



## Herman Theodore Gersch

December 21, 1930 - January 25, 2024

Funeral services for Herman Gersch, 93 of Northrup, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas with Rev. John Schmidt officiating. The services will be livestreamed through the church's YouTube page which can be accessed through the church's website at [stpaulserbin.org](http://stpaulserbin.org). Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 29, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Herman Theodore Gersch was born on December 21, 1930 in Northrup, Texas to Theodore Ernest Gersch and Olga (Steglich) Gersch. He was baptized on December 22, 1930 at his home in Northrup by Rev. Herman Schmidt and confirmed on April 1, 1944 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Herman Schmidt. His confirmation verse was 2 Timothy 2:8, "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel." On October 23, 1952, Herman was united in marriage to Frances Louise Schatte at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Max Studtmann.

Herman served in the United States Navy from April 7, 1952 until receiving his Honorable Discharge on April 6, 1960 having obtained the rank of Disbursing Clerk First Class. While in the Navy, they made their home in California. After his discharge, they moved to Houston where Herman worked as a cost accountant with the Rath Packing Company. They were members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Houston where Herman served as Chairman of the Board of Elders and was treasurer for the congregation for 14 years. After Herman and Frances moved back to Northrup in 1980, he and Lummus Hannes started L & H Pumpers which they owned and operated for 22 years. He was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, a founding member of the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, volunteering extensively with building projects and fundraisers. Herman enjoyed working word puzzles, watching Wheel of Fortune, gardening, fishing and hunting. He even shot two deer this season at the age of 93. His humble background allowed him to better appreciate and be grateful for all that he obtained and accomplished throughout his life. Herman will be remembered for his love of life, his kindheartedness, and for loving everyone. He was well loved in return.

Herman passed away peacefully the morning of Thursday, January 25, 2024 at St. David's Medical Center in Austin following a long and blessed life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 65 years, Frances Gersch; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Delbert & Olga Mae Gersch and Walter and Laverne Gersch, and one sister and brother-in-law, Leona & Earl Sandoz.

Herman is survived by his two daughters, Cheryl Toff & her husband, Howard of Tucson, Arizona and Cynthia Gersch of Northrup, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and dogs, Luna and Maggie.

Pallbearers will be Mark Schatte, Chris Schatte, Johnny Schatte, Andrew Schatte, Chris Wieder, Garrett Urban, Bryan Gersch, and Dustin Gersch. Honorary pallbearers will be all of Herman's nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, the St. Paul Lutheran Church LWML, the Texas Wendish Heritage Society, or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Serbin

1572 County Road 211  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Present for Visitation

JAN 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JAN 30. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin  
1572 County Road 211  
Giddings, TX 78942  
<http://stpaulserbin.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Herman Theodore Gersch*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - January 28, 2024 at 04:37 PM

MS

*Very Beautiful and loved every minute of it, laughing, crying!*

Mark Schatte - January 29, 2024 at 01:49 PM

JE

“ *So sorry for the loss of your sweet loved one. He will be missed by many. He always had a smile, and was the friendliest man I've had the privilege of knowing. RIP Mr Gersch aka Uncle Herman. ❤️🙏  
❤️🙏 Fernando, And Joyce Escalante*

joyce escalante - January 30, 2024 at 08:57 PM

YF

“ *Your HEB Deli Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Herman Theodore Gersch.*



Your HEB Deli Family - January 28, 2024 at 10:23 PM

FN

“ From the Tong's family in NY purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Herman Theodore Gersch.



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From the Tong's family in NY - January 28, 2024 at 08:38 PM

FN

“ From the Tong's family in NY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman Theodore Gersch.

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From the Tong's family in NY - January 28, 2024 at 08:38 PM

DC

“ 1 file added to the album Videos - Family and Friends



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Dan Carter - January 28, 2024 at 07:12 PM

DC

*This video is a combination of four videos, captured at various times over the past 15 years. Each was improved with artificial intelligence software, and combined into one for sharing here.*

*To have and share these moments is something Suzanna and I value greatly. One of our favorite things in life is to capture photos and videos of family, and especially in working with Herman and his daughters Cheryl and Cynthia to produce the interview video of 1 hour and 4 minutes in 2022. What a joy it was!*

*As for me personally, having Herman join me for a trip to attend a Round Rock Express baseball game was a thrill. He knew his baseball, having played in high school. And being a fan of the Houston Astros.*

*His presence at family activities was most welcomed, as those times reinforced my perception of him as a loving, caring man who went out of his way to be an exemplary husband, father, and friend. In considering ALL whom I have known during my life, Herman was and continues to be an appreciated influence of what being a man should be. He was certainly one of the best of the best!*

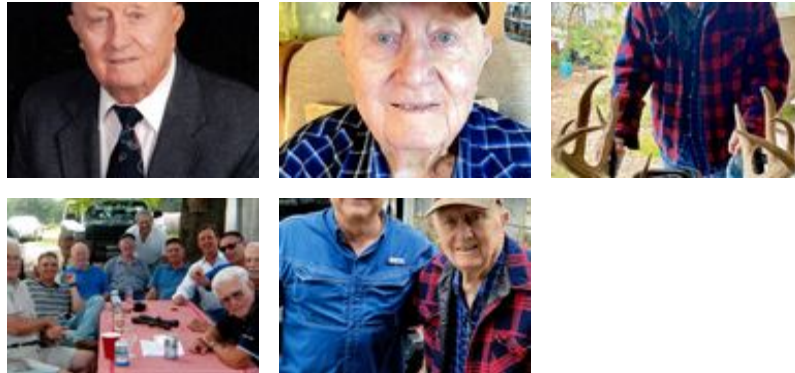
*Rest in peace, dear friend. Your legacy lives on.*

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**Dan Carter** - January 29, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - January 28, 2024 at 04:33 PM

JW

“ *Best Uncle ever. What a great man. Thanks for your service Uncle Herman. He was a proud Navy veteran. We will miss him very much.*

**Jay Wieder** - January 28, 2024 at 02:41 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Herman Theodore Gersch.*



January 28, 2024 at 02:29 AM

EW

“ *Edith Wieder lit a candle in memory of Herman Gersch*



**Edith Wieder** - January 27, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *With deepest sympathies & love Dear Family. He was a great great man that was loved & will be greatly missed. He was awesome, what a Man! God bless*

**JC Schatte** - January 26, 2024 at 10:29 PM

DF

*I am sorry I was unable to know him personally. But from all the wonderful things I heard about him I know he was a kind, hard working, wonderful man. I know he will be deeply missed by many. May God keep you all in his tenderness and love.*

**Dee Dee Faulk** - January 27, 2024 at 05:30 PM

CF

“ Christina, Andy, Chris, JC Families purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Herman Theodore Gersch.



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**Christina, Andy, Chris, JC Families** - January 26, 2024 at 08:02 PM

CF

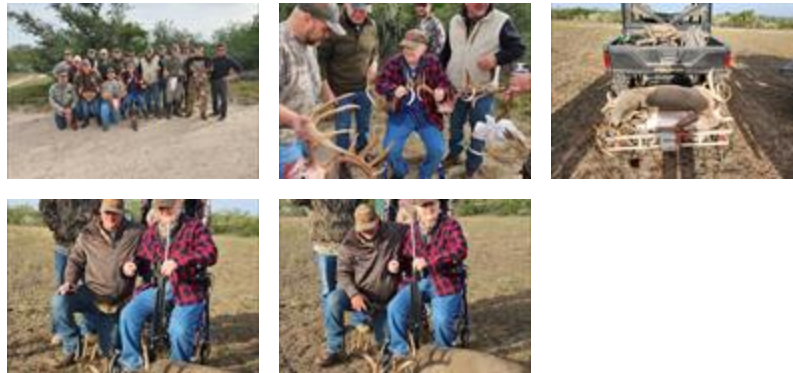
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**Christina, Andy, Chris, JC Families** - January 26, 2024 at 08:02 PM

MS

“ 36 files added to the album MAS Photos



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**Mark Schatte** - January 26, 2024 at 07:39 PM

MS

*Dad, Mom and I loved you so much, and thought of you as I found these pictures and to honor you, your Service and Love of Life! Blessings my Uncle and great friend.*

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**Mark Schatte** - January 29, 2024 at 01:48 PM

MS

“ *Mark Schatte purchased the Simply Elegant Spat  
hiphyllum for the family of Herman Theodore  
Gersch.*



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**Mark Schatte** - January 26, 2024 at 07:17 PM

MM

“ *Uncle Herman was my last living uncle. I feel such a loss with his passing and heartbreak for his two daughters and my cousins - Cheryl and Cynthia. He is now with his beloved wife Fran, and Jesus Christ. All my love to Cheryl and Cynthia Margaret (Sandoz) Mersiovsky and Charles*

*charles*

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**Margaret - Mersiovsky** - January 26, 2024 at 04:47 PM

ZG

“ *Zachary Gersch lit a candle in memory of Herman Theodore Gersch*



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**Zachary Gersch** - January 26, 2024 at 12:12 PM

AB

*Such a loving man, we loved to visit with him. Sympathy to the family. Raymond & Ann Bamsch*

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**Ann Bamsch** - January 27, 2024 at 10:30 AM

CM

*My family joined St. Luke's Lutheran Church in 1962, where I met the Gersch family, Cheryl and I were in the same class. Loved the entire family. My sympathy to Cheryl and Cindy. Charlotte Brezina Moser.*

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**Charlotte Moser** - January 28, 2024 at 04:06 PM

CM

*Cheryl I would love to contact you. Charlotte.*

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**charlotte moser** - January 29, 2024 at 10:23 PM