



Lester Eugene Melcher

October 3, 1959 - March 18, 2025

Lester Melcher, 65, of Rockdale, Texas, went to be with Jesus and his mom in the evening hours of March 18, 2025. He was born on October 3, 1959, in Giddings, Texas, to Reuben and Ernie (Brade) Melcher. The family lived in Fedor, Texas for three years before moving to Rockdale in 1962, where Lester spent the remainder of his life.

Lester attended Rockdale Elementary School, Rockdale Junior High School, and Rockdale High School, where he graduated as the salutatorian of the Class of 1978. Following high school, he began his career as a Survey Tech with Triad Engineering. He later worked briefly for the Texas Highway Department before continuing his surveying career with Jarrard Surveying in Cameron. In October 2012, he began working for Hughes Surveying as a Survey Tech in Cameron where he was employed at the time of his death.

Lester was a devoted Texas Longhorns fan who rode the highs and lows of every football season, and like many, had a love-hate relationship with the Dallas Cowboys. Lester spent many years playing softball until his knees could no longer take the game, and he remained active in bowling leagues for much of his life. He was a devoted son, brother, uncle and friend!

Lester is preceded in death by his mother, Ernie Melcher. He is survived by his father, Reuben Melcher of Rockdale, Texas, sisters, Charlene Ingram and

husband Kevin of Longview, Texas, Darlene Davenport and husband Steve of Bismarck, Arkansas, and Margie Reed and husband Stephen of Walburg, Texas. He also leaves behind his beloved nieces and nephews: Charles Lopez Jr., Michelle Seago, Kim Lopez, Kris Ingram, and Lauren Hill along with one great niece, Kamryn Wood.

Visitation will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, March 25th at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale, Texas, followed by funeral services at 2 pm at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home and burial following at IOOF Cemetery in Rockdale. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, P.O BOX 1416, Rockdale TX 76567.

Lester will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation and Celebration of Life

MAR **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
1041 US-79
Rockdale, TX 76567-4513
(512) 446-5454

Tribute Wall

MV

“ Happy 66th Birthday in heaven, it's your first birthday in heaven, you and your Mom can have a celebration together and give each other a big hug and kiss, she was so happy when you came to join her in heaven, but your family and friends were not ready for you to leave us unexpectedly and sudden, we all love you and miss you so much!



Melinda C Vrba - October 03, 2025 at 06:21 PM

MV

It's so hard to believe that we laid you to rest one year ago today, next to your sweet Mom. Gone way too soon! I miss you every single day!

Melinda C Vrba - March 25 at 02:16 PM

HS

“ I knew Lester some years back. He was a friend with a good fun, loving spirit. The paths we choose at times make reconnecting with good friends hard and sometimes impossible, but the good times shared last a lifetime. My friend Lester was and forever shall hold a special place in my life and memories. Rest my friend till we meet again.

Henry Baugh aka Skip - March 25, 2025 at 01:28 AM

GW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gary Westbrook - March 25, 2025 at 01:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lester Eugene Melcher.



March 23, 2025 at 11:19 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lester Eugene Melcher.



March 23, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lester Eugene Melcher.

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lester Eugene Melcher.



March 23, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lester Eugene Melcher.

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“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Eugene Melcher.



March 21, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lester Eugene Melcher.

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lester Eugene Melcher.



March 21, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lester Eugene Melcher.

March 21, 2025 at 10:49 AM

CG

“ *It was such a shock to hear about you. I remember spending days with your sisters during the summer. Years pass and then George and I saw you at the bowling alley. I enjoyed catching up with you. I know you are not gone, just away! One day we will see you and other loved ones in our Heavenly Home. God bless and be with your family and friends in this time of sorrow. RIP Lester!* ”



Cynthia and George Galbreath - March 20, 2025 at 09:42 PM

MV

Lester, it was a huge shock to get a message from James, letting me know that you passed away Tuesday night. I will always remember you and all the great times we had with you, James, Randall, T.C., Skip and Erika. We would go to the dances, a nightclub in Harker Heights. When certain people would do some bad things, almost getting us in trouble with them, you were always there to keep me safe, and protect me. When I would get upset with them, you were always there to calm me down and talk to me about it. I will always cherish the special times we had together. You will be missed so much! Love you for being a great friend and an important part of my life. Rest in peace, Lester!

Melinda Vrba - March 21, 2025 at 03:52 PM

BW

“ *Bethany Wallis lit a candle in memory of Lester Melcher* ”



Bethany Wallis - March 20, 2025 at 06:29 PM