



## Terry Richard Davis

June 12, 1935 - October 9, 2022

Funeral services for Terry Davis, 87 of Giddings, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Pastor Robert Tiner and Pastor Josh Hahn officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The chilly Fairfield, Iowa landscape became a little warmer on June 12, 1935, when baby Terry Richard Davis was welcomed into the world by his five siblings and parents, Dwight and Nevera (Rupe) Davis. He was born into a family frequently on the move, going where Dwight's military orders directed him. Stops were made in Georgia, Louisiana, and on more than one occasion, in Texas. Terry grew up as the baby in the family, but with only one sister to spoil him, was directed to get in the mix by his brothers.

Terry's first trip to Giddings, Texas, around age 7, brought him into the company of several lifelong friends, not the least of which was Jack Placke. There were scouting activities, trips hitchhiking to Bastrop and Austin to swim, box, and engage in much innocent mischief. The Davis family briefly uprooted

to east Texas but returned to Giddings in time for Terry to attend high school there and to be a part of the GHS 1951 Football State Champion team. High school graduation was briefly celebrated before Mrs. Davis tearfully said goodbye to Terry, the newly enlisted US Marine. Bootcamp meant time in California during the Korean conflict and allowed time to learn electrical repair of aircrafts in Florida. Using the GI Bill, Terry (TR to his friends) attended Sam Houston University (then, teacher's college), where he received a BBA and donned the uniform of a Bearkat cheerleader. His early career was varied with several opportunities to use his business degree before he became a teacher. There were classrooms in Port Neches, La Grange, Flatonia, Round Top Carmine, and finally back in Giddings. One special weekend, leisure time attending a church picnic in Winchester, Texas, brought TR into the company of Selma Marie Matthijetz. This brunette charmer became Mrs. Terry Davis on February 10, 1962. A year later came their daughter, Terri Lyn, and a year after that, their son, Steve. This was a busy time for all with Selma working at Citizen's State Bank and volunteering for numerous local organizations and TR teaching and attending regular weekend and summer drills with the Army National Guard to complete 20 years in the service. One of TR's proudest accomplishments was achieving his Airborne wings in 1968. Busy or not, this was a home filled with laughter, encouragement and directed by faith in God with regular attendance at Immanuel Lutheran Church. In time, grandchildren were added and celebrated. TR left teaching to work as a dispatcher for the Giddings Police Department and to then be elected Lee County Precinct 2 Constable with Selma helping and supporting him. God continued to guide the family through the challenges brought by Selma's cancer and death in 2002. Sadness then was very real but was not to last forever. Encouraged by mutual friends who recognized a possibility of a second chance at love, TR drove to Austin and began keeping the company of Marilyn (Patschke) Zoch. Marilyn was also widowed and the two decided to use the time God gave them to build a life together, marrying in Austin, Texas, on April 22, 2007. For almost fifteen years, TR and Marilyn loved and supported each other, traveled,

adventured, and laughed with and at each other. Marilyn bravely battled cancer twice and went to heaven in March of 2022. With her passing, TR did the best he could to fight his own health battles, accepting help from the caregivers of A Perfect Way while living at his beloved Tick and Red Bug Farm, then moving northward into Governor's Ridge Assisted Living Facility in Decatur, Texas. Here, he heeded the call of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to come home on October 9th, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dwight and Nevera Davis; two wives, Selma Davis and Marilyn Davis; three brothers, Rex Davis, Bruce Davis, and Duane Davis, and one sister, Deloris Hill.

Terry is survived by his children, Terri Lyn Schmidt (Tim) of Decatur and Steve B. Davis (Bamba Scott) of La Grange; his grandchildren, William Schmidt (Megan) of College Station, Daniel Schmidt of Kansas, Timothy "Scooter" Schmidt (fiancée-Katie McRae) of Florida, Anna Schmidt of Waco, and Scott B. Davis of La Grange; great grandchildren, Evangeline Schmidt of College Station, William J. Schmidt, Jr. of College Station and Philip Schmidt of College Station; one brother, Keith Davis (Rosalie) of Winnie, Texas, and sisters-in-law, Nancy Alexander (Doug) of Giddings, Mollie Davis of Austin, Marlene Davis of Brenham, Janet Matthijetz of Marble Falls, and Jeanette Stence of Lexington, and numerous nieces, nephews, and blended family, Russell Zoch (Julie) of Austin and Genna Arbuckle (Derrick) of Colorado.

The family wishes to thank A Perfect Way, Enhabit Hospice, Governor's Ridge Assisted Retirement and Assisted Living Facility, and Solaris Hospice.

Memorials are requested to be directed to Immanuel Lutheran Church Ring the Bell fund or to Immanuel Lutheran School in Giddings, Texas.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12.** 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

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## Funeral Service

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OCT **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Terry Richard Davis*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 11, 2022 at 03:55 PM

PH

*My prayers to the family. He was my teacher in Carmine. Texas. Peggy (Voelkel) Holland*

Peggy Holland - October 11, 2022 at 08:55 PM

JH

“ *I knew Terry and the Davis family all my life and they were all the cream of the crop. I'm sad to know that I won't see Terry this side of heaven again, but I'm looking forward to friendship in the realm that lies ahead. God bless and keep his loved ones until then.*

Janis Hannes - October 13, 2022 at 01:13 PM

JH

“ *Janis Hannes lit a candle in memory of Terry Richard Davis*



Janis Hannes - October 13, 2022 at 01:06 PM

DU

“ Sad to hear. May God give you comfort at this time and always!!  
Douglas and Sedalia Bauer Ullrich , (Class"62-"63 RT-C)

Douglas Ullrich - October 13, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family  
of Terry Richard Davis.



October 12, 2022 at 04:51 PM

RO

“ I hope I'm not incorrect about this and please correct me if I am, but  
I seem to remember Terry doing a parachute jump at the dedication  
of the "new" Legion hall many, many years ago. I also seem to  
remember him playing the bagpipes? At any rate he was a great  
guy!

Ralph Oltmann - October 12, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the  
family of Terry Richard Davis.



October 12, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ *Darlene Hosea Oltmann lit a candle in memory of Terry Richard Davis*



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**Darlene Hosea Oltmann** - October 12, 2022 at 10:36 AM

JZ

“ *Judy Zandt lit a candle in memory of Terry Davis*



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**Judy Van Zandt** - October 11, 2022 at 08:00 PM

CB

“ *Terry Davis gave much to his community and was well respected by everyone. May God Bless his soul.*

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**Carey Boethel** - October 11, 2022 at 05:34 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Terry Davis.*

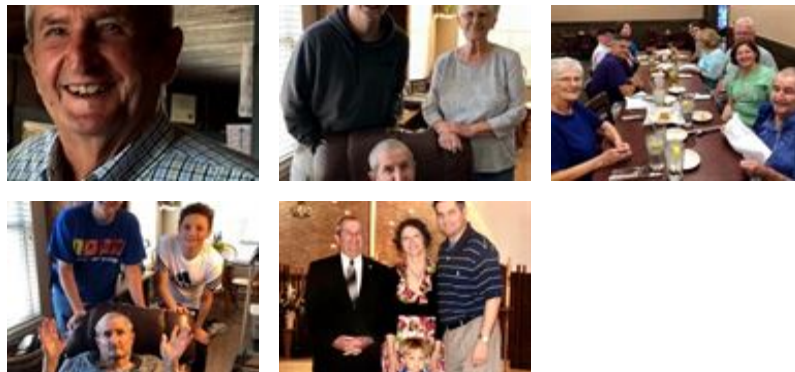


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**Barbara Smith** - October 11, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 11, 2022 at 03:48 PM

MS

“ mschuetz2003@yahoo.com lit a candle in memory of Terry Davis.



mschuetz2003@yahoo.com - October 11, 2022 at 01:19 PM

VF

“ Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Terry Davis.



Violet Frosch - October 10, 2022 at 10:39 PM

SS

“ Terry and I were two of the first four to go to jump school in Fort Benning, GA out of our National Guard unit. I will always remember him not only as Sgt. Davis but as a close and dear friend. I will miss him a lot. God be with all of you now. Steve Simmang

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**Steve Simmang** - October 10, 2022 at 06:44 PM

 Connie Pampell

“ Connie Pampell lit a candle in memory of Terry Davis.



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**Connie Pampell** - October 10, 2022 at 06:28 PM