



Billy G. Gest

March 3, 1933 - April 10, 2018

Billy G. Gest, age 85 of Rockdale, passed away Tuesday evening, April 10, 2018 in the Scott & White Hospital in Round Rock. Funeral service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Pastor Gary Veit of Peace Lutheran Church will officiate. Burial in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Visitation is 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2018 at the funeral home.

Billy Gest was born March 3, 1933 in Rockdale to C.C. "Collie" and Viola (Tucker) Gest. He was a 1950 graduate of Rockdale High School. Billy was one of the first employees hired at Alcoa, Rockdale Operations. He worked there from 1951 until retirement in 1998. He served as a Medic in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict 1953 to 1955 and was honorably discharged as a Corporal. On March 8, 1958, he and Marie Eiland were married in the First Christian Church in Rockdale. Billy was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Rockdale. He enjoyed working in the garden, his church activities, playing golf, playing dominos "42", teasing all children, traveling with Marie, attending and watching sports activities and attending children's, grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Collie and Viola Tucker and a sister Juanita Ward.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Marie Gest of Rockdale; daughter, Melissa “Lisa” Loewe and husband Dusty of Groesbeck; son, Bradley Gest and wife Theresa of Lake Travis; his sister, Betty Backhaus of Rockdale; six grandchildren, Kaimee Gest, Carly Beier and Dustin Beier all of Lake Travis, Justin Loewe of Rockdale, Miranda Loewe Ceditla and husband Dustin of Katy and Lance Loewe and wife Kourtney of Longview; and two great-grandchildren, Maesyn and Harper Ceditla of Katy.

Serving as pallbearers are Justin Loewe, Lance Loewe, Dustin Beier, Chris Lightsey, Kyle Lightsey, Randy Backhaus, Dustin Ceditla and Lorenzo Munoz.

Honorary pallbearers are Walter Pond, John Shoemake, Jerry Mitchell, Bob Burnett, Jim Riley, Glenn Wenzel, Bobby Elliott, Joe Ammerman, Dave Dodson, Don Bass, Leonard Hoff.

The Gest family request memorials be made to Peace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 308, Rockdale, Texas 76567 or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 6:00 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/>

Chapel Service

APR 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy G. Gest*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - April 17, 2018 at 06:52 PM



Beautiful Amanda. Thank you.

Lisa Gest Loewe - April 18, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Billy G. Gest.*



April 22, 2018 at 10:06 PM



“ *Charles And Gaye Bland lit a candle in memory of Billy G. Gest*



Charles and Gaye Bland - April 21, 2018 at 01:00 PM

TM

“ *My sincere condolences to the Gest family. Mr. Gest was a good man. May the good Lord wrap His arms around you all at this time. Rest In Peace Mr. Gest.*
Terry L. Mowdy



Terry L Mowdy - April 20, 2018 at 10:03 AM

TR

“ *The Eilands (Geneva, Sam, Melba, JoDona, Corby & Rick) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Billy G. Gest.*



The Eilands (Geneva, Sam, Melba, JoDona, Corby & Rick) - April 18, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ 166 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - April 17, 2018 at 05:04 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear the news of Billy's passing. He was such a sweet man. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. ~ Connie & Harry Schielack



Connie & Harry Schielack - April 17, 2018 at 10:58 AM

PK

“ Sorry for your loss. We pray for comfort and peace in your life.

The Harry Koscielniak family

Patty Koscielniak - April 16, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy G. Gest.



April 15, 2018 at 08:57 PM

BW

“ Best neighbors and Christain friends EVER. We love them so much.



barbara wenzel - April 13, 2018 at 09:18 PM

WR

“ Dear Good Neighbor Billy, I heard the news and couldn't believe it. My heart is saddened by your loss. Having worked with you for many years at the Alcoa Atomizer, and living two houses down from you and Marie for the past 19 years, I'm going to miss seeing and visiting with you. I offer my deepest condolences to Marie and all the family. Rest Peacefully now Good Sir.

Ward Roddam - April 12, 2018 at 05:56 PM

LN

“ My condolences to you, Marie, and to your family over the loss of Billy. I remember him from years attending Peace Lutheran Church, and my girls - Liz White (deceased) and Lisa Kerlin enjoyed playing together during their school years. Marie and I attended Rockdale High School together. I know he will be deeply missed by all of his family and friends, and pray that God will grant you peace and comfort as you mourn your loss.

Lois Braun Noak - April 12, 2018 at 04:51 PM

LN

“ My sincere condolences to Marie and all the remaining family of Billy. I remember him from the days when I was in high school and through work in Peace Lutheran Church. He seemed to be such a king and fun-loving person, and I know he will be dearly missed by all of his family and friends. May God bless you all as you cope with your grief.



Lois Braun Noak - April 12, 2018 at 04:44 PM

MZ

“ We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike & Beckie Zelisko - April 12, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy G. Gest.*



April 12, 2018 at 02:25 PM



“ *Kathy & Gearld Snyder & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy G. Gest.*



Kathy & Gearld Snyder & family - April 12, 2018 at 11:08 AM