



Richard Charles Rucker

January 4, 1942 - October 29, 2017

Funeral services for Richard Rucker, 75, of Warda, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 AM on Monday, November 6, 2017 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda, Texas with Rev. Dennis Tegtmeier officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The family will be present for visitation from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service to follow at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Monday, November 6, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Richard Charles Rucker was born on January 4, 1942 in Houston, Texas, the son of Richard Carlton Rucker and Phyllis Magdalene (Kindall) Rucker. He graduated from Sam Houston High School in Houston in 1960 and attended the University of Texas in Austin and Kilgore Junior College. Richard was united in marriage to MaryAnn Domann on December 4, 1964 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Houston by Rev. George Fickenscher. He was baptized and confirmed on June 6, 1965 also at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Houston by Rev. George Fickenscher. His confirmation verse was I John 4:16, "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." Richard joined the Houston Police Department in 1963, Academy class #29, where he retired as a Senior Patrol Officer in 2003 after nearly 40 years of service. Richard was dedicated to his work as a police officer having been a K-9 handler as well as a field training officer for many years. He greatly

enjoyed interacting with the public. Following his retirement, he and MaryAnn moved to the Warda area where he loved his life in the country. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His affinity with animals carried over to his cattle. He would spend hours sitting on a bucket talking to them to gain their confidence. His beloved dog, Gabe, was his constant companion. He was a member of the Houston Police Retired Officers Association, the Houston Police Officers' Union and attended Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda where he had served as a financial steward and was a member of the voter's assembly and men's club. He was also on the B-B-Q team at Holy Cross and delighted in recounting stories about the massive amounts of meat they prepared for the annual picnic each year. Richard and MaryAnn enjoyed traveling and attending the area country music opries together. But nothing was more important to him than his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Richard passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2017 in a Houston area hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard & Phyllis Rucker; his father-in-law, Herbert Domann and two brothers-in-law, David Pena and Jimmie Lehmann.

Richard is survived by his wife, MaryAnn Rucker of Warda; his son, Kevin Rucker of Leander; his daughter, Kelly Rucker of Houston; three grandchildren, Kennedi Rucker and Addison Rucker both of Leander and Peyton Chapman of Houston; his sister, Nancy Collins and her husband, Chuck of Tomball; his brother, Jim Rucker and his wife, Marianna of Running Springs, California; his mother-in-law, Dora Domann of Houston; three sisters-in-law, Carolyn Lehmann Buscha & her husband, Bobby of Warda, Doris Ude & her husband, Don of Cypress and Shirley Wright & her husband, Doug of Baytown as well as several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Chuck Collins, Dennis Iselt, Drew Joseph, Kevin Lange, Charles Rucker and Jason Rucker. Honorary pallbearers will be Milton Eppoleto, Bill Kindall and Sandy Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine Street, Suite 2400, New York, NY 10005, the Hurricane Harvey Relief for Fayette and Harris Counties, c/o Holy Cross Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 69, Warda, Texas 78960 or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

600 FM 1482
Warda, TX 78960

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
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Family Present for Visitation

NOV 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Prayer Service

NOV 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Public Visitation

NOV 6. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Charles Rucker*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 04, 2017 at 05:36 PM

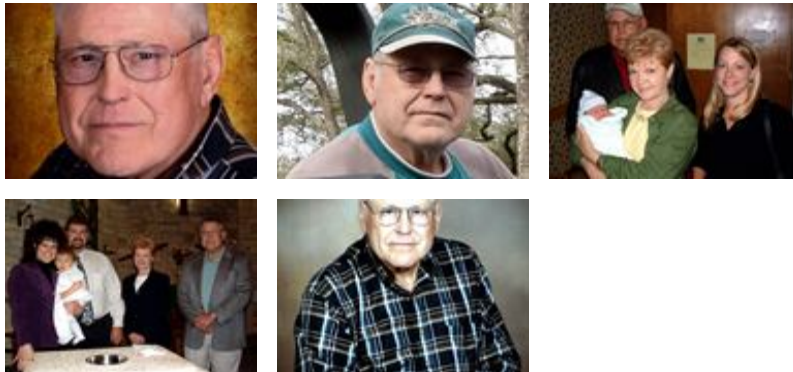
CR

“ *Rode with RC at Northwest and shared some great memories of Northwest Patrol on night shift.*

Charles Russell - April 19, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ *78 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 04, 2017 at 04:17 PM

RG

“ With deepest sympathy over the loss of your loved one, Richard. May the power of prayer ease your sorrow, give you peace and provide much comfort for you during this difficult time. Matthew 21:22

Rebecca Galaviz - November 03, 2017 at 04:05 PM

CJ

“ Christine J. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Richard Charles Rucker.



Christine J. - November 03, 2017 at 01:53 PM

CW

“ Richard and Mary Ann were great neighbors when they live in Houston it was a sad day when they moved away. There Richard lived his dream of living in the country and raising his cattle. Richard will surely be miss by family and friends. RIB

Christine Wright - November 02, 2017 at 08:49 PM

VH

“ R.C., Ed Ruchti, and I took turns working a security job at a bank in Spring Branch back in the 90's. One day, I was relieving R.C. and he asked me why I was so down. I told him about my financial troubles at that time, but that I would "make it". Next thing I know, he was giving up hours to me left and right (and, in retrospect, offering up some pretty lame excuses for not being able to come to the bank). The timing couldn't have been any better and his generosity with those extra hours quickly pulled me out of a hole I have never fell back into. I have never forgotten him for this...

VM Peterson- HouPD - November 01, 2017 at 11:11 PM

DR

“ Richard was my training officer at Station 5 in 1976. He was a great trainer and is mostly responsible for me making it through my 6 months probation! I'm so sorry for your loss. May God be with you through these difficult times.

*With sympathy,
David H Rogers
HPD Retired*

David H Rogers - November 01, 2017 at 07:35 PM

TF

“ The Edward Ruchti Family, Kitch & Burandt Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Richard Charles Rucker.



The Edward Ruchti Family, Kitch & Burandt Families -
November 01, 2017 at 06:10 PM

JS

“ We have wonderful memories of our two bus trips to Branson which wouldn't have been the same without Richard entertaining us all with his many stories. He always had time to stop and visit with us when we crossed paths. It was a blessing knowing Richard and Mary Ann and he will be greatly missed by us all.

Eddie & JoAnn Schneider

JoAnn Schneider - November 01, 2017 at 04:16 PM

BL

“ Our thoughts & prayers to his family and many friends & loved ones. He helped BBQ & provided financial support to the Warda Show Fund when our kids were a part of that wonderful organization. Thanks for being a part of our family's memories and helping support our children's futures...Bradley Loehr, La Grange, Texas

Bradley Loehr - November 01, 2017 at 12:57 PM

LG

“ One of my fondest memories is the day Mary Ann and Richard came to San Antonio and my husband, John, and I met them at our favorite steak house for dinner. We had such a wonderful visit with them that night, catching up on old times, plus lots of "tall tales" and joke telling from both of the husbands!

Love from cousin Luci and husband John

Luci Cockrell Grieshaber - November 01, 2017 at 11:57 AM

DB

“ Debbie & Johnnie Brown purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard Charles Rucker.



Debbie & Johnnie Brown - November 01, 2017 at 05:16 AM

PD

“ Pat Lee and Jeanie Davis purchased the Lavender Sympathy Box for the family of Richard Charles Rucker.



Pat Lee and Jeanie Davis - October 31, 2017 at 10:30 PM

CA

“ *Charlie and Carol Adams purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Charles Rucker.*



Charlie and Carol Adams - October 31, 2017 at 05:48 PM