



Raymond Frank Doerfler Jr.

April 2, 1943 - July 11, 2023

Raymond Frank Doerfler, Jr, 80, of Rockdale, passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in Bryan. Ray was born on April 2, 1943, to Raymond Frank, Sr. and Dorothy Catherine (O'Connor) Doerfler in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He proudly served in the United States Air Force for four years and met his future wife, Susan Schumaker, during this time. The two were married on November 18, 1966, in McAllen, Texas. The couple returned to Minnesota, where Ray started his plumbing career until one day his wife announced that "it was warmer in the freezer than it was outside" and they decided to return to Texas where Susan's parents had retired. Ray started a plumbing business in Alamo, Texas. Having grown up on a dairy farm, in 1978 he fulfilled his dream of owning his own dairy farm. He was a member of the McAllen Elks Lodge #1402 and served as the Exalted Ruler from 1978-1979. Over the years, he worked part time on oil rigs and expanded the farm to include raising Quarter horses. After retiring from dairying, he worked at the University of Texas- Pan American in the maintenance department. He and his wife moved to Rockdale in 2013 onto a small beef cattle ranch with their horses. Ray was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Rockdale American Legion Post 2534. He is remembered fondly for always greeting everyone with "Merry Christmas" regardless of the season.

He is preceded in death by his parents Raymond, Sr. and Dorothy Doerfler. Ray is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Susan Doerfler; daughters, Jean Kovar, Katherine Doerfler, Trisha Brown, and Heather Dreher;

grandchildren, Sarah, Colleen, David, Danny, Ashley, Pamela, Rebecca, Tristan, Hannah, Colin, Timothy, and Peter; great grandchildren, Matthew and Brayden; siblings, Cathy Fischer, Jim, Doug and Walt Doerfler.

A memorial mass will be at 2 o'clock on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at St Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
234 San Gabriel St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Raymond Frank Doerfler Jr..



July 20, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ The LCISD JH Ag PLC Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Frank Doerfler Jr..

The LCISD JH Ag PLC Team - July 19, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ The LCISD JH Ag PLC Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raymond Frank Doerfler Jr..



The LCISD JH Ag PLC Team - July 19, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Frank Doerfler Jr..



July 17, 2023 at 03:07 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear about Ray passing. We have fond memories with Ray from the Texas Draft Horse events. My daughter and I shared many stories with Ray about those big draft horses. We remember years ago at a club event in Hico where my pair of Percheron Spotted Drafts pulled Ray's van out of a mud hole! Fun time!!
Cynthia & Hannah Stickle

Cynthia and Hannah Stickle - July 14, 2023 at 11:01 PM

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“ Very sorry for your loss Ray was always a pleasure to be with

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