



Lester Lee Phillips

April 20, 1957 - July 3, 2019

Funeral services for Lester Phillips, 62, of Giddings, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 6, 2019 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington, Texas with Rev. Herb Keistman officiating. Burial will follow in the St. James Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 5, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, July 6, 2019 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 Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Lester Lee Phillips was born on April 20, 1957 in Richmond, Kansas, the son of Chester Leroy Phillips and Flossie Fern (Demoret) Phillips. He graduated from Lexington High School in 1975. He was baptized and confirmed on December 16, 1978 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington by Rev. Lawrence Heuchert. Lester was united in marriage to Debra Jatzlau on September 15, 1979 at St. James Lutheran Church by Rev. Lawrence Heuchert. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Stephanie and Jacob. Lester worked for Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative in Giddings for the past 37 years. He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington and was a Lee County Junior Livestock Show Youth Supporter. Lester loved to work. However, when he did take a break from working, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, working with his cattle, and, most importantly, spending time with his children and grandson. Lester passed away suddenly on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in College Station.

He was preceded in death by his father, Chester “Shorty” Phillips; his sister, Marilyn Phillips; his father-in-law, Herman Jatzlau and his brother-in-law, Jimmie Dale Jatzlau.

Lester is survived by his wife, Debra Phillips of Giddings; his daughter, Stephanie & Chris Kieschnick of Dime Box; his son, Jacob Phillips and Kaitlynn Schindler of Lexington; his grandson, Dilyn Kieschnick of Dime Box; his mother, Flossie “Pug” Phillips of Lexington; five sisters, Fernie & Earl Tyler of Topeka, Kansas, Judy & Mark Johnston of Green, Kansas, Bonnie & Dan Spellman of Clay Center, Kansas, Katherine & Herbert Pampell of Giddings and Rita & Harvey Schnell of La Grange; one brother, Homer & Kathy Phillips of Lexington; his mother-in-law, Lorine Jatzlau of Lexington; two sisters-in-law, Sandra & Wayne Woelfel of Austin and Lynetta & Guy Latimer of Lexington, and three brothers-in-law, Michael Jatzlau of Hutto, Jeffery Jatzlau of Lexington and Patrick Jatzlau of Lexington. Lester is also survived by several aunts and uncles and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Pallbearers will be Danny Jatzlau, Tim Grimm, Wayne Woelfel, Guy Latimer, Michael Jatzlau, Jeffery Jatzlau, and Patrick Jatzlau.

Memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington or to the charity of one’s choice.

Cemetery Details

St. James Lutheran Cemetery

County Road 326
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 7:00 AM - 8:00 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

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL 6. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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

Church Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
320 North Rockdale Street
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lester Lee Phillips*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 04, 2019 at 08:16 PM

GJ

What beautiful memories of Lester's life with his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all Deborah, Stephanie and Jacob. May God comfort you now and always. Love, Gina Jatzlau

Gina Jatzlau - July 04, 2019 at 10:59 PM

LT

Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family . Donnie and Libbie Tobola

Libbie Tobola - July 05, 2019 at 10:32 AM

JG

SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MEMORY FOR THE LIFE YOU SHARED WITH LESTER FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, DEBORA. ENJOYED WATCHING THE VIDEO. SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. JEAN AND ERVIN GRIFFITH

Jean Griffith - July 06, 2019 at 12:48 AM



I was so very sorry to hear of Lester's passing. He was always so devoted to you, Debra, and to Stephanie and Jacob and I'm sure his grandson as well. Always hold these sweet memories close to your heart and he will always be near. My thoughts and prayers for comfort and peace for your family at this most difficult time. Kathy Peeples

Kathy Peeples - July 07, 2019 at 08:28 AM

CP

“ *Charles Pampell lit a candle in memory of Lester Lee Phillips*



Charles Pampell - July 08, 2019 at 03:51 PM

SK

“*Sad news indeed. I met Lester a year ago when Sandie and I started our hangar project. Lester engineered the burial of an overhead service line that was an absolute project killer for us if it couldn't be done. As you may know our hangar is up and our Cub rests safely inside thanks to everyone involved, including Lester.*

I'm sure Lester approached all his projects with the same professionalism as he did ours but our hangar project sparked a special interest in Lester. When Lester learned why we needed his expertise he immediately fired questions at me about flying and cubbin'. With every answer his enthusiasm grew and it stuck with him until we had our last conversation. During that last talk I invited Lester to stop by anytime he saw the hangar door open and we would fire up the Cub and take a cruise. Lester's eyes lit up and he responded with an joy filled, "THANKS!!!"

Everytime I take flight and cruise about with no particular destination in mind my thoughts inevitably bring me to memories of the people who've touch my life in aviation and those that I've touched. They're all very very important to me but the news of Lester's sudden death has left me with a deeper sense of what's important. I regret we didn't have a chance to take that flight but something tells me Lester is flying higher and freer than any earthly machine can offer. God had a need for a new winged guardian and Lester answered his call.

*Vaya con dios Lester.
Lynwood Kindt*

Sandra A Kindt - July 08, 2019 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ *Janice And Gary Schneider sent a virtual gift in memory of Lester Lee Phillips*



Janice and Gary Schneider - July 06, 2019 at 09:19 PM

JG

“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS*

Jean Griffith - July 06, 2019 at 12:12 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lester Lee Phillips.*



July 05, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lester Lee Phillips.*



July 05, 2019 at 12:02 PM



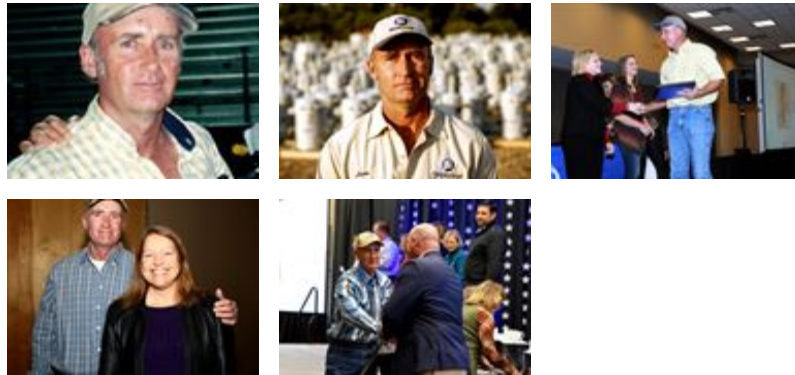
“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Lee Phillips.*



July 05, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ *78 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 04, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear the news of his passing! My thoughts and prayers go out to Debra and the entire family. I remember Lester as a very calm stable presence. I'm happy to know he's now with His Lord and Savior. 🙏*

Susan Heuchert - July 04, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lester Lee Phillips.*



July 03, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ *Debra I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. To you and your family, may God wrap you in his arms of comfort today and in the days ahead*

Connie Ward - July 03, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Lee Phillips.*



July 03, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lester Lee Phillips.*



July 03, 2019 at 06:12 PM

BS

“ I have lots of fond memories about Lester. He was a great friend, and a fine employee with Bluebonnet Electric. I really miss cutting up with him. That's was good days.

Bobby Sharp - July 03, 2019 at 05:39 PM

LD

“ Sweet Debra, I am so sorry to hear of Lester's passing. My heart aches for you and your children, and for everyone who loved him. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Laura Denton

Laura Denton - July 03, 2019 at 04:10 PM

JG

Debra, I am so sorry for your loss. May God keep you in His care.
Jean and Ervin Griffith

Jean Griffith - July 04, 2019 at 08:40 AM