



James Robert Arndt

May 18, 1933 - January 27, 2022

Memorial services for James Arndt, 88 of Giddings, Texas are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas with Rev. Robert Tiner and Vicar Josh Hahn officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

James Robert Arndt was born on May 18, 1933 in Harlingen, Texas to Rev. Arthur and Cornelia (Schnedler) Arndt. He was baptized on May 28, 1933 in Harlingen by his father, Rev. Arthur Arndt. On May 16, 1948, James was confirmed St. John's Lutheran Church in Wharton, Texas also by his father. James graduated from Giddings High School and received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from Sam Houston State University. He fell in love with Joyce Gruetzner and they were married on July 24, 1955 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Max Studtmann and Rev. Arndt officiating. Soon after, James joined the Army and served two years on active duty and eight years in the reserves. He played the clarinet in the 55th Army Band. He began working for Gruetzner's Furniture Store where he became a co-owner. James was very active in the Giddings community and served on the Giddings City Council and also served as mayor. He was known to be patient, saw both sides of an issue, and was fair. Both he and Joyce were very

active with Rotary and enjoyed trips around the world with Rotary International and always went to district functions; both were Paul Harris Fellows. James served two terms as President of the Rotary Club of Giddings. He was also a very faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. James would fill in for the band and choir directors when there was a need. He also taught Sunday school for the high school students and served as congregational president. He enjoyed attending the Round Top Festival Institute with his family. He always talked about the 3 B's – Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms. Starting with model airplanes, James shared a love of flight. He enjoyed taking trips flying with his son to see different air shows and short trips just to see the countryside. James will be remembered for his sense of humor, his love of people, being a wonderful husband and father, and for his faith in Christ.

James passed away the morning of Thursday, January 27, 2022 in Round Rock, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Arthur & Cornelia Arndt; two brothers, Charles & Ernestine Arndt and Arthur & Aileen Arndt; two sisters, Lois & Doug Halverson and Margaret & John Boerger, and brother-in-law, Bill Chapman.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joyce Arndt of Giddings; son, Jim & Rikki Arndt of Pflugerville; two grandsons, John and Joel Arndt of Pflugerville; sister, Mary Beth Chapman of Florida; one brother, Bill & Annabeth Arndt of Georgia, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 North Grimes, Giddings, Texas 78942, Round Top Festival Institute, P.O. Box 89, Round Top, Texas 78954, Rotary Club of Giddings, P.O. Box 81, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section B)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
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Family Present for Visitation

FEB 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Robert Arndt*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 21, 2022 at 03:48 PM

CS

“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers to the family. He was a nice man especially when we shopped at Gruetzner's. Love, David, Carol and Christopher Schulz*



Carol Schulz - March 02, 2022 at 11:39 PM

BK

“ *Betsy Arndt Doran & Melissa Arndt King purchased the Garden Cross for the family of James Robert Arndt.*



Betsy Arndt Doran & Melissa Arndt King - February 21, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ 82 files added to the album Life Tributes

He will be missed



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 21, 2022 at 03:40 PM

BS

“ *Mr. Arndt was always such a friendly, outgoing person. Always enjoyed his Sunday school classes while in high school.*

Barbara Schkade



Barbara Schkade - February 18, 2022 at 12:58 PM

HW

“ *Joyce, you and James have always been a friend to me since I moved here. I loved James' clever wit. He was always so positive around me. I have the utmost respect for you both. My prayers go out to you in this time of loss. Take comfort in knowing you will see him soon.*

Haril Walpole - January 31, 2022 at 01:57 PM

BA

“ James Arndt was my brother next to me in age. We had many happy and fun experiences as we grew up in Wharton and later in Serbin. Although later in life as I lived in Atlanta, we regularly visited James and Joyce on our visits back to Texas. James lived out his life as one called by God to serve Him and to be an example to his family and friends on living the Christian faith. He served his church and his community in various leadership positions and faithfully looked after my mother and dad in their declining years. The joy James brought to our family will be sorely missed.

Bill Arndt - January 31, 2022 at 11:28 AM

OS

“ Joyce, I know you and many others have sweet memories of James. I will be remembering you in prayer now and the days ahead. May you be blessed with God's comfort as you remember the good things of the past.

Ollie

Ollie Siegeler - January 31, 2022 at 10:52 AM

CJ

“ James Arndt was our 'go to' for all our household needs and made life a blessing to all who shared his FAITH in our CREATOR. Pre COVID we so enjoyed visiting a bit each Sunday at Giddings Downtown Restaurant with him and Joyce. Eternal life will most certainly be his.

Christine Jervis - January 31, 2022 at 09:44 AM

TM

“ *First, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Arndt was a wonderful person who helped me become who I am today. He was part of my village and I owed him more than you know. He always had a smile on his face and wanted to know what was up with me when I saw him. Giddings was lucky to have such a good, wise, and kind citizen who loved his church and community. He made Giddings a good place to grow up in. I know there will be many funny and happy stories to be told at his funeral.*



Tina Melcher - January 31, 2022 at 09:38 AM

DV

“ *Denise An Peter Veldhuisen lit a candle in memory of James Robert Arndt*



Denise an Peter Veldhuisen - January 31, 2022 at 07:35 AM

BW

“ James seemed to have an interest in all people regardless of their age. In the old days Gruetzner's Furniture Store was downtown and I as a high school student would stop in often to window shop and visit as I walked to the market after school. Seems like they carried televisions, radios or stereo systems or something teenagers would like. James, Joyce, and the Gruetzners were so friendly and welcoming. I remembered that and bought furniture after I married and they delivered it to Round Rock. In recent years, I have visited with James and Joyce at local restaurants (pre-Covid) and they were still just as friendly and interested in other people. James contributed a lot to the community and is remembered with love and respect.

Barbara Doyle Wilson - January 30, 2022 at 09:44 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Sanders lit a candle in memory of James Robert Arndt



Cheryl Sanders - January 30, 2022 at 06:52 PM

AW

“ James Arndt was a great man and a joy to be around. I loved having James and Joyce at family gatherings. I felt like James was my brother and Joyce, my sister. They love our shared grandsons. James, I'm sure you are making Our Lord laugh.

Arlene Wendt - January 30, 2022 at 06:07 PM

ML

“ *My sympathies to the family!*



Margaret Lehmann - January 30, 2022 at 06:03 PM

VF

“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of James Robert Arndt*



Violet Frosch - January 30, 2022 at 03:21 PM