

## Paul Thomas Tharp

January 11, 1949 - August 25, 2025

Funeral services for Paul Tharp, 76, of Giddings, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 pm on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas, with Rev. Robert Tiner and Rev. Joshua Hahn officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery with military honors provided by Giddings American Legion York post 276. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Paul Tharp was born on January 11, 1949, in Gonzales, Texas, the son of Leslie and Betty Jean (Cuvelier) Tharp. He was baptized in June 1961, in Gonzales and confirmed in May 1971, at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings. After graduating from High School, Paul joined the United States Army. He moved to Giddings in 1970 and worked for General Telephone Company (GTE) for 27 ½ years as the General Manager. Paul was united in marriage to Jo Lynn (Walther) Tharp May 24, 1975, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Emil Krugler. After retiring from GTE, he worked for KF Electric as an electrician and estimator for 19 years. Paul's wife Jo Lynn passed in December of 2013, after 38 years together. On January 2, 2016, he was united in marriage to Ettie Heavin in Giddings. They were happily married for 9 ½ years upon his passing. Through the years, Paul served as an elder, school board member, usher, and Trustee at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings. He was a member of the Noon Lions Club and

the former Post Commander of the American Legion York Post 276 in Giddings. In his free time, Paul enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing, working cattle and working on the farm. Paul also enjoyed going on cruises with his wife Ettie but most of all spending time with family.

Paul passed away the evening of Monday, August 25, 2025, in Austin after a hard-fought battle with lung disease and kidney failure.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Betty Jean Tharp, and first wife Jo Lynn Tharp.

Paul is survived by his wife, Ettie Tharp of Giddings; daughter, Tammy Martinez of Giddings; two sons, Tommy Tharp and wife Tanya of College Station, and Leslie Tharp of Gatesville; two step sons, BJ Jenkins and wife Rosemary of Bastrop, and Kenny Jenkins and wife Sara of Cedar Creek; six grandchildren, Jonathan Stricker and wife Elayna of Paige, Hunter Stricker and fiancée Jamie Zoch of Giddings, Kylynn Martinez of Giddings, Gabrielle Tharp of College Station, Gavin Tharp of College Station and Koopyr Tharp of Gatesville; six step grandchildren, Samantha Jenkins of New Braunfels, Maverick Jenkins of Austin, Zachary Bacoccini of Cedar Creek, Dalton Jenkins of Cedar Creek, Lenora Jenkins of Cedar Creek, and Colby O'Neal and wife Samatha of Daingerfield; five great grandchildren, Emersyn Stricker of Paige, Everlee Stricker of Paige, Brayson O'Neal of Dangerfield, Kaydon O'Neal of Dangerfield, and Sayde O'Neal of Dangerfield; sister, Kathy Blundell and husband Glenn of Gonzales, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kenneth Walther, Ray Walther, Dustin Gersch, Glenn Blundell, Michael Sanders, and Colby O'Neal.

Honorary pallbearers will 11 of his grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Alfa-1 Foundation, or Immanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund in Giddings.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

SEP 2. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Church Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Paul Thomas Tharp*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 30, 2025 at 12:36 PM

NT

*Beautiful life. Will miss you so much. Your wisdom, sense of humor and all the qualities you had. I love you.*

Neice-Ettie Tharp - August 31, 2025 at 10:47 AM

PL

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. When you all meet again there will be no more sickness or sorrow. God bless you all. Alan and Peggy*

peggy Lindner - September 04, 2025 at 12:37 PM

LK

“ *Keeping the Tharp Family in our thoughts and prayers. The Lorin Kieschnick Family*

Lorin Kieschnick - September 02, 2025 at 03:21 PM

LK

“ *May all your fond memories give you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Our prayers are with each of you. John and Linda Kieschnick*

Linda Kieschnick - September 02, 2025 at 02:16 PM

RS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rebecca Sherrill - September 01, 2025 at 10:54 AM

SC

“ Steve & Dottie Cuvelier Crawford purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Paul Thomas Tharp.



Steve & Dottie Cuvelier Crawford - August 31, 2025 at 08:03 PM

WJ

“ Winnie Hooker, Tracey and Jeanne Jenkins purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Paul Thomas Tharp.



Winnie Hooker, Tracey and Jeanne Jenkins - August 31, 2025 at 02:56 PM

JF

“ Jerry & Gloria Heavin and Family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Paul Thomas Tharp.



Jerry & Gloria Heavin and Family - August 31, 2025 at 12:42 PM

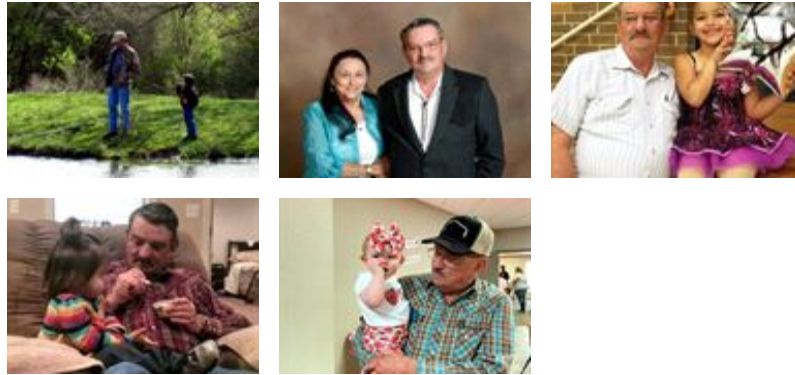
JF

“ Jerry & Gloria Heavin and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Thomas Tharp.

Jerry & Gloria Heavin and Family - August 31, 2025 at 12:42 PM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 30, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Paul Thomas Tharp.



August 29, 2025 at 08:06 PM

VF

“ Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Paul Tharp



Violet Frosch - August 28, 2025 at 10:32 AM

ET

“ A wonderful loving husband of 9 1/2 years. Was a great friend to my 2 sons. And a great father figure for my grown sons as well. We loved cruises and the bowling in Bastrop with friends and family. He is at peace now and pain free. I will be thankful forever OUR LORD GOD brought us together.

Ettie (Neice) Tharp - August 27, 2025 at 10:46 PM

LM

“ Lori McBride lit a candle in memory of Paul Tharp



Lori McBride - August 27, 2025 at 09:10 PM