



Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner

August 13, 1926 - December 19, 2023

Funeral services for Walter "W.O." Exner, 97, of Lexington, Texas, will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, December 22, 2023 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington with Rev. Jonathan Meyer officiating. Burial will follow in the St. James Lutheran Cemetery in Lexington. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 9:30 am until 8:00 pm and Friday, December 22, 2023 from 7:00 am until 8:00 am at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Walter Oscar Exner, better known as W.O., was born on August 13, 1926 in Lincoln, Texas to Emil Exner and Agnes (Lehman) Exner in Lincoln, Texas. He was baptized on August 28, 1926 and confirmed on May 17, 1940 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln. He graduated from Giddings High School. W.O. served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged on November 30, 1946. W.O. was united in marriage to Norma Toepper on May 30, 1953 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln. They were blessed with three sons. W.O. was a very dedicated and hard worker. While working at ALCOA, he became the first licensed HVAC technician in the state of Texas. He was very good with his cattle, so much so that he could tell you down to the day when they were going to calve. He enjoyed tinkering, going to his place in Moab and coming up with projects for his family to work on. Throughout the years, he served in many capacities in the Lexington

community, including mayor, president of the Chamber of Commerce, organizer of Lexington Community Enterprises, and a member of the Lions Club and Lexington Volunteer Fire Department.

W.O. passed away the evening of Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at Bec's Blessing in Giddings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Agnes Exner; his wife, Norma Exner; his son, Tim Exner, and three brothers, Monroe Exner, Martin Exner, and Clarence Exner.

W.O. is survived by his sons, Rodney and wife Becky Exner of Lexington and Mickey and wife Robin Exner of Lexington; his daughter-in-law, Lisa Exner of Manheim; six grandchildren, Brandon and Heather Exner of Lexington, Dustin Exner of Lexington, Ashley and Ryan Priem of Llano, Matthew Exner of Lexington, Kyle and Kelly Exner of Sugar Land, and Sloan and Brooke Exner of Giddings; eight great grandchildren, Bailey Exner of Pflugerville, Braden Exner of San Marcos, Karley Schulz of Lexington, Addison Priem, Jett Priem, and Jagger Priem all of Llano, Sadie Exner of Sugar Land and Baby Girl Exner arriving in Giddings spring 2024; one brother, Elton "Sonny" and wife Janice Exner of Houston; sister in law, Dorothy Exner of Giddings as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers will be W.O.'s grandsons, Bradon Exner, Dustin Exner, Sloan Exner, Kyle Exner, Matthew Exner, and Ryan Priem. Honorary pallbearers will be B.J. Spencer, Mickey DeHart, Kenny Mostyn, Alan Retzlaff, Stan Spell, Jerry Corbin, Charlie Frazier, Wess Stanley, Frank Newkerk and Rev. Rick Spencer.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. James Lutheran Cemetery

County Road 326
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Public Visitation

DEC 21. 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
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Family Present for Visitation

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Church Service

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
320 North Rockdale Street
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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner.

December 22, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ We are keeping the Exner family in our thoughts and prayers. WO was a wonderful man and we know he will be truly missed.

janet Birnbaum & Layne Boner - December 22, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ Dorothy Schimank lit a candle in memory of Walter Exner



Dorothy Schimank - December 21, 2023 at 08:42 PM



“ To Rodney and Mickey, so sorry for y'all's loss of your Dad. He was always a leader around Lexington and everything else he did. May he rest In peace. And please tell my friend Finnie and his close friend "Hello" from me.

Dwane Wiederhold - December 21, 2023 at 07:47 PM

BF

“ *Sending our sincere sympathy to the family.* ”



Barton & Marcia Felton - December 21, 2023 at 01:44 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner* ”



Michelle Schuetz - December 21, 2023 at 11:53 AM

WW

Some at Alcoa called him Mayor, as he was Mayor of Lexington, Texas for years. I worked with Walter in the late 1970s. He was a great man and a very good mentor. Prayers to the family. Sorry for your loss.
Warren Whorton

Warren Whorton - December 21, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner.* ”



December 21, 2023 at 11:34 AM

TS

“ Tim & Glenda Stence planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner.

Tim & Glenda Stence - December 21, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner.



December 21, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner.



December 21, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner.



December 20, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner.*



December 20, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter Oscar "W.O." Exner.*



December 20, 2023 at 07:23 PM