Bernice Gladys Basward

January 3, 1937 - January 29, 2026

Funeral services for Bernice Basward, 89 of Paige, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 2, 2026 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Pastor Yuri Carralero officiating. Burial will follow in the Ridgeway Cemetery in Paige, Texas. Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2026 from 12:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Monday February 2, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Bernice was born on January 3, 1937, in Lee County, Texas to Ewald Albrecht and Alma (Schroeder) Albrecht. She had many careers through the years. Bernice started with the family business with her first husband, at Travis State School then moved on to Butler Brick in Elgin, Durrenberger Flowers and finally J&L Catering. She was instrumental in forming the Paige V.F.D., a longtime member of Paige Sons of Hermann Lodge, and Paige Methodist Church where she sang in the choir. Bernice enjoyed gardening and made beautiful floral arrangements. She also made homemade noodles to sell and give to her family, canning various vegetables, fruits, and jellies. Bernice was appreciated for her delicious baked bread, coffee cakes and pies. Her family fondly remembered her cutting their hair, crocheting and sewing clothes. Bernice enjoyed playing the Mandolin, Guitar and Fiddle with her sister Gertrude, cousins and friends.

Bernice passed away peacefully in the early morning hours on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at her home in Paige, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ewald Albrecht and Alma Schroeder; first husband, Charlie “Kinkle” Kmoch; second husband, Jim Basward; son in laws, Rodger Smith and Johnny Jones.

Bernice is survived by her children, Dianne Smith of Paige, Sandy and husband Jim Botkin of Paige, Kenny and wife Shelia Kmoch of Loebau, Pam Jones and her fiancée Randy Smith of Rochelle; grandchildren, Chad and wife Gwen Smith, Heather and husband Aaron Ferrall, Brandi and husband Dane Young, Brigette Burttschell, Ethan and wife Ciera Kmoch, Kember and husband Tyler McCoy, Amanda and husband Jon Hart, Jared and wife Lindsey Albrecht; great-grandchildren; Cameron Stone, Megan Berberich and companion Jordan Bartlett, Tyler Stone, Cade Young and Braden Young, Kash Kmoch, Callie Kmoch, Colt Kmoch, Landry McCoy, Laiken McCoy, Lane McCoy, Grayson Hart, Raynee Hart, Saydee Hart, Kylie Albrecht, Wyatt Albrecht, Madilyn Albrecht, Paige Burttschell, Cassidy Burttschell, Kaitlyn Smith, Chelsey Smith, Chad Smith II, and Hannah Smith; great-great-grandchild, Atlas Bartlett; two sisters, Gertude Eschberger and LaVerne Mattiza, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Pallbearers, Chad Smith, Aaron Ferrall, Dane Young, Ethan Kmoch, Tyler McCoy, Jon Hart and Jared Albrecht.

Memorials may be made to Paige Methodist Church or to the charity of one’s choice.

Cemetery Details

Ridgeway Cemetery

153 Ridgeway Cemetery Road
Paige, TX 78659

Previous Events

Public Visitation

FEB **1**. 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
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Public Visitation

FEB **2**. 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Chapel Service

FEB **2**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LJ

Lisa Jones purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bernice Gladys Basward.

Lisa Jones - February 03 at 07:03 PM

LJ

Lisa Jones planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bernice Gladys Basward.

Lisa Jones - February 03 at 07:03 PM

PM

Paula Eschberger Moore lit a candle in memory of Bernice Basward

Paula Eschberger Moore - February 02 at 01:44 PM

Linda Kieschnick

May all your fond memories give you peace and comfort. She was such a sweet lady, I always enjoyed talking to her. She's in a much better place now. Sending prayers for the families

Linda Kieschnick - February 02 at 10:48 AM

VF

Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Bernice Basward

Violet Frosch - February 01 at 05:09 PM

KN

I always enjoyed visiting with Bernice. She was so ch a nice person. I'm so sorry for your loss. May the Holy Spirit comfort you and God Bless you!

KATHY Neal - February 01 at 04:41 PM

RS

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rebecca Sherrill - February 01 at 09:11 AM

BA

Becky and Ann purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Bernice Gladys Basward.

Becky and Ann - January 31 at 05:01 PM

BA

Becky and Ann planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bernice Gladys Basward.

Becky and Ann - January 31 at 05:01 PM

KF

Kellene Kmoch Fournier planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bernice Gladys Basward.

Kellene Kmoch Fournier - January 31 at 03:12 PM

KF

Kellene Kmoch Fournier purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bernice Gladys Basward.

Kellene Kmoch Fournier - January 31 at 03:12 PM

LF

LaVerne, Rick & Jeanette, and family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Bernice Gladys Basward.

LaVerne, Rick & Jeanette, and family - January 31 at 02:33 PM

GJ

Our deepest condolences to the family

Gina & Ewaldt Knobloch Jr

Gina & Ewaldt Knobloch Jr - January 30 at 11:16 PM

BF

Bobby and Genese Smith and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Bernice Gladys Basward.

Bobby and Genese Smith and Family - January 30 at 09:03 PM