



Ralph Douglas Wenke

October 24, 1946 - March 18, 2026

Funeral services for Ralph Wenke, 79, of Serbin, Texas, are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin with Rev. John Schmidt officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Ralph Douglas Wenke was born on October 24, 1946, in the Sand Community in Bastrop County, Texas to Quinten Melvin Wenke and Bessie Maud (Schulz) Wenke. He was baptized on November 10, 1946, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Herman Schmidt and confirmed on March 26, 1961, also at St. Paul Lutheran Church by Rev. Arthur Arndt. His confirmation verse was Revelations 2:10, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life". After graduating from Smithville High School, Ralph joined the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War. He received his Honorable Discharge on March 6, 1969, having obtained the rank of SP5.

After returning home from Vietnam, Ralph went to work at Bluebonnet Electric. He was there for 20 years before he and his brother, James, went into business together and started RWJ Custom Work. He was also a lifetime

farmer and rancher. Ralph enjoyed hunting and fishing when he wasn't working.

Ralph passed away the afternoon of Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the Clyde Cospers Veterans Home in Bonham, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Quinten and Bessie Wenke, and his brother, James Wenke.

Ralph is survived by his four nieces, Jaimie Jordan & her husband, Derek of McKinney, Jennifer Wenke & her fiancé, Julio Menzel of Serbin, Jeanna Wenke & her fiancé, Trevor Berry of Serbin and Marcia Wenke of Serbin; sister-in-law Bonnie Wenke Bise of Serbin, sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Clarence Bayer of La Grange; his two brothers, Kervin Wenke of La Grange and Allen Wenke of La Grange, and one nephew, Cody Bayer of La Grange.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, 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

Visitation

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAR 28. 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph Douglas Wenke*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 27 at 12:02 PM



“ *Rendi M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Douglas Wenke.*

Rendi M. - March 27 at 06:29 PM



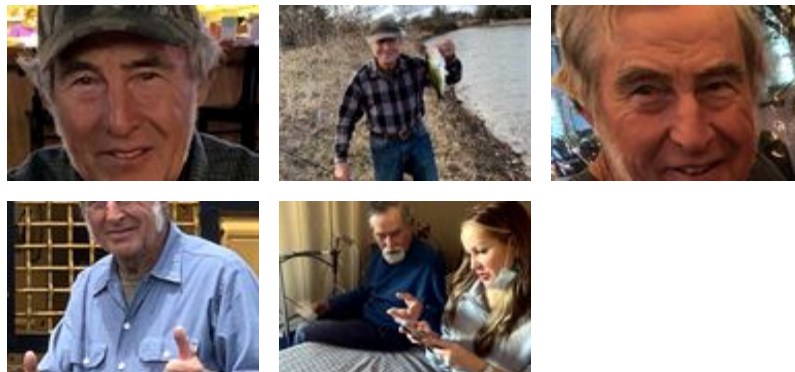
“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Douglas Wenke.*



March 27 at 01:52 PM



“ 28 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 27 at 11:56 AM



“ Pam and Bill Davison purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of *Ralph Douglas Wenke*.



Pam and Bill Davison - March 26 at 11:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Ralph Douglas Wenke*.



March 26 at 08:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ralph Douglas Wenke.



March 26 at 02:30 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Douglas Wenke.



March 25 at 11:09 PM



“ Angie & Brent Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Douglas Wenke.

Angie & Brent Jordan - March 25 at 12:04 PM



“ Angie & Brent Jordan purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Ralph Douglas Wenke.



Angie & Brent Jordan - March 25 at 12:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Douglas Wenke.

March 23 at 12:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Douglas Wenke.



March 23 at 12:33 PM