



Hershel "Hershey" Lee Tomanetz

January 14, 1966 - March 4, 2016

Funeral services for Hershel "Hershey" Tomanetz, 50, of Lexington, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Jeremy Walloch officiating. Burial will follow in Lexington Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Monday, March 7, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Hershel Lee Tomanetz was born on January 14, 1966 in Giddings, Texas to Edward "White" and Norma "Tootsie" (Otto) Tomanetz. He was baptized on February 27, 1966 and confirmed on April 8, 1979 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Fred Mgebhoff. His confirmation verse was John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Hershel attended school in Giddings and graduated from Giddings High School in May of 1984. In May of 1985, he began working at AIP and then Leeco Plastics for a total of 30 years. He was a member of the Giddings Sons of Hermann Lodge #54 and had recently received his 50 year pin. He was also a former member of the Giddings and Lincoln Volunteer Fire Departments. Hershey enjoyed hunting, fishing, target shooting and doing anything outdoors. He liked to drive the back roads and knew the back way to get anywhere in the county. He also cooked at Snow's BBQ in Lexington

where he visited with people from all around the world.

In March of 2015, he was diagnosed with brain cancer which ultimately confined him to the Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center. It was there that he passed away the morning of Friday, March 4, 2016.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Edward "White" Tomanetz and a niece-in-law, Heidi McKinley.

Hershel is survived by his mom, Norma "Tootsie" Tomanetz of Giddings; his sister, Patricia & John David McKinley of Lexington; his brother, Dale & Sandra Tomanetz of Giddings; three children, CaSara & Allan Tucker of Van Vleck, Cody & Michelle Tomanetz of Corpus Christi and Seth Tomanetz of Paige; four grandchildren, Wyatt and Paityn Tucker of Van Vleck and Zoey & Cody Robert Tomanetz of Corpus Christi; uncles and aunts, Ewald & Doris Albers of Athens and Ruby & Billy Kite of Arkansas as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Serving as pallbearers will be Russell Kappler, Craig Oltmann, Jeff Robertson, Jorge Tovar, Colby Handrick and Robert Schmidt. Honorary pallbearers will be Van & Dora Durrenberger, Claudia Durrenberger, Logan Durrenberger, Bill McMullen and the employees of Leeco Plastics and Snow's BBQ.

Memorials may be made to the Martin Luther Lutheran Church Day School, 573 North Main Street, Giddings, Texas 78942, Hospice Brazos Valley, 1048 North Jefferson, La Grange, Texas 78945, the Lee County Cancer Resource Center, 165 West Austin Street, Giddings, Texas 78942 or the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Memorial Cemetery

County Road 410
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (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 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Church Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Martin Luther Lutheran Church
573 North Main Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hershel "Hershey" Lee Tomanetz*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 05, 2016 at 06:47 PM



Jim
Lord

“ *My heart breaks to hear about Hershey's passing. In one sense, we were only "friends" for a short time. When I was younger, I used to spend a good part of my summers at the farm/ranch of my grandparents, the late Bill and Bernice Foehr. One of the joys of that youth was whenever Tootsie and White came to visit, bringing Hershey with them. Hershey was my "Dill". We loved running all over the place, into the woods, down in the ravines, avoiding fire ants and shooting everything a BB gun or a .22 could hit. At the Sons of Hermann Hall, while the folks drank and danced to the Blue Sunsets, we would be outside dodging the darkness and making up the most amazing stories of make believe. Miss Tootsie, thank you for introducing me to Hershey, my lifelong friend. And Hershey, thank you for so many magical memories from my youth. You've dodged the darkness one last time and gone to the light.*

Jim Lord - March 09, 2016 at 09:29 AM

JN

“ *Sympathy to the family and especially to you, Tootsie.*

Jo Ann Mgebhoff Nelson



Jo Ann Nelson - March 07, 2016 at 06:59 AM

DA

“ *So very sorry of the loss to your family Tootsie. My prayers for strength and comfort to you all.*

Debra Ahlhorn - March 07, 2016 at 06:40 AM



“ *To a very special guy who will be missed. Always there for you if you needed him. The Paul Mitschke family*



Evelyn Mitschke - March 06, 2016 at 08:55 AM

SW

“ *Our hearts go out to your family on the loss of Hershey, and so soon after White. The photos were incredibly touching. May God's light shine on you in this time of darkness.*

Sarah and Chad Allison

Sarah Wilson - March 05, 2016 at 10:56 PM



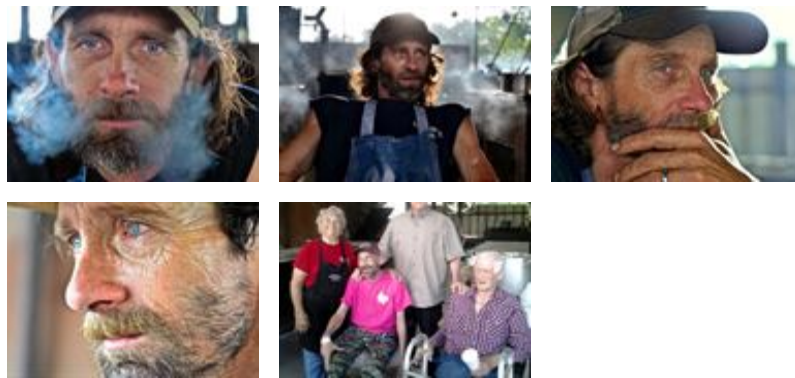
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Hershel "Hershey" Lee Tomanetz.*



March 05, 2016 at 10:07 PM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 05, 2016 at 06:27 PM



“ *Hershey was a good, hard, continuously working, busy man. Either driving or bbqing, he was there. A faithful volunteer fireman for Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department. Always was in a happy mood. Nothing seemed to hold him down. We will surely miss him. He was great man. Rip Hershey, but never forgotten.*

tammy marburger markert - March 05, 2016 at 11:36 AM

BF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family.
David, Joanne Tally and Samuel Bergsten of Bowie, Maryland



Bergsten Family - March 05, 2016 at 04:10 AM

LC

“ Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Hershel "Hershey" Lee Tomanetz

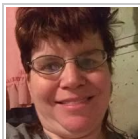


Linda Cook - March 04, 2016 at 10:17 PM

JW

“ You have gone to a better place, dear Godson. Sympathy to Tootsie, Pat, Dale and the family as you say goodbye to another family member.

John and Barbara Wilson - March 04, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Words can't explain how I feel

Andrea Clifford - March 04, 2016 at 08:21 PM

GI

“ Our prayers are with all of you at this time.



Gary and Beverly Iselt - March 04, 2016 at 07:48 PM

DL

“ Way too many good times forgotten. But the "one-legged man in an ass kissing contest" will stay with me forever! Rest in peace my friend. I love you brother.

Dane Luedke - March 04, 2016 at 07:26 PM

BN

“ I still think of the Saturday morning when Hershey and I had a long chat out by the pit. He will be missed. Condolences to Tootsie and the Bexleys - Bryan Norton

Bryan Norton - March 04, 2016 at 02:31 PM