



Terry Ben Kraatz

June 18, 1962 - February 15, 2019

Graveside services for Terry Ben Kraatz, 56 of Thorndale, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 22, 2019 at Sharp Cemetery. Visitation will also be Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 12 Noon at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Terry was born June 18, 1962 in Dallas, Texas to Ben Pettis and Minnie Beatrice (Works) Kraatz. Terry graduated Rockdale High School in 1981. He joined the U.S. Navy and served four years. After the Navy, Terry met the love of his life. Terry and Christine Forbs were married on November 23, 1996 in Port Lavaca, Texas. They have been married 27 years and although they had no children, Terry became a great father figure and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Terry loved to fish and watch football, but his greatest past time was bar-b-queuing and spending time talking, joking and just being there for family. Terry would call his mom every night at the same time to just say hi and check in on her day. Family was everything.

Terry passed away unexpectedly on Friday, February 15, 2019 at his home in Thorndale. He was preceded in death by his father, Ben Petis Kraatz in 1962; his brother, Ricky Kraatz in 2000; three sisters, Patricia "Pat" Clark in 1992, Barbara McBride in 2007 and Virginia Kraatz in 2018; and step father, John Alford in 2002.

Surviving his wife, Christine Kraatz of Thorndale; his mother, Minnie B. Alford of Minerva; his sister, Wanda Kraatz of Rockdale; nine nieces and nephews, Karen Neely, William Simmons, Christy Poehl, Lee Clark, Travis Clark, Stacy Farr, Shannon Farr, Kari Jordan and Nikki Manas and several great nieces and great nephews. He will be greatly missed.

Memorials may be made to your local VFW Post or any armed services charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Graveside Service

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

Sharp Cemetery
10500 FM 487
Buckholts, TX 76518

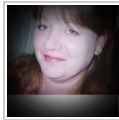
Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathy to all the family. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Frances Clark Kyle

Frances A Kyle - February 18, 2019 at 06:54 PM



Thank you Frances. You know, I haven't seen you since I was a small child. I hope things have been great for you through the years.

Karen Neely - February 19, 2019 at 02:37 PM

CJ

My deepest sympathies to you Chris and the family, my prayers are with all. And I know God will bring you through during this time of sorrow.

*God Bless. 🙏🙏🙏
Cynthia Davis JACKSON*

Cynthia Davis JACKSON - February 22, 2019 at 02:43 AM