



Chuck "Butch" Shepard

September 3, 1943 - May 21, 2026

Henry Charles Shepard, longtime and well known resident of Elmo, passed away peacefully on the evening of May 21, 2026 with his devoted family at his side. Whether you knew him as Chuck, Butch, Shep, Dad, PawPaw or Mayor, he made an instant and everlasting impact on each life with his generosity, humor and wit, kindness and dedication.

Chuck was born September 3, 1943 in Elmo, beloved son to James and Myrtle Shepard, He grew up and attended school in Elmo and then transferred to Wills Point High School (because Elmo only had the elementary schools at that point). While attending Henderson County Junior College, Chuck would meet the woman, Georgia, who would set his life on the perfect and pre-destined journey, filled with happiness and success for the many decades they would be together. Georgia's sweet spirit evened out Chuck's incredible liveliness and he lovingly called her Cookie. On July 17, 1965, they were married and were blessed with three daughters, each of whom brought perfect balance to Chuck and Cookie's lives. In 1977, he started his own company, Greater Southwest Interiors, where he oversaw both commercial and residential projects requiring flooring. Chuck's talent for knowing people AND products gave him a highly sought after reputation for his ability to take any project, big or small, and have the installation done honestly, with integrity and at a value for the suppliers and the client. When not working, Chuck was infinitely dedicated to his communities that he lived and worked in. He was a member of the Lancaster Masonic Lodge #160 along with the James Ladd

Burgess Lodge #1305 and was a lifetime member of Scottish Rite and the Eastern Star. While he and Cookie lived in Lancaster, he was elected and served on the Lancaster ISD School Board for 9 years as well as staying active in his daughters' school activities at their respective campuses. His involvement and commitment to improving Lancaster led him to be unanimously selected for the Golden Gaither Award, an annual, prestigious and community honor presented by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and members of the Chamber. After retiring, he returned to Elmo to his land where he baled hay, continued to mentor other flooring colleagues and their companies as well as, once again, diving into the local community organizations to serve. He served on so many civic and non profit groups including being president of the Elmo Water Board, developed a community wide Crime Watch for Elmo, served on the Kaufman County Fire District Board so that Elmo could have one of the most esteemed Volunteer Fire Departments, along with helping Elmo Cemetery become not only a historical memorial of past residents but also an organization concentrated on maintaining the beauty and future for the generations that will follow.

A man who endlessly provided for both his family and his friends, Chuck's example of putting others before himself will be the legacy that everyone who knew him will be proud to carry on in honor of his life. While Alzheimer's did dim a few of his memories, his family takes comfort in knowing that Chuck's countless acts of service, love and generosity to so many will forever be the greatest memory of a beloved husband, wonderful father and cherished PawPaw.

He was joyfully welcomed into Heaven by his parents and his siblings: John Allen Shepard, Nancy Childress, Donna Coker, Delilah Parker, Paul Shepard and George Clower.

He leaves his legacy of selflessness to be remembered by his wife of almost 61 years, Georgia 'Cookie' Shepard; daughters: Shawn Shepard, Amber Heine and husband, Darrell, Wendy Grantges and husband, Ab; grandchildren: Sara (Jace), Katie, Jessica(Rob), Paige (Vic), Camryn

(Shawn), Tallon, Tyson(Melissa), Asa, Baxter(Savannah), Brantly(Paige), Carol and Hank, great grandchildren: Riley, Annalie, Cooper, Avery, Bryce, Lauryn, and Clara as well as several nieces, nephews, other extended family and a host of other friends made over eight decades of living life to the fullest, every day.

“This is not farewell, just a pause...”

Funeral service for Chuck will be at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2026 at First Baptist Church of Terrell with interment to Elmo Cemetery. His family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

The family would like to thank Chuck’s caregivers, Lena and Mariana, for their tireless care for so many years making both of them as close as family. Also, his family extends their gratitude to the entire staff of Hospice Plus for their commitment in providing assistance and dignity during his hospice journey.

For those wishing, donations in honor of Chuck can be made to the Elmo Cemetery Association at PO Box 150, Elmo, TX, 75118 or to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

Cemetery Details

Elmo Cemetery

CR 352
Elmo, TX 75161

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Funeral Service

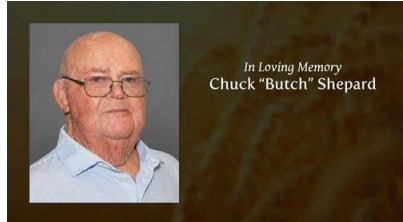
MAY 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Terrell
403 N. Catherine
Terrell, TX 75160
<http://www.fbcterrell.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Chuck "Butch" Shepard*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 01 at 09:36 AM

MW

“ *I was saddened to hear of the passing of Butch. My heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends during this difficult time. Butch touched many lives and will be definately be remember by me. May your cherished memories bring comfort and peace in the days ahead.*

Melanie Wilson - June 03 at 09:56 AM

SM

“ *Shelley Martinez lit a candle in memory of Chuck "Butch" Shepard*



Shelley Martinez - June 01 at 10:00 AM

MO

“ Mary O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.

Mary O. - May 27 at 07:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



May 27 at 05:28 PM

MO

“ I met Chuck thru my husband they was friends! But I got to know him, after my husband passed! And we became good friends! I called him, Mr. Shepard!
I found him to be very good person!
He promised my husband, take care of my needs around the farm, and He did! (:
I loved him, we laughed a lot! (: I will miss him dearly! He claimed my sisters also!
Ms Mary and Family Much Love ❤️

Mary Owens - May 27 at 05:22 PM

G1

“ Graduating Class of 1961 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.

Graduating Class of 1961 - May 27 at 04:42 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.*



May 27 at 11:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.

May 27 at 11:44 AM



“ *Love, Arthur, Mark and Dana Beeler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.*



Love, Arthur, Mark and Dana Beeler - May 27 at 11:12 AM



“ *Donald C. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.*



Donald C. - May 27 at 10:49 AM

VK

“ Vickie K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.

Vickie K. - May 27 at 09:54 AM

BL

“ Bob, Michelle, Kyle Mitchell; LupeFlorez purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



Bob, Michelle, Kyle Mitchell; LupeFlorez - May 27 at 09:52 AM

BC

“ Buddy and Jan Chamberlin purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



Buddy and Jan Chamberlin - May 27 at 09:22 AM

FB

“ From The Brimage's(David,Monica,Damon) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



From The Brimage's(David,Monica,Damon) - May 26 at 06:51 PM

TF

“ The Foreman Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



The Foreman Family - May 26 at 05:57 PM

TF

“ The McVay Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



The McVay Family - May 26 at 05:29 PM

YF

“ Your Foreman and Cespedes family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



Your Foreman and Cespedes family - May 26 at 03:56 PM

YF

“ Your Foreman and Cespedes family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.

Your Foreman and Cespedes family - May 26 at 03:56 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams* was purchased for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



May 26 at 01:15 PM



“ *Casen Thompson and Family* purchased the *Sweet Liberty* for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



Casen Thompson and Family - May 25 at 10:47 PM



“ *Steven, Jack, & Gale Johnson* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



Steven, Jack, & Gale Johnson - May 25 at 04:41 PM



“ *Judy & Eddie McCord* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.

Judy & Eddie McCord - May 25 at 04:09 PM

JM

“ Judy & Eddie McCord planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.

Judy & Eddie McCord - May 25 at 04:09 PM



“ Amy Keltner lit a candle in memory of Chuck "Butch" Shepard



Amy Keltner - May 25 at 09:32 AM

TS

“ Extremely proud to call him Uncle Chuck.

Tiffany Gillen Scheffer - May 24 at 09:02 PM

MK

“ Mike ,and Mary,Matt and Mandy,PD and Kim purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



Mike ,and Mary,Matt and Mandy,PD and Kim - May 24 at 04:19 PM

CD

“ My prayers and love are with you all and all of our family and friends!!!!!! I always loved and admired your Momma and Daddy, Blessed to have you all as my family!!!!!! When I was a child, a lot of family called him Shep. Momma said it was because his last name is Shepard. It just seem to stick with me. Just like my beautiful Aunt Beth, Chuck. and Cookie always made me feel loved and special!!!!!! I have missed you all being at the family reunion and it was always special when Chuck and Cookie were able to come!!!! There is never enough time to spend with family and friends here on earth!!!! Chuck is in heaven now with our family circle there. When we get there to join them, it will be the most beautiful, wonderful, family reunion that will be like the most amazing wonderful vacation in paradise forever!!!!!! I believe Aunt Beth was one of the angels that meet him at the heavenly gate. My prayers and love are with you all always!!!!!!

Carolyn Dempsey - May 24 at 02:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



May 24 at 02:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.

May 24 at 02:31 PM

BS

“ Bailey, Lynnsi, Sarah purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Chuck "Butch" Shepard.



Bailey, Lynnsi, Sarah - May 23 at 12:12 AM

WB

“ A good friend and hard worker all his life. From owning and managing his businesses to baling hay. He gave it his all. Along with some advice from time to time! I remember him “holding court “ in his barn/office as he kept an eye open for anything going on in his neighborhood. He was the unofficial “Mayor” of Elmo and possessed a wealth of knowledge about all things in East Kaufman County.

He so loved Cookie and his girls very much.

He will be missed by many. The Elmo Community has lost a great supporter of anything that made Elmo better.

Susie and I send our deepest condolences.

Bruce Wood

Wood Bruce - May 22 at 03:09 PM

CR

Love and prayers to your family. Carol Ranes

Carol Ranes - May 27 at 09:36 AM