Henry Patschke.

Jackowski and Ross Families - February 05, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Henry Patschke.



February 03, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ The Willbanks Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Henry Patschke.

The Willbanks Family - February 03, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ Darryl & Jackie Slovacek purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Henry Patschke.



Darryl & Jackie Slovacek - February 03, 2024 at 10:48 AM