

August "Gus" Edward Klekar

May 23, 1940 - May 7, 2016

August "Gus" Edward Klekar, 75 of Rockdale passed away Saturday, May 7, 2016 at his home in Rockdale. Mass will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale. Burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Rev. Albert Ruiz will officiate. Visitation is Tuesday, May 10, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. in the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Gus was born May 23, 1940 in Hallettsville where he graduated in 1959 where he excelled at football and track. He held the record there for the 100-yard dash for many years. In Hallettsville, Gus worked at Goedecke's, this is where he met Ginger. He and Virginia "Ginger" Rogers were married October 6, 1962 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hallettsville. Gus owned and operated his Phillips 66 service station until 1966, when they moved to Rockdale where he worked at Alcoa for 31 and a half years. He retired in January 1997 as an area supervisor.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale, a member of The Knights of Columbus where he served as Grand Knight for two terms. He was a member of the Rockdale Country Club, serving on the board for several years. Gus also served in the National Guard. He was on the ground floor of creating Pee Wee Football in Rockdale and was also their manager. He managed and coached Little League baseball teams for both of his sons, he

coached the Alcoa Potliners softball team and he played softball for the Knights of Columbus.

Gus loved spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, fishing, playing golf, working in his yard and making Blue Bird houses. He enjoyed going to the coast and to their river house on the Brazos. He loved football and was a loyal University of Texas fan and could often be seen wearing his "UT Orange".

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis (Kresta) and Albert Klekar, Sr.; Mother and father-in-law, Lillian and Fred Rogers; Sisters, Lucy Henke and Josephine Janak; Brothers, Alfonse Klekar, Albert Klekar and Leon Klekar.

Surviving are his wife, Ginger of Rockdale; Sons, Eddie Klekar and wife Lana of Rockdale, Scott Klekar and wife Lisa of Richland, Washington; Grandchildren, Eddie Klekar and Priscilla Klekar; Brother, Daniel Klekar and wife Anna of Hallettsville; Sister, Mildred Christ of Hallettsville; Brother and sister-in-law, Coy and Sandy Rogers of Devine.

Pallbearers are Chris Rogers, Coy Rogers, Kent Greenway, Roy Simpson, Victor Svetlik and Willie Barcak.

Honorary pallbearers are Sandy Summers, Roy Perrard, Shirley Leopold, Homer Mowdy, Rosemary Hermes, Lily Kay Muesse and Sharon Reagan.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gaye Bland, 963 North FM 908, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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/>

Rosary

MAY 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
234 San Gabriel St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of August "Gus" Edward Klekar*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - May 09, 2016 at 04:52 PM

SS

“ *Sending a hug to Ginger, Scott and Eddie... I have such wonderful memories of Gus and Ginger and the Country Club....Gus was a wonderful man and will be remembered as being warm, friendly, loving and fun!!! I am so sorry that I didn't know about his passing in time to come to his service....Love, Sherri Seale*



Sherri Seale - May 17, 2016 at 12:02 PM

KB

“ *Ginger, you have my thoughts and my deepest sympathy, may the Lord look after you during this difficult time. I know Uncle August will be greatly missed but it does get easier as time goes by. He is truly in a beautiful place.*

*With love,
Katherine Klekar Brottlund*

Katherine Klekar Brottlund - May 11, 2016 at 02:53 PM

CB

“ My condolences and sympathies go out to Ginger and Gus' family. Gus was a fine athlete and a great golfing buddy. In high school, there were times when I frustrated him, especially in our 440 yard relay team competition. Gus would have to run extremely fast in order to make up for my slower pace which invariably put us behind. He was always very kind about it saying such circumstances helped develop his speed--he was lightening fast! My good buddy will be grievously missed. May he Rest in Peace.

Carey Boethel

Carey B. Boethel - May 10, 2016 at 11:12 AM

JB

Ginger,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time!! You and Gus made such a sweet couple. I pray for you to find comfort in each breath and step you make in the coming days!!!
Jack and Marcia Bastow

Jack and Marcia Bastow - May 10, 2016 at 11:56 PM

EP

“ Eric, Barbara, and Erica Phillips purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of August "Gus" Edward Klekar.



Eric, Barbara, and Erica Phillips - May 10, 2016 at 10:20 AM

TW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Miss Ginger in her time of loss. Gus was a great man who will certainly be missed.

Tom & Jackie Werner

Thomas Werner - May 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ With caring thoughts, Rhonda Myers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of August "Gus" Edward Klekar.



With caring thoughts, Rhonda Myers - May 09, 2016 at 09:30 PM

MZ

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Mike and Beckie Zelisko - May 09, 2016 at 08:50 PM

MV

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time of loss....may God be with you all. We will always remember the times we shared over the years. Beautiful memories were made.

Sincerely, Louis and Mary Frances Vansa

Mary Frances and Louis Vansa - May 09, 2016 at 08:45 PM

SR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Shana Rogers - May 09, 2016 at 07:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of August "Gus" Edward Klekar.*



May 09, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ *From your friends at BMC. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of August "Gus" Edward Klekar.*



From your friends at BMC. - May 09, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *Love, Dan, Lee Ann, Zach, Jordan & Jerry purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of August "Gus" Edward Klekar.*



Love, Dan, Lee Ann, Zach, Jordan & Jerry - May 09, 2016 at 04:42 PM

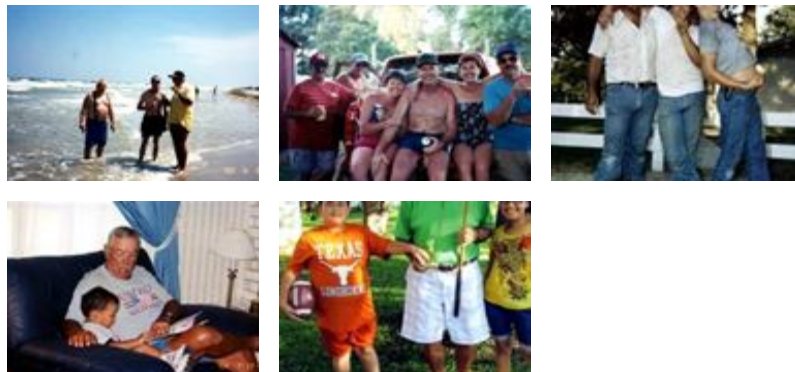


“ *I was so sad to learn that Gus passed away. He had such a kind, sweet and fun-loving soul. Someone as special as him will never be forgotten. Ginger, please accept my sympathy and may God keep you in his loving care & give you comfort. Gus is in God's arms now where there is no pain, but he will be in your heart forever.*

Denise Supak Bujnoch - May 09, 2016 at 04:36 PM



“ 86 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - May 09, 2016 at 04:23 PM



“ *Jerry and Wanda Waggoner purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of August "Gus" Edward Klekar.*



Jerry and Wanda Waggoner - May 09, 2016 at 03:57 PM



“ *The Rogers, Coy, Sandy, Shane and Becky purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of August "Gus" Edward Klekar.*



The Rogers, Coy, Sandy, Shane and Becky - May 09, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of August "Gus" Edward Klekar.*



May 09, 2016 at 01:39 PM