



Paul Ernst Kappler

September 15, 1936 - July 13, 2024

Funeral services for Paul Kappler, 87, of Serbin, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2024 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin with Rev. John Schmidt officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, July 19, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Kappler family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Paul Ernst Kappler was born on September 15, 1936 in Serbin, Texas to Otto Paul Kappler and Alma Martha (Synatschk) Kappler. He was baptized on September 27, 1936 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Herman Schmidt and confirmed on March 18, 1951 also at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Arthur Arndt. His confirmation verse was Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him”. Paul attended grade school at St. Paul Lutheran School in Serbin and graduated from Giddings High School. On October 9, 1959, he was united in marriage to Happy Christmas Gest at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas by Pastor Edwin E. Kieper. They were blessed with two children, Paul and Sandra. Paul served in the United States Army in the 17th Signal Corp from November 19, 1959 until receiving his Honorable Discharge on February 19, 1962 having obtained the rank of SP4. He worked as a machinist with Cameron Iron Works in Houston

for 20 years, then with D.L. Trucking before retiring from Enpro Systems in Brenham after 17 years. Paul was a member of the Giddings American Legion York Post 276 for over 30 years. He enjoyed fishing on the Gulf, boating, and traveling in their motorhome throughout the country. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Paul passed away the afternoon of Saturday, July 13, 2024 in Angleton, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto & Alma Kappler; his wife of nearly 60 years, Happy Kappler; his sisters, Ruth Lehmann, Josephine Kasper, and Linda Tate; his sisters-in-law, Nelda Duck, Joyce Keel, Edna Williams, and Clara Williams, and his brothers-in-law, James Tate, Rudie Lee Mitschke, Roy Lehmann, D.L. Williams, Louis H. Gest Jr., and C.W. Kasper.

Paul is survived by his son, Paul "Pistol" Kappler II and his wife, Kim of Lake Jackson; his daughter, Sandi Kaye Dunlap and her husband, Doug of Fulshear; six grandchildren, Kristin Kappler of Lake Jackson, Ashley and Alex Nichols of San Antonio, Lindsey Kappler of Atlanta, GA, Korynne Kappler of Lake Jackson, Kayla Cooper & her husband, Alarius of Ft. Worth and Stefanie Dunlap of Los Angeles, CA; three great grandchildren, Liam, Quinn & Arya Nichols of San Antonio; sister, Jeanette Mitschke of Houston; two sisters-in-law, Loyce Bundik & her husband, Don of Sublime, and Sue Gest of Pearland, as well as several nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers will be Doug Dunlap, John Tate, Lonnie Lehmann, Butch Kasper, Alarius Cooper, and Tommy Mitschke. Honorary pallbearers will be Kristin Kappler, Ashley Nichols, Lindsey Kappler, Korynne Kappler, Kayla Cooper, Stefanie Dunlap, and Kent Davidson.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin or to the

charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Serbin

1572 County Road 211
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

JUL 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUL 19. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin
1572 County Road 211
Giddings, TX 78942
<http://stpaulserbin.org>

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Christi Bradford lit a candle in memory of Paul Kappler*



Christi Bradford - July 18, 2024 at 01:57 PM

RF

“ *Randy and Robin Friedsam purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Paul Ernst Kappler.*



Randy and Robin Friedsam - July 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM

RF

“ *Randy and Robin Friedsam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Ernst Kappler.*

Randy and Robin Friedsam - July 18, 2024 at 12:48 PM

SM

“ *Kevin and I send our condolences to all the family. We have fond memories seeing him at all the softball games and such a sweet man.*

Sybil Mcelyea - July 16, 2024 at 08:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Paul Ernst Kappler.*



July 16, 2024 at 08:09 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss; I know he will be missed by many! Margaret Lehmann* 💕

Margaret Lehmann - July 16, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Ernst Kappler.*



July 16, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *From John and Zoe Nagle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Ernst Kappler.*

From John and Zoe Nagle - July 16, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *I met Paul and Happy in the mid 1960's and they were some of my dearest friends. I will think of Paul often as I still do Happy. May they forever be together* 💕

Laura Rippy - July 16, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul Ernst Kappler.*



July 16, 2024 at 12:07 PM



“ *So sorry to hear. He lived just down the road from me and if he saw me outside, he would stop and talk. He will be missed. Prayers for you all.*

Carol Nolen - July 16, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Paul Kappler*



Violet Frosch - July 16, 2024 at 11:51 AM