



Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler

October 15, 1946 - August 31, 2025

Funeral services for Joel Douglas Wheeler, 78 of Leander, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 5, 2025 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas with Rev Robert Tiner, Rev. Jonathan Meyer, and Rev. Wilbern Michalk officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, Texas. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, September 5, 2025 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 Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Joel Douglas Wheeler was born on October 15, 1946 in Austin, Texas, the son of Joel Andrew Wheeler and Elois Virginia (Smith) Wheeler. He was baptized on June 17, 1962 at Fletcher Emanuel Baptist Church in Houston, Texas by Pastor Henry Shettler and confirmed on August 27, 1972 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Houston by Rev. A.J. Loeschman. Doug served in the United States Navy for four years during Vietnam. He received his Honorable Discharge on September 25, 1969. On November 11, 1972, he was united in marriage to Cynthia Kay Baylor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Houston. They were blessed with two daughters, Courtenay in 1981 and Tara in 1987. Doug worked at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company which eventually became AT&T for 38 years. Starting out as a lineman, he retired as

a Communications Technician in 2006. He was a member of Giddings American Legion York Post 276. He enjoyed taking care of cattle, wood working, coloring, barbequing, and listening to Country music. He was happiest when he was spending time with his family and was always there for all of his grandchildren's sporting events and school activities.

Doug passed away the morning of Sunday, August 31, 2025, with his family by his side, at his home in Leander.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joel Wheeler and Elois Cronk; his stepfather, John Cronk Sr., his grandson, Cullen Wesley Adams; his brother, David Cronk; his sister, Rosemary Collins, and his parents-in-law, Robert and Frances Baylor and Gertrude Baylor.

Doug is survived by his wife of 52 years, Cynthia (Baylor) Wheeler of Leander; his three daughters, Courtenay Hinckley & her husband, Stuart of Leander, Tara Bennight & her husband, Russell of Round Rock, and Virginia Wheeler of Ohio; six grandchildren, Chad Adams of Leander, Kinzley Medack, Hailey Bennight and Andrew Bennight all of Round Rock, and Clay Hinckley and Weston Hinckley both of Victoria; two sisters, Rhoda Kelly & her husband, Russell of Cleveland and Gwen Morse of Arkansas; one brother, John Cronk of Giddings; brother-in-law, Dennis Baylor Sr. & his wife, Sharon of Giddings, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Chad Adams, Clay Hinckley, Dennis Baylor Sr., Doby Jackson, John Cronk, Stuart Hinckley, Russell Bennight, and Casey Goetz. Honorary pallbearers will be Weston Hinckley, Dennis Baylor Jr., Russell Kelly, and Floyd Collins.

Memorials may be made to the Lee County Texas Veterans Association, P.O. Box 325, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. James Lutheran Cemetery

County Road 326
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

SEP 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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3950 East Austin Street
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Visitation

SEP 5. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
300 North Grimes Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 04, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Joel "Doc" Wheeler*



Violet Frosch - September 04, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.*

September 04, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.*



September 04, 2025 at 05:06 PM

RD

“ *Rivero Family - Teresa, Rolando & Daniel purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.*



Rivero Family - Teresa, Rolando & Daniel - September 04, 2025 at 04:35 PM



“ *78 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 04, 2025 at 03:14 PM

KC

“ *Kristen C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.*

Kristen C. - September 04, 2025 at 01:35 PM

PB

“ Pamela Baylor purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.



Pamela Baylor - September 03, 2025 at 09:32 PM

JS

“ John Wengel, Breanna & Samantha purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.



John Wengel, Breanna & Samantha - September 03, 2025 at 08:51 PM

DW

“ Dorine, Bob, Linda and Connie Wheeler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.

Dorine, Bob, Linda and Connie Wheeler - September 03, 2025 at 06:54 PM

DW

“ Dorine, Bob, Linda and Connie Wheeler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.



Dorine, Bob, Linda and Connie Wheeler - September 03, 2025 at 06:54 PM

AS

“ Ava and Tony Schroen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.



Ava and Tony Schroen - September 03, 2025 at 03:55 PM

DB

“ David, DeAtera, Meghan, and Erin Bass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.

David, DeAtera, Meghan, and Erin Bass - September 03, 2025 at 07:26 AM

DB

“ David, DeAtera, Meghan, and Erin Bass purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.



David, DeAtera, Meghan, and Erin Bass - September 03, 2025 at 07:26 AM

TF

“ The John & Peggy Dybala Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.

The John & Peggy Dybala Family - September 03, 2025 at 01:36 AM

TF

“ The John & Peggy Dybala Family purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.



The John & Peggy Dybala Family - September 03, 2025 at 01:36 AM

AF

“ All the Hinckley Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.

All the Hinckley Family - September 03, 2025 at 12:04 AM

AF

“ All the Hinckley Family purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.



All the Hinckley Family - September 03, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.



September 02, 2025 at 06:43 PM

NF

“ *Nicole Schier and Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Joel "Doc" Douglas Wheeler.*



Nicole Schier and Family - September 02, 2025 at 06:22 PM