



## Dennis James Boettcher

September 14, 1946 - March 12, 2026

Funeral services for Dennis James Boettcher, 79, of Lexington, will be held 10:00 am, Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington with Rev. Jonathan Meyer and Rev. Dale Bohm officiating. Burial will follow in the St. James Cemetery in Lexington. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2026 from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm and Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 7:00 am until 8:00 am at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation on Tuesday from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Walter Dennis James Boettcher, passed away peacefully Thursday, March 12, 2026. His last memory on this earth was being surrounded by his entire family on a beautiful afternoon watching the cows on his farm. This was part of Dennis and Elaine's evening routine for many years. They loved ending their evening spending time outdoors, and taking in the beauty of the life they built together.

Dennis was born September 14, 1946, to Walter & Ella (Nee Symmank) Boettcher in Rockdale, Texas. Dennis was baptized on September 29, 1946 at St. James Lutheran Church by Pastor H.A. Stroebel. He was confirmed on May 14, 1961, by Pastor Paul Stengel Jr. His confirmation verse was John 8:31-32, (Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and

the truth shall make you free.) After graduating Lexington High School in 1966, he went to TSTI in Waco, Tx where he was the first class to graduate with an associate's degree in welding. Dennis married the love of his life, Elaine Becker, at St James Lutheran Church on June 26, 1971. This union was blessed with 3 sons: Craig & wife Elizabeth, David & wife Kellye, Phillip & wife Ashlyn, all of Lexington, Texas.

Dennis was known for his hard work and dedication. From growing and selling watermelons in High School, to starting his own welding business in the early 70's. At Boettcher Welding, he built everything from cattle trailers to repairing farm equipment. Being the businessman Dennis was, he expanded his services to do anything he could to provide for his family. One of his favorite comments was "You've got to be a thinker". With that mentality, he did everything from custom hay baling, putting in septic systems, building metal buildings, and anything else he could do to make an honest dollar. His welding business grew throughout the 80's during the "Oil Boom" in Lee County, eventually growing into what Boettcher Enterprises is today. Although welding was his trade, his passion was working on his 2nd generation farm. He took pride in keeping it well maintained. Some of his happiest moments were spent running equipment and taking care of cattle and farming. Papa made many memories with his children and grandchildren working on the farm. His family and land were his pride and joy. One of his favorite times of the year was the Boettcher Family Reunion at the lake. He also looked forward to Wednesday evening gatherings, playing pool volleyball and storytelling at Walch Store with his dearest friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Walter and Ella Boettcher; mother and father-in-law, Rubin and Ruth Becker; brothers, Franklin Sr. and wife Lillie Mae, and Ernest Boettcher; sisters, Bernice Markert and husband Carl, Vernita Ruth, Lorine Jatzlau and husband Herman; brothers-in-law, Wilbert Patschke, Larry and Bernie Miertschin, James Becker, Harold Mathena,

Wayne Becker and wife Tamshaw.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Elaine Boettcher; sons Craig, David, and Phillip Boettcher, daughter in laws Elizabeth, Kellye and Ashlyn Boettcher; grandchildren Kristen and husband Case Jones, Kayla and husband Sam Perry, Clay and wife Kegan Boettcher, Lauren Boettcher, Case Boettcher, Madalyne Boettcher, Ella Boettcher, Noah Boettcher and Ruth Boettcher; bonus grandchildren, Ashton Johnston, Lauren and husband Zane Kleinschmidt, and Reagan Johnston; great grandchildren, Paxton Jones and Jacob Kleinschmidt; brother, Tommy and wife Kathy Boettcher; sisters, Kathleen Patschke, Patsy and husband Kenneth Hall; brother-in-law, Glenn and wife Denise Becker; sisters-in-law, Genell Boettcher, Frances Miertschin, Marilyn Miertschin, Darlene Becker and Gladys Mathena; honorable friends, Korby Halla and Holt Brockenbush; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and so many more who all had a special place in his heart.

The Boettcher family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Lee County EMS. Hunter Pleasant and Chelsey Gonzales, the compassion shown by the two of you on our Papa's final trip home was more than we could have ever hoped. Thank you for going above and beyond for Papa to have one last ride through the pasture to feed cows and give him the best last memory with all our family present. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for turning a difficult situation into a precious moment for our family to cherish forever.

Pall Bearers will be Clay Boettcher, Case Boettcher, Case Jones, Sam Perry, Walt Boettcher, Anthony Patschke, Patrick Jatzlau and Jacob Phillips.

Honorary Pall Bearers will be Kristen Jones, Kayla Perry, Kegan Boettcher, Lauren Boettcher, Madalyne Boettcher, Ella Boettcher, Noah Boettcher and

Ruth Boettcher.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. James Lutheran Church building fund or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. James Lutheran Cemetery

County Road 326  
Lexington, TX 78947

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

MAR 17. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (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

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Church Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *The Boettcher Family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
Danny and Joyce M Paulk*

Danny Paulk - March 18 at 11:21 AM

JM

“ *Joyce M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis James Boettcher.*

Joyce M. - March 18 at 11:16 AM

KF

“ *Kevin F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis James Boettcher.*

Kevin F. - March 17 at 06:51 PM

RB

“ *Ronnie Bryan lit a candle in memory of  
Dennis Boettcher*



Ronnie Bryan - March 17 at 06:26 PM

BS

“ Beverly & David Simmons lit a candle in memory of Dennis Boettcher



Beverly & David Simmons - March 17 at 06:24 PM

SH

“ Steven and Christine Heller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



Steven and Christine Heller - March 17 at 05:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



March 17 at 05:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis James Boettcher.

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



March 17 at 11:24 AM



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dennis James Boettcher.

March 17 at 10:54 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



March 17 at 10:54 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



March 17 at 10:50 AM

WF

“ Woodson Lumber and Chapman Family.  
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of  
Dennis James Boettcher.



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**Woodson Lumber and Chapman Family.** - March 16 at 03:37 PM

KB

“ 246 files added to the album *Over the Years*



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**Kayla Boettcher** - March 16 at 02:41 PM

VF

“ Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Dennis  
Boettcher



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**Violet Frosch** - March 16 at 01:45 PM

CM

“ Cameron and Marsha McCuller purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



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**Cameron and Marsha McCuller** - March 16 at 12:58 PM

TM

“ Teresa Muniz lit a candle in memory of Dennis Boettcher



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**Teresa Muniz** - March 16 at 10:32 AM



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March 15 at 08:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



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March 15 at 08:52 PM

PT

“ *Mel and I send our love and sympathy to this wonderful family. We know Dennis as a sweet, gentle man. He will be missed greatly. We're thankful for the knowledge of his Heavenly Home and we send our prayers for peace and comfort to his family and friends.*

Paul Tucker - March 15 at 07:39 PM

MH

“ *Mike and Phyllis Hawkins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.*



Mike and Phyllis Hawkins - March 15 at 04:24 PM

JG

“ *Jerald and Pam Gass purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.*



Jerald and Pam Gass - March 15 at 02:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.*



March 15 at 12:51 PM

JF

“ Jennifer Torn and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



Jennifer Torn and Family - March 15 at 11:29 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



March 14 at 05:35 PM

GS

“ Gary and Janice Schneider lit a candle in memory of Dennis Boettcher



Gary and Janice Schneider - March 14 at 03:52 PM

JJ

“ Jamie Jatzlau purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.



Jamie Jatzlau - March 13 at 10:11 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Dennis James Boettcher.*



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March 13 at 09:21 PM



“ *Hugs to the family! So sorry to hear about his passing. I remember the cold, icy bottles of coke at the Welding's shop on the square.*



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**Ann Otte** - March 13 at 08:41 PM