



Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter

August 26, 1967 - October 21, 2025

Memorial services for Mr. Richard Boelter, 58, of Beckville, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2025, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bob Bryant, and Justin Pierce officiating. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be held 7-9:00 p.m. Sunday night at Hawthorns.

Mr. Richard Andrew “Rich” Boelter was born August 26, 1967, in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He passed this life October 21, 2025, at his Beckville, Texas home.

Richard was the third of five children born to the marriage of Barbara Ann Gauerke and Gerald Roger Boelter. He was raised and schooled in Oconomowoc graduating with the high school class of 1985. He went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Psychology through the University of Wisconsin in Madison and obtained his nursing degree through the Panola College of nursing.

Mr. Boelter spent his career in Nursing through Good Shepherd beginning in 2005. Rich was a light to his profession through his care and compassion, concern for coworkers and nurturing and mentoring new nurses. He dedicated these last ten years to patients in the ICU.

Rich was a member of the Cypress Valley Bible Church. He was known as “Big Papa”, loved time with family and friends cooking, gardening, bird watching and following the Packers, Brewers and Bucks. He was quick witted and quick to remind you “I’m kind of a big deal.” He is preceded in death by

his parents.

Mr. Boelter is survived by his loving wife, Kelly Pierce Boelter of Beckville, children, Madison Boelter of Beckville, Grace Williford and Dillin Adley of Elysian Fields, BreAnna Mitchell and husband Keith of Elysian Fields, Bailey McDowell of Houston, Kendall McDowell and Christine Littrell of Humble, Craig McDowell and wife Jen of Dayton, step children, Ella Howard of Beckville, Charlee Howard of Beckville, Dana Russell and husband Austin of Beckville, Dustin Carr of Beckville, Dalton Pierce of Beckville; siblings, Todd Boelter and wife Carolyn of Bettendorf, Iowa, Marie Jasen and husband Jim of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Tim Boelter and wife Lynn of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, Helen Peterson and husband Scott of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; 18 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends and his devoted work family at Good Shepherd.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 27, 2025 at 05:14 PM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 26, 2025 at 10:54 AM

CC

Absolutely beautiful for a beautiful soul inside and out!

Candy McWhorter Castillo - October 26, 2025 at 08:44 PM

SM

Praying for All Rich's loved ones; may God comfort each you. A wonderful legacy

Seressa Miller - October 26, 2025 at 09:21 PM

DH

I was fortunate enough to know Rich. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Diana Hartman - October 27, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MA

“ Rich brought so much positivity and genuine goodness to Christus, and has had a significant impact on several classes of Internal Medicine residents that rotated through the Good Shepherd ICU. As a former IM resident at this hospital, I have so many memories of him and his kind approach to just about everything. He was one of the nurses who helped me survive ICU rotations when I was just learning the ropes, I hope he knew how much we residents appreciated him. Rich, your impact will be felt for years to come, you will be dearly missed.



Marlena Alosi - October 31, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.



October 31, 2025 at 09:50 PM

SA

“ Sincerest regards, Marlena Alosi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.

Sincerest regards, Marlena Alosi - October 31, 2025 at 09:50 PM

GL

“ Sending prayers of peace and comfort to the whole Boelter family. Rich was there for me best friend I could've ever hoped to have. He was there for me when no one else was. I'm gonna miss the random I miss you message from him. So glad I have saved all of the messages. I'm going to miss you buddy.



Gina LaRusso - October 29, 2025 at 01:18 PM

GL

“ Gina L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.

Gina L. - October 29, 2025 at 01:05 PM



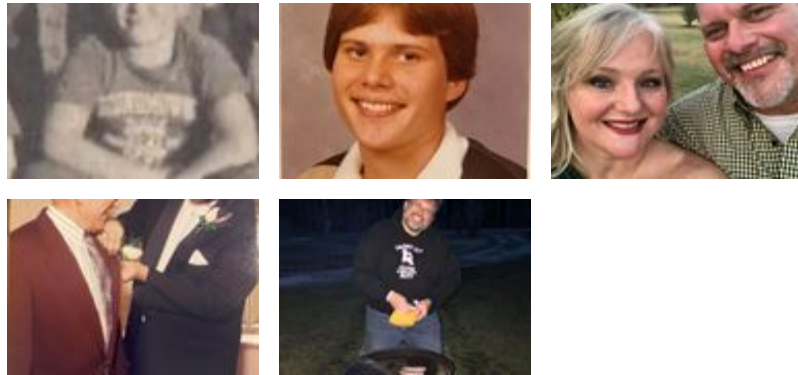
“ I knew Rich back in the 90's when we were both living in Madison WI. This is really hard news. He was a really great guy with a wild sense of humor and a blunt emotional way of connecting with people around him. I am sad to know that he is no longer adding joy to the daily lives of those around him.



Kirstjen Lorenz - October 29, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ 118 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - October 27, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ *Candy McWhorter Castillo sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter*



Candy McWhorter Castillo - October 26, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ *Candy McWhorter Castillo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter*



Candy McWhorter Castillo - October 26, 2025 at 08:58 PM

JT

“ I'll always remember hanging out with Richard in our front yard. Barbecuing, while our kids ran around in the yard, playing on four-wheelers. You will be forever missed. Fly high and be at peace.



Jennifer Tuft - October 26, 2025 at 07:16 PM

MS

“ Megan Shorrock purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.



Megan Shorrock - October 26, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.



October 25, 2025 at 01:29 PM

RG

“ Ruby Davis and Nita Gregorczyk purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.



Ruby Davis and Nita Gregorczyk - October 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.*



October 25, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *Big Rich was one of the best ICU nurses to work with and learn from. As a Intern stepping into the ICU, I was often overwhelmed, but whenever I worked with him, I felt supported and capable. He was always patient, kind, and willing to help!!*

Poonam Rao - October 25, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ *Poonam R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.*

Poonam R. - October 25, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.*



October 25, 2025 at 12:50 AM

LD

“ Love, XO Annie and Wade Dean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.

Love, XO Annie and Wade Dean - October 25, 2025 at 12:50 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.



October 25, 2025 at 12:12 AM

CD

“ Christus Good Shepherd Respiratory Dept. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.



Christus Good Shepherd Respiratory Dept. - October 24, 2025 at 11:40 PM

CD

“ Christus Good Shepherd Respiratory Dept. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.

Christus Good Shepherd Respiratory Dept. - October 24, 2025 at 11:40 PM

SJ

“ Rich was one of the most memorable coworkers ever. A guy who knows how to care for his patients, laugh and yet work hard, and one you want to be working alongside on the toughest day. So sorry for your loss of such a wonderful person with deepest prayers of comfort to his family and closest friends.

Samantha Jimenez - October 24, 2025 at 10:15 PM

CM

“ My first real job as a nuclear tech blasted me on the glorious E300 floor in its hayday of fun people - it was a good time, Rich evened everything out and even on the worst days was an absolute beacon of light that he always was. He was the guy that always acknowledged you, checked on you and was there if you just wanted to chat. I can't imagine how much impacted everyone else with that light. Thankful to have known him in this time - praying to catch up with you later my brother.

Charlie McInroe - October 24, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ I'm so sad to hear of Rich's passing. Though we fell out of touch when I left nursing at Good Shepherd, I always thought well of him. He was a wonderful nurse and a wonderful person. He was always good for a laugh and had such a great disposition considering all the challenges of hospital work. He will be missed. My deepest condolences to his family and the 'work' family he has left behind.



Michael Willis - October 24, 2025 at 06:55 PM

AL

“ Rich was the friend everyone hoped to have and the man we were all grateful to know. He had a way of showing up right where the weight was heaviest—shouldering whatever burden you handed him—and somehow finding the joke that let the light back in. He didn’t just make us laugh; he helped us breathe again.

We will miss his easy kindness, his steady presence, and that grin that said, “We’ll figure this out together.” The best way to honor him is to love each other the way he loved us: by showing up, carrying what we can, and sharing a laugh even when the road is rough.

Anita Lowe - October 24, 2025 at 06:23 PM

MK

“ Mike and Barbara Pierce Kruebbe purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Richard Andrew Boelter.

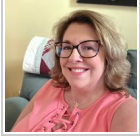


Mike and Barbara Pierce Kruebbe - October 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM

MK

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Mike and Barbara Pierce Kruebbe - October 24, 2025 at 05:30 PM



“ Rich was always kind, supportive and funny, could bring a smile to break the most stressful day. I was always happy when I needed to visit one of his patients cause it meant I got to touch base with him. RIP my proud Packer Backer.

Barbara Gruennert - October 24, 2025 at 05:16 PM



“ Rich was kind, funny, helpful, and a great teacher. He was my favorite nurse in the hospital, and I told him that when I was an intern. I was looking forward to working with him again this month and was completely heartbroken when I heard the news. He was a strong man, so I know this was not easy for him. Rich cared about everyone. He spent almost 2 hours looking for my phone charger when it went missing in the icu. He would nicely teach me about DKA protocol when I truly didn't know but in a way as if he was asking but he already knew the correct answer. He truly cared about his patients and he had a special place in his heart for the teenagers struggling with addiction. My interactions with him were always positive and he made my experience in the icu enjoyable. We would laugh and joke, but of course patient care always came first. I wish I could tell him one last time how he was my favorite. He was loved by all of his coworkers. Praying for peace and mercy for him and his sweet family. Unfortunately I will not be able to make the funeral since I will be out of town. I will keep Rich and his family in my prayers.

Yasemin Polat - October 24, 2025 at 04:47 PM

RB

“ *My memories of Rich are from high school when he played trombone. He has the biggest laugh. I'll never forget that laugh. Always a guy to cheer you up. I went to school in Madison with been and would see him at the primate research lab every so often. Same great guy. The world could use more guys like Rich Boelter!*

Robert Bay - October 24, 2025 at 04:15 PM