



## Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick

December 2, 1932 - November 19, 2020

On December 2, 1932, Robert J. "Bob" Holick was born in the Heidenheimer community of Bell County. He was the second of five children born to Mary and Joe Holick. His siblings were Johnnie Holick, Jodie Holick, Georgia Forney, and Mary Pemberton.

He was confirmed into the Czech-Moravian Brethern Church in Seaton, Texas on July 7, 1946. His confirmation verse was Philippians 4:19. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus". On August 8, 1967 Bob and his wife Delores "Dee" Collins Holick were received as Communicant Members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings.

Bob and Dee lived in Giddings for 56 years. They met in Corsicana, Texas in the fall of 1962, and were married on July 20, 1963.

Bob served as an alderman on the Giddings City Council, was a Rotarian, served on the Martin Luther church council, helped build Cummins Creek Golf Course, and served on the community education board. He worked with Lee County Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, taught an online Czech class, served as vice-president of the Houston Area of Teachers of Foreign Languages, and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

Honorably serving in the United States Army was of importance to Bob. After basic training he was sent to Army Language Training School for advanced training in the Czech language which was Bob's native language. He was then sent to the National Security Agency where he served as a linguist. Bob was required to have a security clearance to work at the NSA. He was discharged in March of 1959.

Athletics came naturally to Bob. At Academy High School he lettered in all sports. He attended Blinn College and Baylor University on an athletic scholarship. At Blinn, Bob played football and baseball. Bob was recognized by the Houston Chronical as a barefoot kicker. He was a two-year letterman as a pitcher for Baylor. He was a lifetime member of the Baylor "B" Association. The Athletic Council on Varsity Sports awarded Bob the varsity

“B” in baseball for 1953-1954. After Baylor he was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles.

Bob could be described as an avid golfer. He started playing golf in his late 20s. Every day of Bob's life involved golf in some way. He might read an article, study aspects of a pro's game, watch a match on TV, swing a club in the yard, go to the range, or play a match. It was his philosophy that no matter the golfer's age or skill, he must continually strive to hone that skill. He was adamant that in all situations USGA Rules of Golf should always be followed. Over the years, Bob won many prizes, trophies, and plaques for tournament play.

Bob earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Baylor University and his Master's in Education from East Texas State University. He studied at Texas A&M University, University of Denver, and Charles University in Prague, Czechoslovakia to attain a Doctor of Philosophy in the Russian and Czech languages and in Curriculum and Instruction. He received a National Science Foundation Scholarship in biology from Texas Christian University.

Most of Bob's professional career was spent in the education field. He worked in independent school districts of Corsicana, Sherman, Chilton, and Giddings. Bob worked as a classroom teacher, coach, athletic director, administrator, curriculum director, and business manager. He had ten TEA certifications and endorsements. He authored grant proposals and obtained funds for implementation of programs in special education and community education.

He taught intermediate Russian at Texas A&M University, and all level Czech at Temple College. Bob always tried to perpetuate the Czech language. He developed online practice lessons and activities in order to encourage persons who were interested in acquainting or reacquainting themselves with the Czech language. Following this format those who had a background in Czech as children could renew their skills. Bob frequently met with groups of Czech or Russian speaking individuals to speak the language in order to maintain his skill and knowledge. Bob had an aptitude for languages.

Upon retirement from education he became a securities analyst with a series 8 (now 9/10) financial security license. For over a decade he worked with educators in Austin and surrounding areas selling securities, analyzing individual finances, developing retirement plans etc.

Bob and Dee loved their collie dogs Skipper, Sobaka, Scorpie, Corie, Sprite, and Lucky.

Bob could be described as a person who was always respectful, non-judgmental, and

understanding. He was a stoic person, never authoritative, overbearing, or condescending. Bob was always a welcome presence who never interfered with those in charge. Bob was described by a nephew as being really neat. Bob was described by Dee as being as perfect as a mortal could be. She thought of him as being invincible. He will make a beautiful flower for the Master's bouquet.

Since September 15th a compassionate knowledgeable staff at Oakland Manor Nursing and Rehab Center has offered comfort for Bob and support for Dee. A debt of gratitude is owed to St. Marks Medical Center in La Grange. In spite of the Corona Pandemic, a family member was allowed to be present in the room during Bob's hospitalization.

Robert J. "Bob" Holick died at St. Marks Medical Center on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Johnnie Holick and Jodie holick and one sister, Mary Pemberton.

Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Delores "Dee" Holick of Giddings; his sister, Georgia Forney of Belton as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Rev. John Waak officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 23, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Holick family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings, the Giddings Public Library or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)**  
900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX, 78942

**NOV 22 Visitation** 09:00AM - 08:00PM  
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St., Giddings, TX, US, 78942

**NOV 22 Family Present for Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM  
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St., Giddings, TX, US, 78942

**NOV 23 Visitation** 07:00AM - 10:00AM  
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St., Giddings, TX, US, 78942

**NOV 23 Chapel Service** 10:00AM  
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St., Giddings, TX, US, 78942

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - November 20, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ What a wonderful tribute to a wonderful guy! Bob was my first boss when I taught ECE in Schulenburg through the Giddings Co-op. I only have fond memories! He was an awesome boss! Prayers for his wonderful wife, Dee & the rest of the family.

**Debbie Bryant Klesel** - November 20, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ I give thanks to God for the life and service of Coach Bob Holick. He was our head baseball coach in 1965. His gentle and reassuring attitude meant much to me. Peace and strength to the family through faith in Jesus!

**Gene Menzel** - November 21, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ So sorry I could not come. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**peggy davis** - November 24, 2020 at 01:25 PM

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“ Rebecca Sherrill lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick



**Rebecca Sherrill** - November 25, 2020 at 03:18 PM

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“ Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick



Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus - November 22, 2020 at 09:53 PM

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“ Dear Dee, There are many special memories of years gone by with you and Bob and the Giddings Buffaloes. There is a smile on my face now remembering all the after game coaches parties. My very special memory was the time when Bob was going to Russia for some kind of seminar or conference.. I jokingly asked him to bring me and Warren a University of Moscow T-shirt. He came back with some nesting dolls for me and a small "Russian" doll for Warren. He said to me, "They don't have t-shirt with University of Moscow on them, but I wanted to make sure I brought Warren something". Such a good heart. Hope you enjoy the pictures.

All the best,  
Mike and Carolyn Jatzlau



Carolyn Jatzlau - November 22, 2020 at 05:15 PM

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“ What a beautiful tribute! Our deepest sympathy, Dee!  
Sincerely,  
Leo & Renee Childers



Renee Childers - November 22, 2020 at 05:05 PM

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“ Coach Holick was well regarded by everyone at GHS. I had the privilege of being coached by him in football and baseball. He was one of those self effacing men of his generation with a great dry wit. His way was somewhat stoic, but that meant when he said anything it was important. I never knew of his many incredible accomplishments that were listed in his great obituary. What a very full and loving life he and Dee had. May Dee and his family take comfort in his life well lived.

**John Pieratt** - November 22, 2020 at 10:00 AM

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“ One of my favorite coaches @ G.H.S.  
R.I.P.



**Billy Maxey** - November 21, 2020 at 10:14 PM

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“ Rodney And Melanie Meyer lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick



**Rodney and Melanie Meyer** - November 21, 2020 at 08:29 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Dee and all of the family. He had some great accomplishments.

Sincerely,  
Ollie Siegeler

**Ollie Siegeler** - November 21, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ Bob, your friendship and exceptional wisdom will always be cherished. Once a week Mary Newton and I enjoyed your company while you had your hair trimmed. Our sympathy to your family and friends. Fritz had birthday a day after you and we got married in the same year. Fritz & Jeanette Schoenst

Jeanette Schoenst - November 20, 2020 at 07:48 PM

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“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick.



November 20, 2020 at 07:06 PM

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“ 83 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 20, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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“ Lavender & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick.



November 20, 2020 at 12:49 PM

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“ Dr. Holick was the epitome of a LEADER. His integrity and monumental attributes ARE exceptional ideals for all who witnessed his various accomplishments. His friendship in and outside of professional activities surpassed the modern-day concept of LOYALTY to which perhaps 73,705,609 misguided United States of American citizens seem to adhere. He accepted ideas and if he did not agree, you could be sure he had a viewpoint he could expertly share in a professional way so as to leave you feeling enlightened and almost as if you found the better form of your idea yourself....he would give credit to the initial 'idea author'.

Jay and I enjoyed working under him and you, Dee. You both have been exceptional in helping educate students, teachers, parents and the public.

We will be praying for you both.

Love,  
Christine and Chad

**Christine Jervis** - November 20, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ Rest In Peace Mr. Holick. I am grateful for the kindness and wisdom this gentleman showed me. I will always cherish and remember him. Praying that God comforts the entire family and give them peace during this difficult time.

**Debra Dibble Boone** - November 20, 2020 at 10:42 AM

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“ Thinking of you Mrs. Holick--I wished I had spent time with him as I was older, he seemed like he would of had some great stories. I enjoyed growing up with y'all as my neighbor and I will always have fond memories of you both! I am so glad I got to see you both a few years back at the Arldt's anniversary. Both of you hadn't aged a bit-a beautiful couple.  
Sending peace and comfort your way!

Kelly Melcher

**Kelly Melcher** - November 20, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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“ Jerry, Pam, Geri, Justin, Shelby and Henry purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick.



**Jerry, Pam, Geri, Justin, Shelby and Henry** - November 20, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick.



November 20, 2020 at 08:59 AM

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“ Adele Heath lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick



**Adele Heath** - November 20, 2020 at 07:09 AM

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“ Barbara Schkade Gomez lit a candle in memory of Robert "Bob" Joseph Holick



Barbara Schkade Gomez - November 19, 2020 at 11:16 PM

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“ The Holicks were our neighbors growing up. They were always good and kind neighbors. When they returned from Russia when it was still the Soviet Union, he told us all about their trip. They were the first people I knew that traveled out of the U.S. I was fascinated by what they saw and did. It made me want to one day travel and learn about the world. Well, I have traveled and did end up learning about the world as a social studies teacher/curriculum coordinator. They say it takes a village. Whether he knew it or not, he was part of my village.

Tina Melcher - November 19, 2020 at 11:06 PM

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“ Bob Holick....such a great man, friend, and almost like family will be truly missed. Moving to Giddings in 1977-80, I will always remember Bob's sweet personality and gentleness. After many years we had moved away but were able to reconnect in recent years. Loved that he chuckled at past stories we all relived from the 1977- 80's adventures in and around Giddings. Those memories will be great to hold on to.

What a great golfer that was admired by all, especially Benny Ward. I agree with Benny when he said "Bob was one of the greatest man I ever met."

Dee is a precious lady, wife, and friend. My prayers are with you and want you to know that you took such good care of Bob. God bless you and take care.

Paula Meyer  
Belton, Texas

Paula Meyer - November 19, 2020 at 08:29 PM

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“ Always remember playing golf with Bob at Bastrop and Weimer and he was one of the nicest men that I have ever met. Sorry for your loss.

**Randy Zimmerhazel** - November 19, 2020 at 07:02 PM