

Ted Ronald Tonn

July 7, 1946 - February 8, 2019

Ted Ronald Tonn, age 72, of Warda, was called to his Heavenly Home on Friday, February 8, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer. He spent the last week of his life at Scott and White Medical Center in College Station, with his wife by his side, day and night. He answered “The Loving Call of Jesus” at The Hospice Brazos Valley Inpatient Facility at 3:33 P.M., surrounded by his loving family.

Ted was born on July 7, 1946, in Manheim, Texas, the youngest son of Rudolph Alvin Tonn and Lillian Clara Elizabeth (Dunk) Tonn. He was made a Child of God in Holy Baptism on July 28, 1946, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim, being baptized by Pastor Paul Brust.

When he was five years old, his family moved to the family farm in Warda. He then attended grade school at Holy Cross Lutheran School. He was confirmed on April 10, 1960, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, by Pastor Herbert Hartfield. His Confirmation Verse was “For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” (Isaiah 41:13); and Confirmation Hymn was “Blessed Savior, Who Hast Taught Me” Hymn #333. He attended Giddings High School and graduated in May of 1964: “The Class of ‘64”.

When Ted was 17 years old, he proudly volunteered for the United States

Army. With a farming background of hard work, he received a top ranking on his entrance physical. He took a bus ride to Fort Polk, Louisiana, to attend Basic Training on January 2, 1965. After an eight-week training session, he returned home on his leave, and many people were anxious to hear what Basic Training was like. Ted was proud to dedicate his service to the Engineering Brigade during the Vietnam War, completing his Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He took pride in achieving Expert Rifleman Recognition during AIT. He continued his service through the Active Reserves by attending Training Events and Service Meetings in Austin, until his Honorable Discharge on November 30, 1970.

His employment included housing construction, furniture building, road construction at Lange Construction in Brenham; until he began a career as an entry level Electric Lineman at Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative in Giddings on November 1, 1968. His boss appointed him Construction Foreman, and he proudly held that position for over 25 years, leading a crew providing reliable electricity to areas in 14 counties across Central Texas. He retired on February 24, 2006, after 37 years of dedicated service. He was then asked to return part-time in Line Inspection, and worked an additional 9 years, for a total of 47 years of dedicated service.

While working at Bluebonnet, he met the love of his life, LaVerne Krause. They were engaged on Valentine's Day, 1982, and married on November 6, 1982, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Pastor Paul Hartfield. They were blessed with three fine sons: Joshua, Caleb, and Aaron. Ted had a strong faith in God, and loved his family dearly; he was a wonderful husband, a caring and disciplining father, an honest man and a great friend. He shared his faith with anyone he met, quoting the phrase, "The God I Serve is Able." He believed that God would heal him, and he would not hesitate to witness this to the doctors to the very end, as there was no man-made cure for this cancer. Ted is now perfectly whole, resting in the Arms of Jesus, and we await

the time when we will be reunited with him.

While he was on this side of Heaven, Ted thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family; he loved the outside, working on the farm, planting and harvesting crops, and raising cattle. He felt pride in passing this legacy onto his children.

Preceding him in death, were his parents, Rudolph and Lillian Tonn, his only brother, Fred Tonn, and his parents-in-law, Arnold M. and Ruby Krause.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, LaVerne, and their three sons, Joshua and wife Jodie, of San Antonio, Caleb and wife Kyndall, of Caldwell, and Aaron of Warda. He is also survived by two granddaughters, Aubrey and Hadleigh Tonn, of San Antonio, two sisters-in-law, Katie Tonn of Houston, and Elaine Krause of Giddings, one brother-in-law, Harold Krause and wife Paula, of Northrup, one niece, three nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Funeral services celebrating Ted's life will be held on Friday, February 15th, at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda. Burial will take place at the Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will take place at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Thursday, February 14, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., and Friday, February 15, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. The family will be present Thursday from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Pallbearers will be Jerrell Dunk, David Lehmann, Danny Mickan, Tim Mickan, Darrell Schulze, and Ronnie Schulze. Honorary Pallbearers will be Dwight Friedrich, Mark Gerdes, Robert Lehmann, J.B. Mallay, Dennis Pietsch, Gus Schramm, and Willie Wagner.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Holy Cross

Lutheran Church of Warda, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in College Station, or Hospice Brazos Valley of Bryan.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

600 FM 1482
Warda, TX 78960

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

FEB 14. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

FEB 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Church Service

FEB 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ted Ronald Tonn*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 12, 2019 at 03:54 PM

BW

Wow....God, Family, Love and Hard Work!!!! What A Wonderful Life! God Bless all of you 🌹🙏

Bertha Walch - February 13, 2019 at 03:06 PM

BL

What a great Christian man who loved and served God! Caleb, Kyndall and family, May God comfort you and give you His peace! 🙏

Beverly Lilie - February 14, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ted Ronald Tonn.*



February 14, 2019 at 11:44 PM

JT

“ Joshua & Jodie, Caleb & Kyndall, and Aaron Tonn purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Ted Ronald Tonn.



Joshua & Jodie, Caleb & Kyndall, and Aaron Tonn - February 14, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ted Ronald Tonn.



February 14, 2019 at 09:53 AM

LM

“ Sorry to hear that Ted has passed away.. God give your family comfort. Lavonne Morow

Lavonne Morrow - February 14, 2019 at 01:43 AM



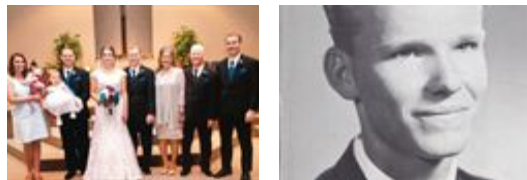
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February 13, 2019 at 07:05 PM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 13, 2019 at 10:52 AM



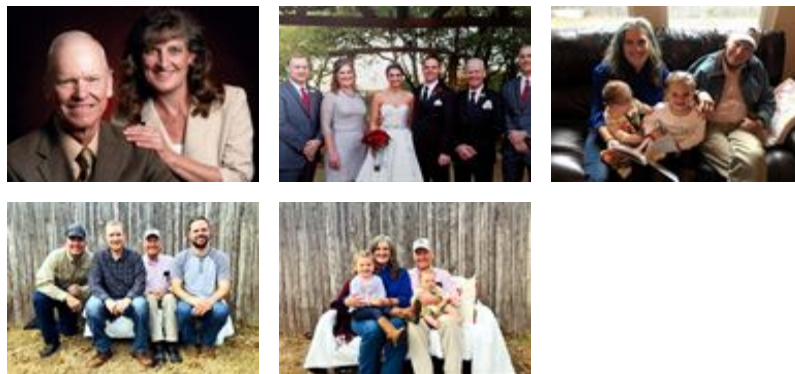
“ Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Ted Ronald Tonn



Linda Cook - February 13, 2019 at 08:04 AM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 12, 2019 at 02:44 PM

PH

“ Much ❤️ Love and Peace 🕊️ to the Tonn family! The Ray Mickan family has so many fond memories of trips from Walburg to Warda to see uncle Rudolph, Tante Lilly, Fred & Ted- getting Easter 🐣 chicks from them, cutting Christmas 🌲 trees, swimming (& almost drowning 🤪 in tanks), drinking out of common water bucket & ladle...& so many more fun & wonderful stories! Thankful for the legacy of Faith & Family that Ted leaves here on earth and for life eternal he now shares through the Resurrection Power of Jesus! 🙏



*Pam (Mickan) Hughes
Midland, TX*

Pam Hughes - February 12, 2019 at 12:06 PM

SH

“ *Sidonia Hardie lit a candle in memory of Ted Ronald Tonn*



Sidonia Hardie - February 11, 2019 at 11:06 PM

DH

“ *Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus lit a candle in memory of Ted Ronald Tonn*



Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus - February 11, 2019 at 10:55 PM

DS

“ Dorothy Schautschick lit a candle in memory of Ted Ronald Tonn



dorothy schautschick - February 11, 2019 at 10:29 PM

DM

“ We are sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Our sympathies to the family. May God comfort you at this time of sorrow.

Clarence and Dianna Mitschke

Dianna Mitschke - February 11, 2019 at 05:39 PM

JO

“ Our sincere condolences to the Tonn family on the loss of such a great man. May he forever live on through the lives of his family. Our prayers are with you during this time, May his soul rest in peace. As long as I have known Mr. Tonn he has been straight forward and God fearing, may he hear these words; "Well done, good & faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." Mathew 25:23
Joel & Sandra Lopez & the crew of Lopez Auto Clinic, LLC

Joel - February 11, 2019 at 04:23 PM

DS

“ Donna Schulze lit a candle in memory of Ted Ronald Tonn



Donna Schulze - February 11, 2019 at 02:38 PM

KF

“ You're in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.
God's blessings to you all.

Jerry and Karen Faske

Karen Faske - February 11, 2019 at 11:24 AM

AB

“ I don't know him but I seen hard working man and I loved that
Yellow Truck he drove that's what I seen hard working man.

A guy from DIME BOX - February 10, 2019 at 09:40 PM

EM

“ Evelyn Mitschke lit a candle in memory of Ted
Ronald Tonn



Evelyn Mitschke - February 10, 2019 at 06:17 PM

SH

“ Sandra Harzke lit a candle in memory of Ted
Ronald Tonn



Sandra Harzke - February 10, 2019 at 02:36 PM

LP

“ *Leslie P. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ted Ronald Tonn.*



Leslie P. - February 10, 2019 at 10:56 AM

PS

“ *Patsy Steglich lit a candle in memory of Ted Ronald Tonn*



Patsy Steglich - February 09, 2019 at 04:10 PM