



## John Wayne Fenzlein

November 30, 1948 - August 9, 2016

Funeral services for John Fenzlein, 67, of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 15, 2016 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda with Rev. Dennis Tegtmeier officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m and on Monday, August 15, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

John Wayne Fenzlein was born on November 30, 1948 in Brenham, Texas, the son of Alfred Fenzlein and Doris (Gruetzner) Fenzlein. He was baptized on December 15, 1948 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dime Box and was confirmed on March 3, 1963 at St. John Lutheran Church in Dime Box. John was united in marriage to Mary Lou Bamsch on August 16, 1970 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda. He retired from the U.S. Army after 24 years and served during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the North American Fishing Club and the NRA. John enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing dominoes, playing cards on his computer, barbecuing, gardening and working on cars. He passed away the afternoon of Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at his home in Giddings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred & Doris Fenzlein; two

brothers, Douglas Fenzlein and William Fenzlein; two aunts, Annie Bess Fenzlein and Sybil Turner; one uncle, Henry Fenzlein; his father-in-law, Walter Bamsch, and his cousin, David Fenzlein.

John is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Fenzlein of Giddings; four children, Laurie Fenzlein of Brownsville, Lorine Fenzlein and William Keefer of North Zulch, Cathleen Smith and her husband, Vernon III of North Zulch and Scott Fenzlein of Giddings; ten grandchildren, Michael Eastland Smith of North Zulch, Vernon Smith IV of North Zulch, Thressie Sadler of Minnesota, Charlotte Cook of Normangee, Reba Sadler of Giddings, Charles Sadler III of Giddings, Kacie Hebert of Normangee, Dalton Hebert of Dallas, William Keefer III of North Zulch, and Wesley Keefer of North Zulch; six great grandchildren, Hunter Hebert, Carter Hebert, Baby Eastland Smith, Emori Bradford, James Mott and Aaron Mott. John is also survived by his mother-in-law, Lorine Bamsch of Warda; one sister-in-law, Dolores and her husband, Allen Wolf of Giddings; two brothers-in-law, Ralph and wife Carolyn Bamsch of Warda and Raymond and wife Ann Bamsch of Warda, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Charles Sadler III, Michael Eastland Smith, William Keefer, Vernon Smith IV, Dalton Hebert, Wesley Keefer and Russell Kappler.

Memorials may be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 69, Warda, Texas 78960-0069 or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

600 FM 1482  
Warda, TX 78960

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 14.** 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

**AUG 14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

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## Church Service

AUG 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John Wayne Fenzlein*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - August 11, 2016 at 08:27 PM



“ *Served with him in Bad Kissingen, H Battery 2/11 ACR. Had some good times and memories. T and Elaine Thompson*



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**T and Elaine Thompson** - August 29, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ *Delores and Allen, we were so sorry to learn of the passing of Delores' brother. I'm sure he was a wonderful man, who served his country, raised a wonderful family and did more than his share of community service as well. I know God will welcome him home with open arms, and may you and your family feel God's comforting arms around you as you cope with your grief.*

*Lois (Braun) and Wilbert Noak  
3627 Noak Road  
Round Top, Texas 78954  
E-mail: loisnoak@cvctx.com*

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**Lois Noak** - August 17, 2016 at 03:49 AM

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“ *May God Bless you and you family at this time. Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your Loved One. Alford Zoch and Alice Zoch Reedy and family*

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**Alice Reedy** - August 14, 2016 at 05:48 PM

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“ *God will definitely show you the way to smiling again. I know this experience will change you forever. I hope in the days to come you can remember all the good times you shared with your father and all the love he gave you throughout the years. He is not gone. I know he will be watching over you and your loved ones forever RIP John Wayne Fenzlein*



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**xylena** - August 14, 2016 at 07:45 AM



“ *Served with him in Bad Kissingen with Howitzer Battery, 2nd Squadron / 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. A great soldier, RIP.*

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**Randy Mitchell** - August 12, 2016 at 07:16 PM



“ 26 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - August 11, 2016 at 08:17 PM

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“ SFC Fenzlein, you were my first Platoon Sergeant after I left AIT. You counseled me, mentored me, and gave me advice after Tammy and I had lost our first baby to a miscarriage. My life would not be the same, as a military man and a father without your mentorship. God Bless you and your family. Until we meet again at Fiddlers Green.

**James Richardson** - August 11, 2016 at 10:13 AM

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“ Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your Loved One. May God grant you Comfort and Blessings in the coming days.  
*Marvin and Lydia Arldt*



**Marvin and Lydia Arldt** - August 10, 2016 at 07:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Wayne Fenzlein.*



August 10, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Wayne Fenzlein.*



August 10, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Mary Lou and family, sympathies to you on your loss. May God comfort you with His peace.*

*Monroe & Eleanor Krause*

**Eleanor Krause** - August 10, 2016 at 04:06 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*

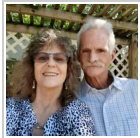


**Terry Wilkinson** - August 10, 2016 at 02:20 PM



“ *God's Speed John Wayne Fenzlien. Your watch is over you are relieved. You have been a life long friend Since our time together in 2/11 ACR to present. Meet you at the Fiddlers Green.*

**Terry Wilkinson** - August 10, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *I enjoyed working with you in Warda at the restaurant. I can still hear you say "man your battle stations" every day before lunch crowd hit. Gods grace to you...*

**Nanette Williams** - August 10, 2016 at 07:29 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family! John Wayne was my friend and I will miss him!*

**Cathleen Beisert Gruetzner** - August 09, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ *Being in a graduating class of thirteen we all were like family. It is heartbreaking to lose a member of one's family. John Wayne was one of the good guys in our class. Prayers for his family and peace to him.*

*Vicki Mikulin Prentice / class of DBHS '67*

**Vicki Mikulin Prentice** - August 09, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ *Smoke.... you were a very good man.... God put you in my life for a reason. 84'-86' Bad Kissingen W. Germany How Battery 2/11 ACR.... SALUTE MY BROTHER R.I.P.... AT EASE SOLDIER*

**Mike Brewer II** - August 09, 2016 at 08:26 PM