



## Vincent Alvin Van Zandt

August 29, 1952 - June 8, 2017

A memorial service for Vincent Van Zandt, 64, of Giddings, will be held on Friday, June 16, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Sundown Community Center in Sundown, Texas. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

He defined his life by beating his own drum.

Vincent Van Zandt was born in Levelland Texas, where he spent his childhood as the youngest of a family of 7. He always kept a special place in his heart for his loved ones that preceded him in death including his mother Ruth Van Zandt, his father Otto Van Zandt, his brother Joel Van Zandt, his sister Tommie Van Zandt-Perry, and baby brother Victor Avin Van Zandt. He took pride in keeping their memories alive with the telling of fond childhood and life memories. Many of these stories included his big brother Verlon Alvis Van Zandt, a man he always held close to his heart, and also Vincent's partner in crime, best friend and nephew, Steve Perry.

At the age of 32, he took Terri (Hilton) Van Zandt as his wife and stepped in to be the father of two kids, Christi Van Zandt and Cody Van Zandt. Shortly thereafter, he brought two more daughters into this world, Lacy Van Zandt and Zana Van Zandt.

Dad left us with many things including: his individuality (Zana), his stubbornness (Lacy), his independence (Christi), and his knowledge of how to be a good man (Cody). He gave us what he thought we needed and I like to think that he was right. He made us what we are today, a family.

He was a connoisseur of hobbies, too many to list. He was the inventor of the cow chip clock and master of the long way around.

He was an adored and respected father-in-law to Ashley Abbey and Sam Cannon, whom he loved and cared for as much as he loved his own children.

He gave his nine grandkids: Shelbie Lyn Abbey, Kelsi D'lane Abbey, Macie BreAnn Gonzales, Brody Alvin Abbey, Baylee Augustine Abbey, Greyson Allister Abbey, Marley Ruth Cannon, Ever Nyx Cannon, Odin Fletcher Manley Cannon, a love that only their "Papa" could give.

To the love of his life he gave 32 years and I am sure more than a few good stories and memories.

Now he leaves us as he begins his journey, to boldly go where no man has gone before. This is only a fraction of his legacy.

You wore many hats, "Dad/Papa/Vincent". Long after you have reached the stars, your stories and love will carry on.

-We love you a bushel and a peck.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **13**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JUN **16**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sundown Community Center  
Sundown, TX 79372

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincent Alvin Van Zandt*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 13, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *Terri, Christy, Cody, Lacy and Zana, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Vincent was always such a pleasant and friendly man. I know that all of you and all of his grandchildren will miss him terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. RIP Vincent. No more Diabetes, you have been healed.*

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**Sandy Namken** - June 14, 2017 at 03:20 PM



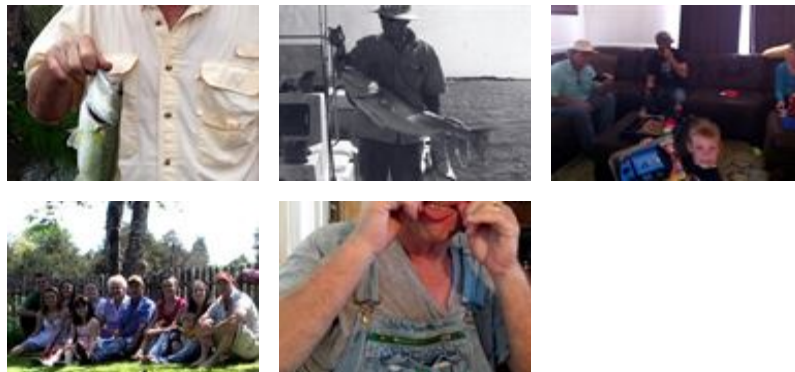
“ *Thank you for sharing the Tribute Video. It was so good to see pictures of Vincent, Ruth, Otto and the family. It sure brought back lots of wonderful memories of great people. The Singleton family and the Van Zant family were practically family, and we loved them like family. I offer condolences to Vincent's family and friends on behalf of the Singleton family of Sundown. He will surely be missed.*

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**Nita Burreson (Singleton)** - June 13, 2017 at 06:48 PM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 13, 2017 at 08:47 AM

MT

“ Sorry to hear the loss of an old friend. Although I haven't seen Vincent in many years, I did find a closeness in his Facebook postings. I hold many fond memories with that family as Otto, Ruth, Verlon and Vincent lived in that wood framed house almost underneath the city water tower. My heart is heavy for the family and prayers are with them at this time. Love you all.....Mike & Mary Lee Trull

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**Mike Trull** - June 11, 2017 at 11:30 PM

LL

“ Lynn And Kenneth Levien lit a candle in memory of Vincent Alvin Van Zandt



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**Lynn and Kenneth Levien** - June 11, 2017 at 07:11 PM

BL

“ A good ol' west Texas boy. We had the pleasure of knowing Vincent for 27 years. May the Creator give peace and comfort to your family, knowing you were a good man. Bill and Janet Lewis

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**Bill Lewis** - June 11, 2017 at 06:09 PM

JK

“ Terri & Family,  
We're so sorry for your loss. May the Lord give you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Judy & Jeff Keaghey

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**Judy Keaghey** - June 11, 2017 at 03:21 PM

RW

“ Verlon, my thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family, God Bless.

*Rick Wilson & Family*

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**Rick Wilson** - June 11, 2017 at 10:19 AM

KA

“ Terri and family,  
  
I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that all the wonderful memories will fill the empty space in your heart. Vincent, Ruth and Otto were great friends with our family in Sundown and will always have such a special place in our hearts.

*Karen Awbrey  
Bob & Robbie Awbrey*

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**Karen Awbrey** - June 11, 2017 at 04:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vincent Alvin Van Zandt.*



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June 10, 2017 at 11:19 PM



“ *Such a sweet and accurate portrayal of Vincent and his life. I love every one of his precious family. We will miss you Vincent.*

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**Roena & Butch** - June 10, 2017 at 05:45 PM



“ *Marilyn lit a candle in memory of Vincent Alvin Van Zandt*



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**Marilyn** - June 10, 2017 at 02:51 PM



“ *You raised a beautiful daughter (Lacy) I know that. May you rest in peace and your family feel your love forever with them. Susan in Kingsland*



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**Susan** - June 10, 2017 at 09:27 AM

RR

“ Dear Cousin Terri Lynn & the whole Van Zandt family,

*Marcia & I are at a loss for words at this time and feel the pain of your loss.*

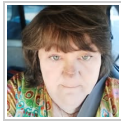
*Take comfort in knowing Vincent is at peace plus he is with the Lord and his brother Joel!*

*Love & condolences,  
Ron & Marcia*



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**Ron Ragland** - June 09, 2017 at 06:49 PM



*Our hearts are with y'all. He was a wonderful grandpa that spent quality time with our grand kids when we couldn't be there for them. You will be missed!*

*Hugs to the whole family,  
The Cannons*

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**Brenda Cannon** - June 10, 2017 at 04:11 PM

PE

*Terri,  
I'm so sorry for what you and your family are going through! Please know I'm praying for y'all!*

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**Patti Edgin-Olivas** - June 10, 2017 at 09:10 PM

DB

*I remember your dad fondly. We all use to drag Main Street in Sundown back in the 70's. He was always such a sweet guy. My deepest sympathy and prayers for your entire family.*

*Hugs,  
Deniese Boyte*

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**Deniese Boyte** - June 10, 2017 at 10:02 PM