



## Joachim "Joe" Pater

June 30, 1934 - September 6, 2024

Joachim "Joe" Paul Pater was born in Matzkirch, Germany on June 30, 1934, to Fritz and Martha Urbach Pater.

At the end of World War II, the Pater family relocated to Hamelin, Germany. Joe earned a certificate as a master baker and worked for two years in the Black Forest.

He joined the German Army as a radio man. While sharing barracks with the U.S. Army, Joe realized that he wanted to emigrate to the United States. With the help of his uncle, Reverend Frank Pater of Vattman, Texas, he came to the United States in 1956, and was sponsored by Vernie and Blanche Hubert of Riviera, Texas. The Huberts and their children became his beloved American family. He enrolled at Texas A&I College in Kingsville. The Huberts then sent him to Texas A&M, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in math and physics.

Joe was later joined in the United States by his sister Gisela Papenfuss and her family, his sister Johanna Nealon Woodbury, and his brother Arnold.

After graduating from Texas A&M, Joe taught German and math at Blinn College for two years. In 1963, he moved to Houston and began working for AMF Tuboscope, where he worked for 36 years. While at AMF Tuboscope, he enrolled at the University of Houston and earned his Bachelor of Electrical

Engineering degree. Joe traveled around the world with Tuboscope as a teacher of non-destructive testing techniques. A polylinguist, he taught his classes in French, Spanish, Russian, and his native German.

In 1964 he met Blanche Hrachovy. They were married on December 26, 1964, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, and celebrated 59 years of married life. Joe and Blanche had one daughter, Anne. Anne, her husband John Uglum III, and Joe's grandsons Michael and Patrick Uglum were his pride and joy.

After retiring from AMF Tuboscope in 1999, Joe established his own company, Joe Pater NDET, and traveled the world teaching non-destructive testing techniques until he finally retired in 2010.

Joe was known for his wit and his storytelling. He often entertained people with stories of his adventures as a youth, and of his family escaping into the Czech Republic during World War II.

Joe enjoyed watching Texas Aggie football games, skiing, reading, and music. He was a patron of the Round Top Festival Institute, Shakespeare at Winedale, and the Houston Grand Opera.

Joe is survived by his wife Blanche, his daughter Anne, Anne's husband John, his grandsons Michael and Patrick, and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond, Texas.

The burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery near Ellinger, Texas.

The family requests no flowers, however, they would be honored if you would

make a donation in Joe's name to the charity of your choice.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B. F. Terry Boulevard (Highway 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Phone: (281) 341-8800.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
507 S. Fourth Street Richmond, TX US 77469  
Richmond, TX 77469

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ So sorry for your loss. Hope Uall have a special day. Don Linnstaedter

DonLinnstaedter - October 07, 2024 at 05:37 PM

JH

“ Mr. Pater was highly esteemed in the Inspection industry; I was lucky to have been his student. He left a positive life-long impression on me. Rest in peace my friend and condolences to all his family.

Jesse Herrera - September 19, 2024 at 04:21 PM

PM

“ I was so fortunate to have lived next to Joe, Blanche and Anne for all those years on Victoria Drive. Joe was an amazing man who loved to help family, friends and the community. I'll cherish the time we spent talking outside, the help he provided our family farm, and bringing Joe and Blanche ducks and geese from our hunts. My best to the family

Pat McColloch - September 15, 2024 at 07:41 AM

DR

So sad to hear of his passing. Such a nice man he was. A story teller definitely. My condolences to his family. 🙏🙏🙏

DeAnna Rodriguez - April 22 at 08:18 PM

JF

“ Jerry & Sara ( Hubert) Hoog Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Joachim "Joe" Pater.



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**Jerry & Sara ( Hubert) Hoog Family** - September 10, 2024 at 08:17 PM

JF

“ Jerry & Sara ( Hubert) Hoog Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joachim "Joe" Pater.

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**Jerry & Sara ( Hubert) Hoog Family** - September 10, 2024 at 08:17 PM

JW

“ Aunt Blanche and Anne you are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time in life. I have fond memories of Uncle Joe and his great humor and know he will be missed, but not forgotten. I wanted to share this poem with you by Henry Scott Holland: *Death is Nothing At All*

*Death is nothing at all.  
It does not count.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
Nothing has happened.*

*Everything remains exactly as it was.  
I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly  
together is untouched, unchanged.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by the old familiar name.  
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity of sorrow.*

*Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed  
together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of shadow upon  
it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but a negligible accident?*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?  
I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just  
round the corner.*

*All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.  
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.  
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!*

**Jeanne Wallace** - September 10, 2024 at 11:40 AM

VA

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences.*

**Visiting Angels** - September 08, 2024 at 01:27 PM

JM

*I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my prayers and sending heart hugs. Jan Morrison*

**Jan Morrison** - September 09, 2024 at 06:03 PM

MS

“ *Blanche and family,  
Eternal rest to Joe and may perpetual light  
shine upon him. May God grant you His  
comfort and peace.*



**Marilyn and Leroy Stavinoha** - September 08, 2024 at 12:58 PM