



Arthur "Gus" A.G. Praesel

October 31, 1935 - December 2, 2018

Arthur Gus Praesel, Sr., age 83 of Rockdale, passed away Sunday morning, December 2, 2018 at his home.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2018 in the Forest Grove Christian Church with Don Roe officiating. Burial to follow in the Forest Grove Cemetery in the Forest Grove Community. Visitation is 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 4th at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Gus "Sonny" Praesel was born October 31, 1935 to Ida (Schramm) and Arthur Praesel in the Nile Community, east of Thorndale, Texas. Two years later his family moved eight miles south of Rockdale to the Black Jack Community. He attended the first six years of school at Black Jack School, then transferred to the Rockdale School District for four years. He finished high school with a G.E.D. in 1970.

He and Virginia M. McKinney were married June 28, 1957 in Cuero, Texas. He went to work for Industrial Generating Company in Rockdale, February of 1955, in the lignite mines. He started as a laborer and worked up to management the last nine years before retiring in 1985 at the age of 49. During his working career, he attended numerous management and safety schools through I.C.S., S.M.U. and U.T. He also attended real estate school in

Austin in 1988. He helped to build several of the softball fields in the Rockdale area.

Upon retirement, he went back to ranching, attending several cow and calf clinics, land management and the preservation of wildlife courses. In 1987, he built Deli Subs & Salads in Rockdale and were in operation for 15 years.

He was a member of Forest Grove Christian Church and did some voluntary work with the Rockdale Fair. He was a member of the IBEW for 22 years and held several positions in the union and helped to elect candidates in the democratic party.

Gus was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Charles Ernest Praesel and John Ralph Praesel; a sister, Mary Wanda Flemming and grandson, Arthur Scott Praesel.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Praesel of Rockdale; two sons, Roger Praesel and wife Pam of Caldwell and Arthur Gus Praesel, Jr. and wife Tina of Buna; two daughters, Yvonne Baker of Bryan and Evada Cooper and husband Terry of Athens; eight grandchildren, Justin Praesel, Clay Praesel, Stephanie Henson, Gina Minter, Adam Rocha, Brandi Verrett, Audria Tramel and Sara Fuller; twelve great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Justin Praesel, Clay Praesel, Arlon Hester, Adam Rocha, Elias Greene and Ronnie Verrett.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson Foundation or to Texas A&M Scholarship Foundation (Former Student Association)

Cemetery Details

Forest Grove Cemetery

8902 South Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

DEC 5. 2:30 PM (CT)

Forest Grove Christian Church
8902 South Highway 77
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Arthur "Gus" A.G. Praesel*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 04, 2018 at 03:57 PM

SS

“ *I worked for Gus in the IGC years. A good and fair man. Just wanted you to do your work. Sorry for your loss Praesel family.*

Scott Seaquist - December 11, 2018 at 01:02 PM

PP

“ *Uncle Sonny and his brother Ernest (my Dad) working cattle. I imagine them walking in heaven now, going to meet with their brother Johnny, sister Mary, and their Dad and Mom. Family reunion. We love you Uncle Sonny.*



Pamela A. Praesel - December 05, 2018 at 10:01 AM

Brandi Verrett

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brandi Verrett - December 04, 2018 at 04:41 PM



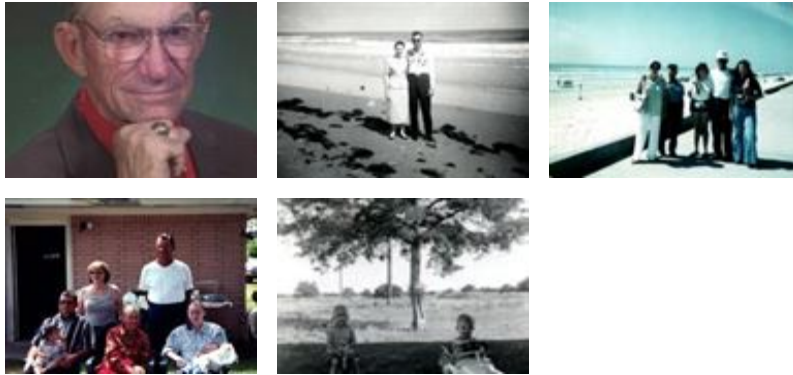
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur "Gus" A.G. Praesel.



December 04, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



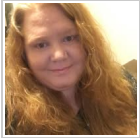
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 04, 2018 at 02:09 PM

SH

“ Standards Hospice purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arthur "Gus" A.G. Praesel.



Standards Hospice - December 04, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ Robyn Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Arthur "Gus" A.G. Praesel



Robyn Jenkins - December 03, 2018 at 11:47 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur "Gus" A.G. Praesel.



December 03, 2018 at 10:40 PM

GD

“ Gus, Tina, Brandi, Ronnie, Audria & Darrell purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Arthur "Gus" A.G. Praesel.



Gus, Tina, Brandi, Ronnie, Audria & Darrell - December 03, 2018 at 03:01 PM

BA

“ *He was a good man, always smiling. Rest in Peace Mr.Sonny.*



Betty Alford - December 03, 2018 at 02:51 PM

LG

“ *Love, Judy Gossett purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Arthur "Gus" A.G. Praesel.*



Love, Judy Gossett - December 03, 2018 at 01:25 PM