



Wilbert Lee Wenzel

January 4, 1938 - June 11, 2017

Wilbert Lee Wenzel, 79 of Rockdale, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2017. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Rockdale with Pastor Matt Higginbotham officiating.

Lee was born January 4, 1938 in Rockdale, Texas to Hugo August and Lizzie (Stork) Wenzel. He attended schools in Sharp, Coupland and Elgin. Lee married Cynthia Galfas on August 25, 1961 in Houston, Texas. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1960 and was honorably discharged in 1962. Lee then served in the United States Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis before being honorably discharged in 1965. He worked at Randall's in Houston as the Meat Market Manager for 40 years before retiring in 1992. They came to Rockdale, where he then raised turkeys until 2012. His farm was the 1999 Growout Farm Runner Up and in 2004 he received the 1st Place Environmental Award. Lee was raised in the Lutheran Church and was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Rockdale, Texas. He enjoyed working on the farm as well as tending to his cows and his land, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son, Steven Carroll Wenzel on June 17, 1978; father and mother, Hugo August in 1974 and Lizzie Wenzel in 2007; brother, Carroll Roy Wenzel in 1947; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Count and Tena Galfas.

Lee is survived by his wife of 55 years, Cindy Wenzel of Rockdale, Texas; daughter, Leah Wenzel Litchauer of Rockdale, Texas; grandchildren, Emily Litchauer Wisican and husband Evan and Aubrie Litchauer; brothers, Kenneth Wenzel, Thomas Wenzel and wife Dotty, Amos Wenzel, David Wenzel and wife Pearl, and Randolph Wenzel; sisters, Delaris Wenzel Barclay and Marjorie Wenzel Robbins and husband Terry; sister-in-law, Eugenia Burke and husband Howard; nephews, Roger Wenzel and wife Esther, Rodney Wenzel and wife Mia, Hugh Wenzel and wife Michelle, Ken Lee Wenzel, Darrell Wenzel and wife Cheryl, Brett Burke and wife Nancy, Jeff Burke and wife Gini, Chad Wenzel and wife Amy, Keith Wenzel and wife Sarah, Tye Burke and wife Meghan, Dylan Burke and wife Sarah, and Joseph Burke; nieces, Vicki Hinman and husband Mitch, Amy Richter and husband Jonathan, Mellissa Popkoff and husband Steve, Mary Anne Burke, Meredith Mapes and husband Alex, Allie Burke, and Lauren Sutherland and husband Ty; and his beloved pets, Ellie and Monkee.

Honorary pallbearers are Jimmie Lee Stork, Darrell Wenzel, Evan Wisian, Jeff Burke, Hugh Wenzel and Chad Wenzel.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation in Lee's name be made to First Baptist Church in Rockdale at 240 Green Street, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

Cemetery Details

Bushdale Cemetery

2800 N. FM 908
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Rockdale
240 Green Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

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“ *Paul Brockenbush lit a candle in memory of Wilbert Lee Wenzel*



Paul Brockenbush - June 16, 2017 at 08:46 AM

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Thank you for the candle. Have a good day!

Leah Litchauer - March 17, 2021 at 12:48 AM

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“ *Dear Cindy, Leah and entire Wenzel Family,*

I have many great remembrances of Lee during the years we worked together at Randall's. He was a compassionate leader who set the example for his team to follow. His moral character and ethical standards were above reproach and he garnered that respect from all who worked with him. I can recall many Thanksgiving's and Christmas's hauling Turkeys and Hams from the warehouse to the stores in our pickup trucks so that our customers could have just the perfect size turkey for their family holiday.

Lee will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by myself and all of those who knew him. I am confident he is in a joyful place with his Lord and with those of his family who preceded him.

Most Sincerely,

Ron Barclay

Ron Barclay - June 14, 2017 at 08:04 PM