



Tommy Louis Speck

June 21, 1951 - July 22, 2024

Tommy Louis Speck, 73, of Caldwell, Texas, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, July 22, 2024, to be with our Lord and Savior. A public visitation will be held on Sunday, July 28th, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell, Texas. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 29th, 2024 at Elizabeth Lutheran Church. Interment will follow at Elizabeth Lutheran Cemetery with graveside tribute services officiated by Reverend Richard Brunk.

Tommy Louis Speck was born on June 21, 1951, to Harvey Speck and Mable Hopkins Speck Richardson in Houston, Texas. He was the middle child of the three children. The family moved to the Livingston Texas area where he went to school and graduated from Livingston High School. After a long distance courtship, Tommy married Karen Schulle on July 20, 1974 in Harlingen Texas. They first made their home in Bryan, Texas and later moved to Caldwell in 1983, where they raised their children Jason and Jamie. Tommy commuted back and forth to work in Bryan, while working for Rheem for almost 20 years and then at Kent Moore Cabinets. He enjoyed woodworking, from making cabinets to dance floors, gun cabinets to furniture. Tommy was the Boy Scout Master of Troop 180 in Caldwell Texas for many years. He loved teaching the boys and taking them camping. He helped several Boy Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout while he served, including his son Jason.

Tommy's life revolved around church and his family. He spent time on the church council at Elizabeth Lutheran Church serving in any capacity that he could help with. Tommy also taught adult and youth Sunday School, and was also a sponsor for the youth group. His favorite part was taking them camping in the summer to watch them bond with nature, each other, and God. He volunteered at the Elizabeth Lutheran Food Pantry, helping Jason and other members of the church build the playground for Jason's Eagle Scout project. His gentle nature and kind spirit had a calming effect on many people at work and in the community. This also helped with his cattle, where he loved to spend most of his free time. Tommy started learning about cattle when he was young, helping his dad at the farm, then later worked at auction barns when he got older. This eventually led him to start hauling cattle all over Texas and other states. He really loved working with his animals.

Tommy was so proud to be able to follow his children and grandchildren around while they were in school at different events. From Jamie's state title in volleyball, to Jason's drumming, to watching the Balcars on the football field, he loved to reminisce about those days, and would share them with anyone that would listen. Tommy Speck was a man that loved his family, his church, his community, and his animals. He loved the Lord, and lived a life he was proud of. His family was blessed to have such a hard working, dedicated, loving man to share life with. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and he will always be remembered with loving thoughts and memories of treasured times spent together.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey Speck and Mable Hopkins Speck Richardson.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Karen Speck; son Jason Speck and wife Melinda of Youngsville, Louisiana and children Madeline and Andrew Speck; daughter and son-in-law Jamie and Bradly Balcar of Deanville, Texas

and children Nathan and Travis Balcar, Nathan's wife, Cassidy Balcar, along with his only great-grandchild Jackson Balcar. Tommy is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Gayle and Sandy Speck of Manvel, Texas; his sister and brother-in-law Rebecca and Wayne Harvey of New Caney, Texas, as well as his nephew Gayle Lee Speck Jr. and wife Jennifer of Friendswood, Texas and children Lauren and Cannon Speck: nephew Ty Harvey and Darryl Rutherford of Cleveland, Texas and daughter Kaydence; Niece Meladee and husband Luke Slade of Huffman Texas and children Madison and Tate Slade. Madison and husband James Dinaso and child Mason of Willis, Texas, and many cousins.

Honoring Tommy as pallbearers are, Gayle Lee Speck Jr., Ty Harvey, Luke Slade, Nathan Balcar, Travis Balcar and Andrew Speck. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Remarkable Hospice of College Station for their dedication and care for Tommy. Special thanks to caretaker, Tamara Ralph, who had a true connection with Tommy.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Elizabeth Lutheran Church Building Fund at P.O. Box 675 Caldwell, TX 77836.

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUL 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
404 W Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836

Funeral Service

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Elizabeth Lutheran Church
165 County Road 307
Caldwell, TX 77836

Interment

JUL 29. 11:30 AM (CT)

Elizabeth Lutheran Church Cemetery
SH 21 E past CR 206
Caldwell, TX 77836

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy Louis Speck*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 25, 2024 at 07:31 PM

BH

My Bubba, brother, Tommy Louis Speck, was a picture of our loving heavenly Father here on this earth. If you don't have a personal relationship with Jesus, I encourage you to accept him as your Lord & Savior & join Tommy in heaven one day. Our grandparents, Elmer & Mellie D. Scott were our pastors growing up. Tommy accepted Jesus at a young age & was baptized in Kickapoo Creek close to Onalaska, Texas when he was about 7 years old. He lived & walked out his faith in the Lord his whole life. He always had gentle, loving spirit with a twinkle of mischief in his eye. He always had a helping hand & a word of encouragement. See ya' on the other side Bub! 🙏❤️

Becky Speck Harvey - July 26, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tommy Louis Speck.*



July 28, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tommy Louis Speck.*



July 28, 2024 at 05:00 PM



“ *Ray Woolf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Louis Speck.*

Ray Woolf - July 28, 2024 at 05:00 PM

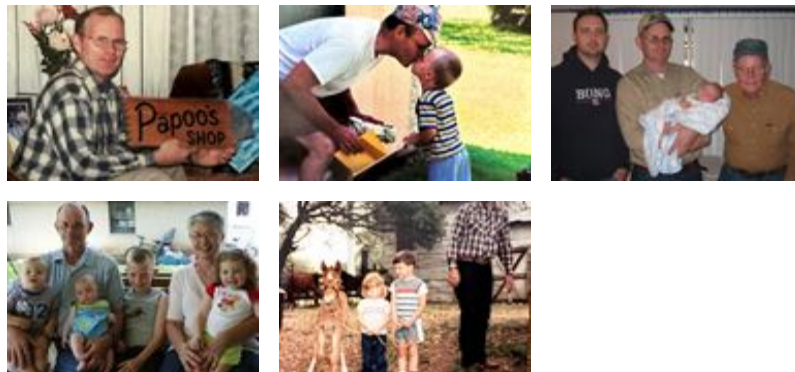


“ *It is with sadness that I say goodbye to another member of LHS Class of 1969. May the family take comfort in knowing that Tommy was a truly good and honorable person who is fondly remembered by those of us who “knew him back then.” Rest in peace.*
Billie Dominy Street

Billie Street - July 28, 2024 at 12:22 PM



“ 151 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 25, 2024 at 02:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Tommy Louis Speck.



July 24, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Tommy Louis Speck.



July 24, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *Schulle Family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Speck.

Schulle Family - July 24, 2024 at 12:29 PM

DF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers to all of the family. 🙏



Dwane and Jalane Wiederhold & Family - July 24, 2024 at 09:30 AM

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“ So Tommy and I go back a long way and share many memories. He was such a hard worker and could do jobs most men wouldn't even try to do. I'm sure the good Lord has welcomed him with open arms. I pray for comfort to the family...Stephen Young

Stephen Young - July 23, 2024 at 07:16 PM