



## Darrell Douglas Abke

October 2, 1947 - September 9, 2017

Funeral services for Darrell Abke, 69, of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at the Burleson County Cowboy Church in Caldwell, Texas with Harvey Abke officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in Giddings Memorial Park in Giddings, Texas. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Burleson County Cowboy Church in Caldwell.

Darrell was born on October 2, 1947 in Navasota, Texas to Earl and Irene (Finke) Abke. After graduating high school in Katy, Darrell chose to join the Navy where he spent a short time in Vietnam before being medically discharged. Darrell then returned home to Houston where he married his wife of 36 years, Shelley (Seeton) Abke, on May 30, 1981 and continued his lifelong career as a freight broker.

After moving to Giddings in 1993, Darrell enjoyed many evenings on his front porch with his wife, watching his grandchildren play and visiting with family and friends. Darrell loved people, had a passion for sports and looked forward to his time spent in the great outdoors. During the winter months, he spent time with his wife, family and many friends at the deer lease looking for the "big one." A devoted Astros & Giddings Buffalo fan, Darrell could be found coaching, watching or cheering for his children and grandchildren as they

played the sport they loved, all while having the words needed for every situation. Darrell never met a stranger, gave the best hugs and had a smile that was contagious. He was a sweet and loving husband, a devoted father and an amazing friend to all he met. His loving and outgoing personality will be dearly missed by so many.

Darrell passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 9, 2017 in Austin, Texas at St. David's Medical Center with his wife by his side.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Irene Abke; his brothers, Wayne Abke & Charlie Abke; his niece, Heather Barbee; his mother-in-law, Anita Ruk and both fathers-in-law, Matthew Ruk and Charles Seeton.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Shelley Abke of Giddings; his children, Darrell Deon & Amy Abke of Montgomery, Aaron & Tara Abke of Magnolia, Sean & Valerie Abke of Spring, Brandy & Chantry Adams of Giddings, Cody & Jennifer Abke of Willis and Wednesday & Dusty Strange of Caldwell; his grandchildren, Summer & Troy Johnson, Autumn Abke & Blake Cyr, Darrell Daniel Abke, Kandace Shaw, Jacob Abke, Cody Shaw, Bryce Hesson, Tristan Abke, Peyton Hesson, Kamyree Keilberg, Chad Adams, Chasity Luckett, Ty Hesson, Landon Estep, Kelley Abke, Reese Abke, Kash Abke, Ontierra Abke, Case Adams, Kyson Strange, Krush Strange, Gavin Abke, Lane Estep and Colden Adams; his great grandchildren, Madison Spinks, Kyleigh Johnson and Keelie Bednar; his siblings, Christine Abke, Lynda and Will Johnson, Virgil & Michelle Abke, Patti & Darwin Mertz, Harvey & Sue Abke, Mike Abke, Carolyn & Gary Hilgen, Randy & Authorene Abke and Phillip & Kim Abke; his brothers-in-laws, Jon & Cathy Seeton and Duston Seeton along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Justin Abke, Larry Abke, Jim Baldree, Mark Smith, Gary Abke, Whitney Keilberg, Randy Charles Abke and Tyler Abke.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Mark Raley, Dusty Seeton, Bruce Smith, Allen Potter and numerous other nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Darrell Abke Memorial fund found at <https://www.gofundme.com/darrell-abke-memorial-fund>.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings Memorial Park

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

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

Burleson County Cowboy Church  
300 CR 169  
Caldwell, TX 77836

## Church Service

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Burleson County Cowboy Church  
300 CR 169  
Caldwell, TX 77836

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Darrell Douglas Abke*



**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - September 11, 2017 at 03:58 PM

CA

*What a beautiful tribute to his nature as a person & his life.*

**Cathy Ansohn** - September 11, 2017 at 07:04 PM

GM

*So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.*

**Gina Mersiovsky** - September 11, 2017 at 07:53 PM



*So sorry for your loss. A very beautiful family! May God watch over you all with his love and comfort.*

**Loretta Schoolcraft** - September 12, 2017 at 07:01 AM

RF

*AWESOME TRIBUTE TO AN AWESOME MAN HE WILL BE FEARLY MISSED!!!!*

**Rachel Wade & Family** - September 12, 2017 at 04:49 PM

SR

*Abke family, you all are in my thoughts and prayers especially during this difficult and painful time, and I pray that God continues to give each of y'all peace, strength and comfort. Darrell was the type of man who's legacy won't be forgotten and who's boots would be hard to fill.*

**Shelley Romoser** - September 12, 2017 at 06:10 PM

BR

“ Thinking of you today, dad! Love & miss you!

Brandy - September 09, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.



September 13, 2017 at 06:57 PM

RM

“ RUDY A MAYER sent a virtual gift in memory of Darrell Douglas Abke



RUDY A MAYER - September 13, 2017 at 06:51 PM

MS

“ Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Darrell Douglas Abke



Michelle Schuetz - September 13, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



September 13, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



September 13, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ *Love, Rich & Heather Leong purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



**Love, Rich & Heather Leong** - September 13, 2017 at 12:24 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



September 12, 2017 at 09:00 PM

CF

“ *Cargo Transit Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



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**Cargo Transit Family** - September 12, 2017 at 04:07 PM

WA

“ *With Love, Cindy Arnold purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



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**With Love, Cindy Arnold** - September 11, 2017 at 05:58 PM

CC

“ *Catalyst Trading Company purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



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**Catalyst Trading Company** - September 11, 2017 at 03:26 PM



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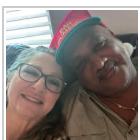
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 11, 2017 at 02:38 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



September 11, 2017 at 01:42 PM



“ *My dear Shelley and family,  
Darrell was an awesome and loving person. His dedication to God and his family were obvious in his life. I thank God for the relief from the physical pain Darrell has suffered for way too long. God rest his soul!! Now he and Wayne can go fishing again and really cook some bar-b-que and fry that fish!!  
Many hugs and much peace to you and your family.  
Much love and prayers,  
Tammy Aaron*

Tammy Aaron - September 11, 2017 at 11:49 AM

TF

“ *The Kaiser Family purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



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**The Kaiser Family** - September 11, 2017 at 11:43 AM

AP

“ *Darrell was an amazing man. He has been a grandpa to my boys and a great friend to me and my family. I will miss him passing by our house and pointing his finger at me with that HUGE smile he always had. My kids loved it when he drove by and honked his horn or stopped to see him. He was also a great comfort to my son Chris when he was going through tough times and Darrell and the entire Abke family have taken him in as family. He was a great man, friend, father, husband and all around great guy. I will miss you Darrell. Sending much love and hugs to Shelley, Brandy, Wednesday, Cody, Sean, Deon, Dusty and the entire Abke family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this tough time.*

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**Amy Poncik** - September 11, 2017 at 10:08 AM

AP

“ *Amy Poncik lit a candle in memory of Darrell Douglas Abke*



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**Amy Poncik** - September 11, 2017 at 09:59 AM

DF

“ I am so sorry for your loss Cody. Darrell was one of the kindest men that I've ever met. I was new to the business and he came in to my office with that big smile and introduced himself to me and I knew right then that we would be doing business together for a long time to come.

*Rest in heaven my friend.*

*Darlene Owens Ford*

*The Detering Company/South Texas Brick and Stone*

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**Darlene Ford** - September 11, 2017 at 08:52 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



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September 11, 2017 at 01:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



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September 10, 2017 at 10:19 PM

RF

“ *Roosevelt Riggins Jr. And Family lit a candle  
in memory of Darrell Douglas Abke*



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**Roosevelt Riggins Jr. and family** - September 10, 2017 at 10:02 PM

RF

“ *Roosevelt Riggins Jr. And Family lit a candle  
in memory of Darrell Douglas Abke*



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**Roosevelt Riggins Jr. and family** - September 10, 2017 at 10:00 PM

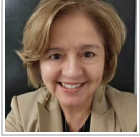


“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.*



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September 10, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Abke family. Darrell was a man with a huge heart and a smile that filled the room. He was a loving and always had a hug to share. He always gave my daughter Alyssa a big bear hug that she remembers to this day and would share with her, her very favorite deer sausage. Mr. Darrell was her favorite person in church. Darrell's love for people and God were infectious...we will carry Darrell in our hearts and be thankful to have been blessed to know him. Forever in Christ, Corinne, Mark, Alyssa and Warren Sanders

Corinne Alvarez-Sanders - September 10, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.



September 10, 2017 at 08:56 PM



“ From the Howard Family (Cody&Jenifer neighbor) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.



From the Howard Family (Cody&Jenifer neighbor) -  
September 10, 2017 at 08:45 PM

SH

“ Darrell was a very very good man. Prayers for Shelly & family



suzanna haas - September 10, 2017 at 08:32 PM

WM

“ I send my sincere condolences to my former family, the Abke's. Though I can't be there to share in the celebration of Darrell's life, know I will be thinking of my sons and the rest of his family. Shelley, I am so sorry for your loss and would be there if I could. RIP Darrell until we all meet again!! Wanda Muldoon

Wanda Muldoon - September 10, 2017 at 08:16 PM

RA

“ The first softball game I watched Darrell play as a adult he was wearing #14 so for the rest of my life I chose #14. Nobody knew this but my wife & I until now.

Randy E. Abke - September 10, 2017 at 08:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.



September 10, 2017 at 07:40 PM

BV

“ So sorry for your Loss...Prayers..

Beverly Sue Holton Vanderburg - September 10, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell Douglas Abke.



September 10, 2017 at 07:37 PM



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Carolyn Jatzlau - September 10, 2017 at 06:36 PM