



## Hershell Eugene Pruitt

September 4, 1939 - March 25, 2019

A visitation for Hershell Pruitt, 79, of Lincoln, Texas, is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Philips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Pruitt family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

Hershell Eugene Pruitt was born on September 4, 1939 in Rush Springs, Oklahoma, the son of William "Bill" and Mary (Williams) Pruitt. He graduated from Lubbock High School and served in the United States Army Reserves. Hershell worked as an auto mechanic for a little over 6 years before becoming a high school auto mechanics instructor. He taught at Pleasanton High School, Waltrip High School, Katy High School, and finally retired from Giddings High School in 1994 after 31 years as an educator. Hershell was a member of the Houston Old Car Club, Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Lee County and Williamson County Retired Teachers Associations. He enjoyed fishing, restoring and working on cars, and spent countless hours on the renovations of his historic home.

Hershell passed away the evening of Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Hospice Brazos Valley Inpatient Facility in Bryan following a battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Mary Pruitt.

Hershell is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia Pruitt of Lincoln; two daughters, Kimberley MacKinnon of Kehma and Martha Alexander & her husband, Carl of Rockdale; two grandchildren, Hali Layne of Round Rock and Cody Alexander of College Station; and two sisters, Helen Kamenski & her husband, Don of New Jersey and Louine Eisenbeck & her husband, Lynn of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Brazos Valley, 1600 Joseph Drive, Bryan, Texas 77802 or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Cemetery

County Road 338  
Lincoln, TX 78948

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Present for Visitation

MAR 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hershell Eugene Pruitt*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - March 27, 2019 at 04:21 PM

RS

“ *I just saw HP's obituary and Im truly sorry for your loss. HP was a good man and excellent shop teacher. I had him in 1981 in Katy, found him to be one the toughest people Id ever met, yet a fatherly kindness about him. HP truly was out to make men first a mechanics second and for me he kind of did both. I owe him much that I am today. To the Pruitt family I say thank you!*

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**Robert Scott** - July 25, 2019 at 07:07 PM

RW

“ One day Herschel was visiting with me and my mother Nancy Johnson at my Mom's house, and Herschel was telling us all about the details on the house that he and Virginia had been building. I mean he was telling all about 2x4's and 2x6's and all that kind of stuff. Well I had to go run an errand, so I told Herschel and my Mom that I'd be right back....it turned out to be over an hour before I actually returned and Herschel was still describing this house to my mother. Later on that evening, after Herschel had gone back to Lincoln, my mother told me Herschel told her so many details about about constructing that house....she said he went on and on about his house....so much so that she felt she could build a house from scratch ! My mother didn't know a thing about building a house. That Herschel was a 'talker. Herschel was one of my best friends and a very smart mechanic as well. I'm really going to miss my dear friend. My condolences to Virginia and all of Herschel's family....Herschel was one of ' great ones !' ”

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**Ron Williams** - March 28, 2019 at 06:09 PM

DK

“ Our sincere condolences to the Pruitt Family during their time of deep loss.

*Sincerely,*

*Neighbors Corey, Donna, and Luke Smith*

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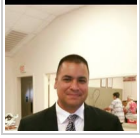
**Donna Knowland-Smith** - March 28, 2019 at 12:02 PM

RH

“ My sympathy to Mrs. Pruitt and the family. I always enjoyed visiting with him at the Lee County Texas Retired Teachers Association meetings. We will miss his friendship.  
*Robert Hinze* ”

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**Robert Hinze** - March 28, 2019 at 08:55 AM



“ I want to share my sincere condolence to the family of Mr. Pruitt, who gave me my first formal education in the automotive industry of repair. Mr. Pruitt was an extremely knowledgeable person and I know he practiced what he preached. Thanks to Mr. Pruitt for starting me in the right direction to helping me get where I am today. I have been in the automotive industry ever since taking his class in 1984, continuing my education, becoming a technician and I was able to become an automotive instructor for 13 years and give back with some of what he taught me. A part of his inspiration & dedication along with his passion for automotive has all helped me in becoming an entrepreneur in this industry. I know he is certainly in a better place and just so thankful to have had him as a teacher and role model in my life. May God Bless his soul and comfort his family in this time of need!

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**Joel Lopez** - March 27, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Hershell Eugene Pruitt.



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March 27, 2019 at 03:26 PM



“ 19 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - March 27, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Hershell Eugene Pruitt*.



March 27, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of *Hershell Eugene Pruitt*.



March 26, 2019 at 11:31 PM



“ I have so many good childhood Memories of camping at Sandy Creek on lake Sam Rayburn with Hershell and the Pruitt family. My prayers go out to Virginia, Kimberly, and Martha. Love you all.  
Sincerely David Simpson

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**David Simpson** - March 26, 2019 at 06:27 PM



“ Yvette Tschirhart, Chelsea Hazlip & Rick McCreary purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Hershell Eugene Pruitt.



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**Yvette Tschirhart, Chelsea Hazlip & Rick McCreary** - March 26, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hershell Eugene Pruitt.



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March 26, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Hershell Eugene Pruitt.



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March 26, 2019 at 03:59 PM