



Douglas James Rackel

January 8, 1961 - October 4, 2020

Graveside services for Douglas Rackel, 59 of Dime Box, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Dime Box with Father Joy Adimakkeel officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 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 Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Douglas James Rackel was born on January 8, 1961 in Houston, Texas, the son of Lawrence Eldie Rackel and Elizabeth "Lizzy" Janeth (Beisert) Rackel. He was baptized on January 22, 1961 and confirmed on March 23, 1975 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Houston. His confirmation verse was John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." He graduated from Dime Box High School in 1979. Doug was united in marriage to Dorothy Ann Koudelka on July 5, 1980 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box, Texas.

Doug worked in many fields until he found the oilfield. In March of 2007, he and his business partner and friend, Kevin Supak, started Choice Safety. He was a member of the Dime Box Volunteer Fire Department, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box, and the SPJST. He never met a stranger and enjoyed meeting different people where ever he went. Doug enjoyed hunting,

fishing, operating his tractor (known as Handy Dandy) and most of all, spending time with his family, especially his five grandchildren. He loved to go gambling and play the slot machines. Doug had a heart of gold and was willing to help anyone who needed help. His concern was always for other people and not himself. He was always the first to volunteer and donate to any area fundraisers.

Doug passed away, surrounded by his family, the afternoon of Sunday, October 4, 2020 at his home in Dime Box, following a nearly five year, hard fought battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Doug is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ann Rackel of Dime Box; two children, Nicholas James Rackel & his wife, Shana of Dime Box and Dawn Renee Lautzenheiser & her husband, John Wyatt of Lexington; five grandchildren, Caleb James Rackel & Chase Rackel of Dime Box, and Clarence Ean Lautzenheiser, Lawrence Quaid Lautzenheiser and Thea Frances Lautzenheiser of Lexington; two sisters, Linda Zuzuarregui & her husband, Abel of Paige and Kathy Supak & her husband, Lonnie of Deanville; two brothers, Ricky Rackel & his wife, Georgia of Giddings and Steven Rackel & his wife, Margaret of Loebau; sister-in-law, Frances Whitsel & her husband, Donnie of Dime Box; two brothers-in-law, Sammie Koudelka & his wife, Shirley of Moulton and Ted Koudelka & his wife, Nancy of Smithville, as well as numerous friends and other family members.

Pallbearers will be Scott Whitsel, Tanner Whitsel, Whitney Whitsel, Michael Whitsel, Derek Whitsel, and Devon Whitsel. Honorary pallbearers will be Ricky Rackel, Jacob Beran, Rocky Spacek, Nathan Bryan, Floyd Kostelka, Kevin Supak, Phil Guy, Jeff Holstine, John David Mikulin, and Emma Whitsel.

Memorials may be made to Allumine Hospice, 4030 Hwy 6 South Suite 101, College Station, TX 77845, the Dime Box Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 159, Dime Box, TX 77853 or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

CR 426
Dime Box, TX 77853

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

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

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
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Giddings, TX 78942

Visitation

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

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Graveside Service

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
CR 426
Dime Box, TX 77853

Tribute Wall

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“ *Peggy Hunter Kocurek lit a candle in memory of Douglas James Rackel*



Peggy Hunter Kocurek - October 07, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 06, 2020 at 04:09 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family during this time and the days to come.
Our Deepest Sympathy
Jerry and Carolyn (Loewe)Faske*

Carolyn Faske - October 06, 2020 at 03:11 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 06, 2020 at 01:25 PM



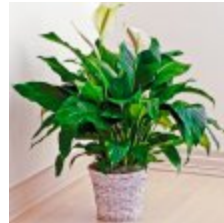
“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 06, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 06, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *Douglas, you were a good man and a hard working man. Don't think I've ever met a person with so many good stories to tell. You have a beautiful family and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.*



Anthony Muzny family - October 06, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 06, 2020 at 12:06 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 05, 2020 at 08:38 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 05, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 05, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.*



October 05, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - All White* was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.



October 05, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty* was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.



October 05, 2020 at 04:09 PM



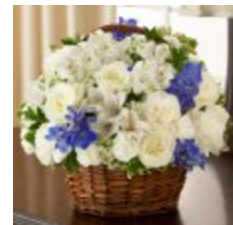
“ *Douglas, I've known you for 50 years. You were a good man. You will be missed. Prayers for your family.*



cotton & suzanna medack - October 05, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Douglas James Rackel.



October 05, 2020 at 06:03 AM