

## Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield

August 11, 1936 - June 19, 2021

Funeral services for Rev. Paul Hartfield, 84 of Serbin, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin with Rev. John Schmidt officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The funeral services will be livestreamed from the church's website at [stpaulserbin.org](http://stpaulserbin.org). Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Hartfield family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Paul Walter Hartfield was born on August 11, 1936 in Malone, Texas. He was the son of Rev. Herbert Otto Hartfield Sr and Frieda Bertha (Maas) Hartfield. He was baptized August 1936 by Rev. H.O. Hartfield. He was confirmed on April 12, 1950 at Christ Lutheran, Loebau, Texas by Rev. H.O. Hartfield. His confirmation verse was Psalm 37:4, "Delight thyself in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Paul graduated from Dime Box High School. In 1963 he graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary of Springfield, IL. He served his vicarage in Ontario, Canada at St. John's, Pembroke, 1961 - 1962. He served three congregations in Alberta, Canada from 1963 – 1965: St. John, Vegreville, Immanuel, Bruce and St. Paul, Manville. From 1965 – 1977 he served two

congregations in Texas: Bethlehem, William Penn and Immanuel, Lyons. In 1977 he accepted the Call to St. Paul, Serbin, where he served until his retirement in 1998. St. Paul honored him as Pastor Emeritus. He served Christ, Loebau. from 2004 – 2015. Paul loved the ministry of his risen Lord and Savior and each congregation he served.

Pastor Hartfield has served the Texas District as Vice President and Circuit Counselor, on the Anniversary Committee of Synod, District LLL Pastoral Advisor and as Zone Pastoral Advisor for the LYF, LWML and LLL. He wrote devotions for Taegliche Andachten and an article for Concordia Historical Quarterly. He visited the German Lutherans in Russia with Lutheran Hour Ministries, received the Rural Minister of the Year Award from Texas A&M University and was honored by Concordia Theological Seminary with the “Servus Ecclesiae Christi” award. At the fall of Communism in 1992, he visited the German Lutherans in Russia. For the 150th Immigration Anniversary, he preached at the mother churches of St. Paul in Klitten and Weigersdorf, Saxony. He was a charter member of the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a supporter of 4-H and its community activities.

He was united in marriage to Cydell Lehmann on July 15, 1961 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda, Texas by Pastor H.O. Hartfield. Their marriage was blessed with six children: Timothy, Thomas, Douglas, Lana, Lisa and Julianne. Paul enjoyed farming at home where he always had a Jersey cow to milk each morning. Paul also enjoyed hunting with his Poor Boy Hunters from Brenham and fishing in the Brazos with his Serbin Crew. His face would light up at the sight of his grandsons, granddaughters and three great granddaughters. In retirement, Paul and Cydell would go to a sports event (on TV) every evening.

Paul passed away at his home in Serbin the afternoon of June 19, 2021. He is preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Herbert, Sr. and Frieda Hartfield; infant

son, Thomas Ray and infant daughter, Lisa Kay; three brothers, Rev. Clemens (Sonny) Hartfield, Herbert Otto Hartfield Jr., and Frederick Roy Hartfield; one sister, Esther Gaston, and brothers-in-law, Billy Stringfellow, Jimmie Lehmann, and Allan Lehmann.

Paul is survived by his wife of 59 years, Cydell; his children, Tim and Tammy Hartfield of Giddings, Doug and Debra Hartfield of Serbin, Lana and Allen Kaiser of Serbin and Julie Kasper of Serbin; nine grandchildren, Thomas and Brittany Hartfield of Burton, Robin and Justin Elliott of Bryan, Heather Hartfield of Bryan, Haley and Dan Marak of Serbin, Courtney Kaiser of Serbin, Allison Kaiser of Serbin and fiancé, Brent Haas, Brett Kasper of Victoria and fiancée, Jessica McKinney, Ty Kasper of Serbin and fiancée, Ashley Frerich and Brooks Kasper of Serbin; three great granddaughters, Mabry Layne and Reese Hartfield of Burton and Rylee Elliott of Bryan; three siblings, Ethel Stringfellow of Burkburnett, Rev. Robert (Bobby) and Lillie Hartfield of Pennsylvania and Carol and Wallace Lehmann of Warda; brother-in-law, Harry and Patricia Lehmann of Warda; sisters-in-law, Jo Anne Hartfield of Indiana, Sharon Hartfield of Amarillo, Sue Hartfield of Webberville, Carolyn and Bobby Buscha of Warda, and Sandra Lehmann of Warda and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends.

Memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Serbin, Texas or the charity of your choice.

To God be the glory.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Serbin

1572 County Road 211  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 23. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Present for Visitation

JUN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

JUN 24. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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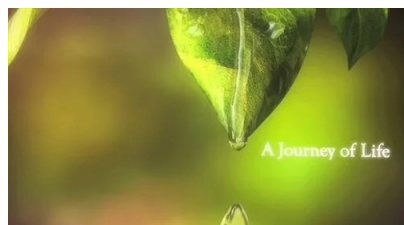
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<http://stpaulserbin.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ *Cydell and family, you have been and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Pastor Hartfield held a special place in our hearts. He baptized Becky as an infant. We knew she and Christina were well prepared for confirmation because he had been their teacher. We were sorry we could not be present for his visitation and funeral, as we were at our grandson's confirmation. May God surround you with His words of peace and comfort.*

*Mark and Leann McClain*

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**Mark and Leann McClain** - July 06, 2021 at 08:25 PM

ML

“ Our family was very fortunate to have Pastor Paul as a member. In reading of his MANY accomplishments as a Minister it is clear that he was a Devoted Pastor and never ceased to do The Lord's Bidding in helping people with their Spiritual needs, and in spreading "The Good News." If one considers the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, and counseling sessions that he officiated over in his long career, as well as the weekly Church services, it would be an amazing number. He has certainly earned his Heavenly Reward. From my entire family, to his extended family, we offer our sincere condolences and well wishes. We Pray that Peace and Comfort will be with you as the next weeks go by.

*With Love and much Reverence,  
Cousin Mark and family.*

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**Mark Lehmann** - June 27, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 23, 2021 at 03:27 PM

TH

“ We were so very sorry to hear of Pastor Hartfield's passing. Our deepest condolences to all of his family and friends. He will be missed! ~The Huenefeld's - John, Tina, Lauren & Layne

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**Tina Huenefeld** - June 23, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.*



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June 22, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *We are so thankful he pronounced our son Justin and Robin married at their wedding. It was a beautiful ceremony and they are the nicest family! Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult times! The Elliott's - Kenneth and Pat*

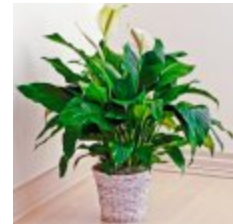


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**Kenneth and Pat Elliott** - June 22, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.*



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June 22, 2021 at 06:50 PM

JJ

“ I hold fond memories of Rev. Paul from days we shared at Dime Box High School. After those days, however, our paths deviated a bit due to our place of ministry. It was only in later years that we were able to meet on various occasions and renew our friendship. The Kingdom of God certainly was enriched by his years of faithful service. "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23).  
Rev, John R. Gantt, Jr.

John R. Gantt, Jr. - June 22, 2021 at 05:50 PM

CA

“ May God give you His peace, comfort, and strength throughout these trying times! Always remember that when life is darkest, God is closest. Gene and I send our deepest condolences to the whole family.



cathy - June 22, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.



June 22, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ 90 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



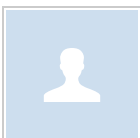
**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 22, 2021 at 10:26 AM

DB

“ Dale And Lisa Belmont lit a candle in memory of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield



**Dale and Lisa Belmont** - June 22, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.



June 21, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ *Pastor Hartfield was a faithful servant of God's Word. His dedication to the heritage of Wendish Lutheranism was nothing less that remarkable. Paul invited me to speak at Serbin's Mission Festival when I first came to Texas 40 years ago. Both he and the congregation found it quite amusing when I turned to leave the pulpit at the end of the sermon and banged my head on the arch over the exit. Well done thou good and faithful servant.*

*Pastor Laurence White*

*Our Savior Lutheran Church, Houston*

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**Laurence White** - June 21, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.*



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June 21, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ *To the Hartfield family, I'm sorry to hear of Pastor Paul's passing. I always enjoyed his sense of humor and wit. Praying for healing and peace to all of you.*



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**Maude Kingsbery** - June 21, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.*



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June 21, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield*



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**Janice** - June 21, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *You blessed so many just by walking down a street. You were a beacon of Christ, to the rich and poor, to the greatly blessed and anyone in need. May you rest in Peace till the day we all are joined with Christ.*



*Dwight Nittsche*

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**Dwight Nittsche** - June 21, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Love Giddings Service Center Employees purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.*



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**Love Giddings Service Center Employees** - June 21, 2021 at 01:56 PM

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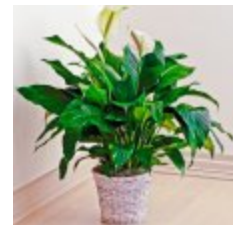
“ Charles And Connie Pampell lit a candle in memory of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield



Charles and Connie Pampell - June 21, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.



June 21, 2021 at 10:55 AM

Fay  
Birnbaum

“ That's true!  
My favorite pastor Hartfield story: I was wearing white capris and I white shirt to church one day and he looked at me and said "I thought I saw an Angel and then I looked again and said "auch that's just Fay!" What a Turkey!! We laughed and laughed! We was an amazing shepherd and a wonderful personality! I am sad for all of us to have lost someone so special! God's blessings to the family!

Fay Birnbaum - June 21, 2021 at 10:54 AM

CM

“ Sincere thoughts & prayers for Gods servant  
Pastor Hartfield.



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**cotton & suzanna medack** - June 21, 2021 at 07:38 AM

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“ Thank GOD for the wisdom, marriage celebration, baptism of my  
baby son, and loads of laughter and wit. You are in every jocular  
mentation and sacred 🍷 heartbeat !! Thank you and God's speed  
dear "Good & Faithful Servant" 💜👁️🕊️ May God bless your  
beautiful family.

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**dr Teresa Kinsfather & family /clinic** 🕊️ - June 20, 2021 at 11:08 PM

BS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. May our loving Savior wrap his  
arms around you and grant you peace during this difficult time  
Fred and Brenda Schultz

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**brenda schultz** - June 20, 2021 at 05:05 PM

DH

“ Gonna miss all those Family Reunions you presided over. You were  
the highlight of the trip. I loved sparing theology with you! You will  
be missed, big time! But then, being only six years my elder, I shall  
see you soon! Till then, enjoy Heaven without me!  
I'm sure Jesus has a wonderful welcome for you Cousin Paul! Love  
you!

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**DrDon Hartfiel** - June 20, 2021 at 04:44 PM

CR

“ *Pastor Hartfield will be sadly missed. During all my years with the sheriff office, he was there for me whenever the need arose. I could call him night or day if I needed advise. May he Rest In Peace.*

*Calvin and Lil Robertson*

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**calvin robertson** - June 20, 2021 at 01:25 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield*



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**Linda Cook** - June 20, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *His lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (Matthew 25:21) Blessings and Comfort to the Hartfield family.*

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**ConKen Schätté** - June 20, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Darlene Hosea Oltmann lit a candle in memory of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield*



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**Darlene Hosea Oltmann** - June 20, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul Walter Hartfield.*



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June 20, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ *Pastor Hartfield performed our wedding, baptized our three babies, confirmed Brandon and performed his funeral. He prepared Brandon for heaven and for that I'll be forever thankful. His kind words, laughter, and gentle spirit will be missed but I know he was so happy to see Jesus. Our love and prayers are with you all during this time.*

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**Amanda Church** - June 20, 2021 at 07:56 AM



“ *Pastor Paul was a great leader in church. I remember him when I was a member there and will always look up to him as a great example for his people. I pray for the family for peace. 🙏❤️🙏*

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**Bea Murphy** - June 19, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ *Pastor Paul has been a part of my family's life forever! He was our rock when Larry and I went through Larry's illness and then when Larry passed into Heaven! The words "Good and Faithful Servant" have never been more appropriate to describe this amazing man! Rest In Peace my friend and love and condolences to all his family!*

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**Cathy Gruetzner** - June 19, 2021 at 11:17 PM

NR

“ Uncle Paul was the best Santa Clause ever. With his pipe and his Santa hop he would deliver presents to the whole family. He will be missed. Love and Prayers. ❤️🙏🙏🙏

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**Natalie Ramos** - June 19, 2021 at 10:13 PM

CS

“ Sincere condolences to family and friends. We will miss him. May we rest in the comfort of knowing he is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the heavenly mansion.



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**Cheryl Sanders** - June 19, 2021 at 08:53 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Paul will always be remembered as a true servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray for God's peace for your family. Rev. Jon Siemsglusz

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**Jon Siemsglusz** - June 19, 2021 at 07:34 PM