



## Joseph "Joe" Rizzo Jr.

July 11, 1932 - October 11, 2022

Funeral services for Joseph Rizzo Jr., 90 of Paige, Texas will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating. A visitation will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and on Saturday from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present Friday evening from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm for visitation.

Joseph John Rizzo Jr. was born on July 11, 1932 in Waterloo, Iowa to Joseph John Rizzo Sr. and Wanda Rosemond (Young) Rizzo. He graduated from McAllen High School in 1949, he then attended Texas A&M. Joe joined the US Army during the Korean Conflict. After receiving his honorable discharge, he attended the University of Texas where he completed his bachelor's degree. He went on to join the US Border Patrol, which began his lifelong career with the government. Joe later served in US Customs and DEA. He finished his career with the Texas Veterinarian Medical Examiner's Board. On February 12, 1982, he was united in marriage to Linda Stork in Giddings. He enjoyed researching weaponry, collecting watches, fishing, and going camping/traveling in the RV. Joe was also an avid reader. The mornings were always busy as he was a member of the Elvira's and Cardenas's Breakfast groups. Joe loved animals and always tried to befriend them. He always looked forward to spending time with his family and friends.

He passed away the morning of Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at his home in Paige.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Wanda Rizzo.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Rizzo of Paige; daughters, Jennifer & Steve Funderburg of California, Jonna & Justin Hester of Colorado, Jeannine Rizzo of Houston, and Melanie McCrory of Louisiana; nine grandchildren, Nicole & Mike Hilly of California, Eric & Nicole Littlejohn of Washington, Alex Littlejohn of California, Hannah Hester of Oregon, Ethan & Sophia Hester of Oregon, Katie Hester of Colorado, Raeni Edwards of Louisiana, Jaycie Buck and fiancé Cade Courtemanche of Giddings, and Lilly Kacer of San Marcos; seven great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery (Section F)

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
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phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
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## Family Present for Visitation

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

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## Visitation

OCT **15**. 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph "Joe" Rizzo Jr.*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - October 13, 2022 at 06:49 PM

BC

“ *I will always cherish the times we would sit around the table, watch the birds outside the window and listen to and tell stories to each other. I loved Joe's stories. What an exciting life to have lived and what a peaceful ending to have been granted in a home that he loved. I will always remember him as a true animal lover, with the softest heart. You are in my prayers Linda. You are an amazingly strong woman. Thank you for all your love and dedication to Joe.*  
*Barbara Churchill*

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**Barbara D Churchill** - October 20, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - October 15, 2022 at 09:43 AM

JF

“ Jenny and Steve Funderburg purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph "Joe" Rizzo Jr..



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**Jenny and Steve Funderburg** - October 14, 2022 at 02:19 PM

LM

“ Love from Tom and Lucette Morris purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Joseph "Joe" Rizzo Jr..



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**Love from Tom and Lucette Morris** - October 13, 2022 at 10:32 PM

CH

“ Linda and family, we're wishing you comfort because of your loss of Joe.

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**Calvin/Janis Hannes** - October 13, 2022 at 09:54 PM

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“ Calvin Janis Hannes lit a candle in memory of Joseph Rizzo.

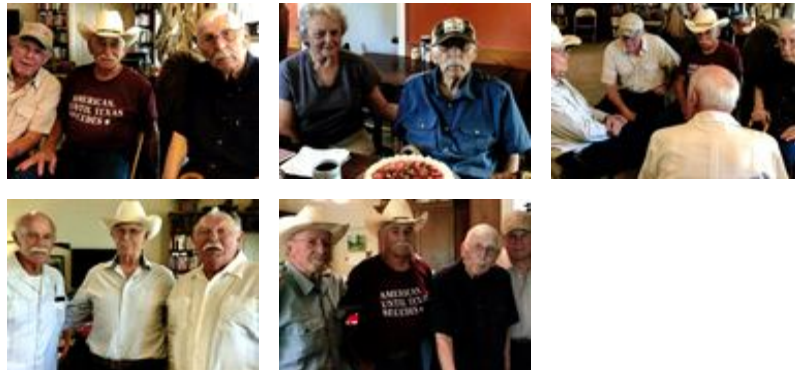


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**Calvin & Janis Hannes** - October 13, 2022 at 09:49 PM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - October 13, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Rizzo Jr..



October 13, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Dorothy Cook* lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Rizzo Jr.



**Dorothy Cook** - October 13, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Rizzo Jr..*



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October 13, 2022 at 10:49 AM