



## Jerry Wayne McDaniel

July 1, 1940 - February 8, 2019

THORNDALE – Funeral services for Jerry Wayne McDaniel, 78, of Thorndale, will be held at 2:00 pm Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Burial will follow at the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in the Detmold community near Thorndale. Mr. McDaniel died Friday evening, February 8, 2019 at a Temple Hospital.

The Rev. Larry E. Caldwell Sr. of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Thorndale, and the Rev. James D. Brymer of Conoley Community Church will officiate the service. The family is especially grateful to both officiating ministers, along with the Rev. Mel Swoyer and wife Gaile, retired former pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Thorndale, for their outstanding spiritual care.

Public visitation will be 5-8 pm Wednesday at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Casket will be permanently closed at the beginning of the service.

Mr. McDaniel, a resident of the Thorndale area for most of his life, was born July, 1, 1940 in Wedemeyer Hospital in Taylor, Texas to Pat and Ellnora (Fuessel) McDaniel. At the time of his death, Mr. McDaniel was a retired project manager last employed at Advanced Lab Concepts. Prior to that, he had spent most of his career with American Desk in Taylor and was Manager in the Estimation Department.

He was a 1959 graduate of Thorndale High School and served three years on active duty (1960-1963) with the U.S. Army. After completion of basic and AIT training with the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas; he completed Airborne Basic and earned his parachutist wings; he was assigned to the 618th Engineering Co., LE Airborne as part of the 3rd Army command. This experimental company size airborne combat engineer unit was later incorporated into the 82nd Airborne Division, both headquartered at Fort Bragg, NC. He attained the rank of Specialist 5th Class and proudly served as a squad leader during his last year of active duty.

Mr. McDaniel married Mary Jane Leschber on July 10, 1962 at St. John Lutheran Church in Detmold. He was baptized at First Baptist Church in San Gabriel. Several years after his marriage he became a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Thorndale. He served that congregation four terms as a member of the church council, including one term as chairman of the congregation. Jerry also served as a Sunday School teacher for more than twenty-five years. He was a proud father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Mr. McDaniel was preceded in death by his mother in Oct 1995, his father in Oct 2006, his brothers Glenn McDaniel in Aug 1997 and Ervin Ray McDaniel in Sept 2015, and baby sister Joanne McDaniel in Nov 1954.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Mary Jane McDaniel of Thorndale; two sons, Michael Wayne McDaniel and wife JoLynne of Early, Donald McDaniel and wife Vickie of Thorndale; two daughters, Angela Jane Upshaw of Katy, Ramona Griffith and husband Larry of Cedarburg, Wisconsin; three sisters, Patricia Wiseman of San Gabriel, Karene Willis of League City, Jeanine Kelm and husband Ronnie of Thorndale; one brother, Keith McDaniel and wife Lou of Bryan; sister-in-law Carol McDaniel of Rockdale; one half-brother, Joe McDaniel and wife Charlene of Centreville, MS; eight grandchildren, Hannah

McDaniel, John Wayne McDaniel, Colby Hilton and wife Toni, Reagan Upshaw and fiancée Carolyn Sullivan, Matthew Upshaw, Dallas Griffith, Daniel Griffith, and Anissa Joy Griffith; one great grandchild, Brooks Hilton; many friends and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Michael Wayne McDaniel, Donald McDaniel, Colby Hilton, John Wayne McDaniel, Reagan Upshaw, and Matthew Upshaw. Honorary Pallbearers will be Hannah McDaniel, Dallas Griffith, Daniel Griffith, and Anissa Joy Griffith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, PO Box 21, Thorndale, Texas 76577; or to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Detmold

3257 CR 437  
Thorndale, TX 76577

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Patterson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



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**The Patterson Family** - February 14, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



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February 13, 2019 at 02:44 PM

 Angela  
Upshaw

“ *God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you  
As you slowly slipped away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We couldn't make you stay.*

*Your golden heart stopped beating  
Your tired hands put to rest  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

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**Angela Upshaw** - February 13, 2019 at 02:16 PM

PS

*Rest In Peace  
My sweet Brother  
We will see you again*

Patricia Mcdaniel Wiseman (Patsy) Sister - February 17, 2019 at 02:14 PM

Angela  
Upshaw

“ For you Dad.....

*“He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth’s beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.”*

Angela Upshaw - February 12, 2019 at 05:25 PM

YF

“ Your Mikes Hard Lemonade family purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.



Your Mikes Hard Lemonade family - February 12, 2019 at 05:11 PM

JO

“ Rest In Peace Jerry McDaniel

johnfuessel - February 12, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



February 12, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



February 12, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



February 11, 2019 at 10:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



February 11, 2019 at 03:51 PM

GK

“Well done, good and faithful servant...”  
*Matt. 25:23. Celebrating Jerry's life and praying for comfort for Mary Jane and their family. Cousin Geneva (Sis)*

Geneva Krish - February 11, 2019 at 03:33 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.”



February 11, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.”



February 11, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.”



February 11, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



February 11, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



February 11, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss! Jerry is not gone, just away! He will live on in your hearts. God has called Jerry to his heavenly to be by his side and to help prepare a place for us in our heavenly home. God bless and keep you all in this time of sorrow.*



**Cynthia & George Galbreath** - February 11, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



February 11, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.* ”



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February 10, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album* ”



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**Angela Upshaw** - February 10, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Dad Photos* ”



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**Angela Upshaw** - February 10, 2019 at 06:11 PM

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“ *Troy, Carolyn and Taylor Williams purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Wayne McDaniel.*



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**Troy, Carolyn and Taylor Williams** - February 10, 2019 at 05:34 PM