



William Fred Brinkmann

December 16, 1937 - September 28, 2024

William Fred Brinkmann, 86, of Deenville went to be with our Lord and Savior on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Visitation will be held Friday, October 4th, from 5-7 pm with immediate family present. Funeral services/Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 5th at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Chriesman Cemetery at 12 p.m.

William Fred Brinkmann was born on December 16, 1937, to Oscar Brinkmann and Annie Lee Mynar in Deenville, Texas. He was the first born of five boys. Fred's parents were sharecroppers, so as soon as he could walk, he was picking cotton and any other crops they grew until his parents settled down in Temple, Texas.

William delivered milk and had a paper/magazine route and attended Immanuel Lutheran in Temple and then graduated from Temple High School in 1956. Shortly after high school, he enlisted in the United States Army. During his time of service, he trained in Fort Gordon, Georgia, as a field radio repairman. Although he was stationed at other places while in the Army, Wildwood Army Station in Kenai, Alaska was one of his favorite places. He was there for 1 year, 11 months & 2 days and during this time, Alaska became a state.

On July 8, 1959, he was Honorably discharged from the Army out of Fort

Lewis Washington. He would always tell us and anybody who asked exactly how long he served, and he would answer without hesitation, “2 years, 9 months, 13 days and 6 hours”. He amazed everyone because he remembered this exactly to the hour and until the very end of his days.

Exactly one month later August 8, 1959, he married the love of his life, Annie Mae Urbernosky of Caldwell. On January 14, 1961, they had their first child, Curtis Allen. They moved to Houston to take care of Annie Mae’s family and he began working for the City of Houston as a computer analyst & programmer. On February 4, 1970, they had their second child, Cynthia Ann. While working and living in Houston, he and Annie Mae bought a weekend house in Deanville, and then later bought and managed a gas station & beer joint for a few years called The Tavern, which they closed in the early 80s.

William had many hobbies that he and Annie Mae enjoyed with family, one of their favorites were camping at various parks in Somerville and Belton lake areas for sometimes weeks at a time. Another of his favorite things to do was play guitars, especially the steel and acoustic. As a matter of fact, he built an amplifier and a guitar during his earlier years. He played music with his Son and many other friends and family. And at one time, he and a few of his friends formed a small band that played around the Deanville/Caldwell area in local bars, dance halls and family parties and reunions.

William loved photography and always took pictures of anything and everything from people to flowers and scenery, spending more time behind the camera instead of in front of the camera. After working for the City of Houston for 27 years, 4 months and 6 days, he retired on January 3, 1989, and moved back to Deanville. During his retirement days, he was able to spend time gardening, landscaping, taking pictures, playing guitars and spending time with friends and family karaokeing in The Tavern. His most used nicknames given by family and friends were Buck, Buster, Popsie & Pop.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Annie Lee and Oscar, his wife, Annie Mae and two brothers, Curtis and Ernest.

He is survived by his son Curtis Brinkmann and wife Sherri of Conroe, his daughter Cynthia and husband Jason Williford of Deanville, and many other family and friends.

Honoring William as pallbearers are Carl Gammage, Derek Brinkmann, Jonah Baker, Bryan Mikulin, John Laffere and Bennie Jones. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heart of Acara Foundation.

The family wishes to thank Acara Hospice, Heart of Acara Foundation, Peach Creek Assisted Living and the love and care given by its caregivers.

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Interment

OCT 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

Chriesman Cemetery
Cr 328
Chriesman Community
Caldwell, TX 77836

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Fred Brinkmann*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 02, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ *Margaret S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William Fred Brinkmann.*



Margaret S. - October 06, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ *Johnnie storrs purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William Fred Brinkmann.*



Johnnie storrs - October 03, 2024 at 02:17 PM

JS

“ *Johnnie storrs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Fred Brinkmann.*

Johnnie storrs - October 03, 2024 at 02:17 PM

SM

“ *I was sad to hear about Buster passing away. He was a very nice man. My condolences to all of his family. God Bless you all, Shannon Maresh*

Shannon Maresh - October 03, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William Fred Brinkmann.*



October 03, 2024 at 09:55 AM

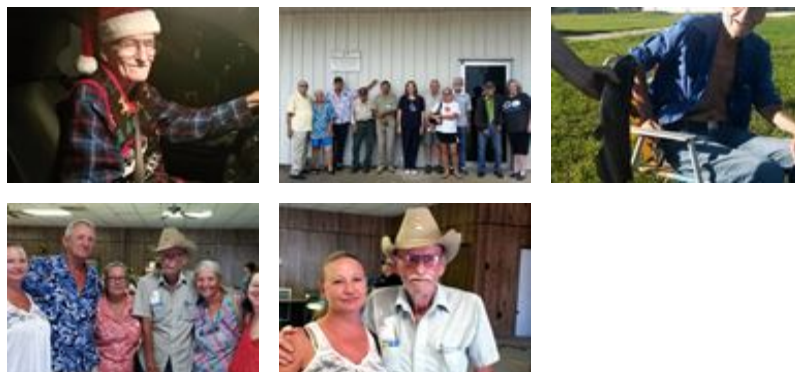
NT

“ *NAPA AUTO PARTS OF CONROE, TEXAS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Fred Brinkmann.*

NAPA AUTO PARTS OF CONROE, TEXAS - October 03, 2024 at 09:55 AM



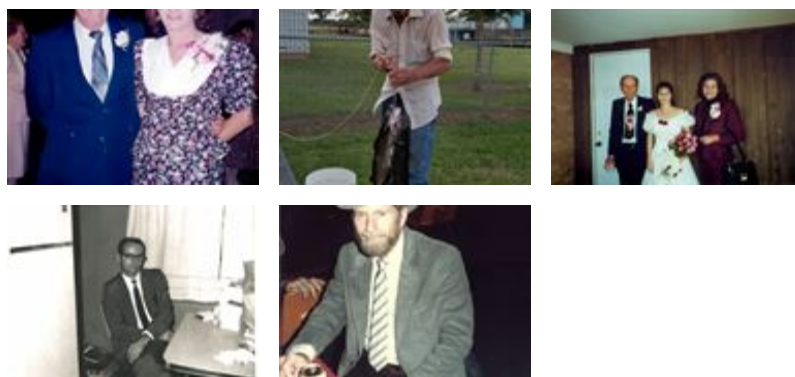
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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 02, 2024 at 04:51 PM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 02, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ Remember the late nite karaoke with Buster and the gang at the bar. Those were some great memories and Buster was the finest host. Buster was a great guy. Mr Mack The Knife, he would call me.

Bob - October 02, 2024 at 12:52 PM

TH

“ Enjoyed reading these beautiful sentiments of Uncle Buster. I will always remember him to be a gentle, quiet, caring Man. So blessed to read how he touched so many. We are praying GOD is with you as you move forward, giving you HIS PERFECT PEACE and COMFORT. Love, Terri and Tim Hamilton

Terri and Tim Hamilton - October 02, 2024 at 08:15 AM

TF

“ The Gregurek Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Fred Brinkmann.



The Gregurek Family - October 02, 2024 at 12:48 AM

TF

“ The Gregurek Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Fred Brinkmann.

The Gregurek Family - October 02, 2024 at 12:48 AM

JW

“ I will forever miss seeing him when I come in to work and he would always look at me and smile I would say hey my buster buster scratch his back and he would always say will you marry me I loved him so much and enjoyed taking care of him

Jojo Williams - October 01, 2024 at 07:02 PM

JS

“ *John Wayne & Debbie (Brinkman) Schulz lit a candle in memory of William Fred Brinkmann*



John Wayne & Debbie (Brinkman) Schulz - October 01, 2024 at 04:52 PM

FF

“ *Feil Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Fred Brinkmann.*



Feil Family - October 01, 2024 at 02:29 PM

FF

“ *Feil Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Fred Brinkmann.*

Feil Family - October 01, 2024 at 02:29 PM

BP

“ *He will forever be "our boat driver", that's my greatest memory! All of us kids on the boat with 'Buster' driving. And the music, we always had music. ❤️*

Blanda Sue Penn - October 01, 2024 at 02:04 PM

KC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Cindy, Curtis and the family. Buster was a kind person and talked to everyone. We enjoyed talking to him back in the old days. Rest in peace.* ”

Kathryn Charanza - October 01, 2024 at 11:15 AM

LB

“ *Larry & Lisa Blum lit a candle in memory of William Brinkmann* ”



Larry & Lisa Blum - September 30, 2024 at 02:18 PM

GC

“ *Was saddened to hear that Buster had passed. I had just asked about him in a recent conversation. Our condolences to the family. They are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Gerald “Jerry” Collard - September 30, 2024 at 01:07 PM