



## Colene Dunn Gaeke

October 4, 1932 - January 14, 2021

Colene Dunn Gaeke was born on October 4, 1932 in Blue Ridge, Texas, the daughter of Glenn & Tennie Dunn. She grew up and was baptized in the Baptist church and graduated from Giddings High School in 1950. Colene was united in marriage to Louis Gaeke Jr. on December 30, 1950. They were blessed with two sons, Robert and Douglas. Colene was an excellent seamstress, doing sewing work for many years and also worked with Louis in building their family business, Gaeke Construction Company, from the ground up. Colene was always the definition of a supportive wife, mother and grandmother to her family. She was active in the Boy Scouts and Little League while her sons were growing up and rarely missed any activities that involved her grandchildren. A faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, Colene had also been a member of the Giddings Study Club. The Brookwood Community in Brookshire held a special place in the hearts of both her and Louis. A huge supporter of the facility, she volunteered countless hours where she enjoyed teaching ceramics to the citizens. An avid gardener, she took great pride in the landscaping of her yard. The Gaeke home and yard were decorated for every holiday. The corner of Monroe Street and Knox Avenue would be turned into the spookiest of haunted houses, with Colene as the home's witch, for Halloween and into one of the brightest corners of Giddings when it was lit up with tens of thousands of Christmas lights complete with a larger-than-life Santa Claus. She was an amazing cook, enjoyed spending time at the family farm, loved going to the beach, especially

Galveston, and was a huge Texas A&M fan, rarely missing a home football game. Colene was known for many things including her sense of style, graciousness, warm hospitality and heartfelt compassion for others. Most importantly, she will be remembered as a supportive wife, loving mother and a doting grandmother.

Colene passed away the morning of Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Bec's Blessing in Giddings.

She is preceded in death by her father and stepmother, Glenn & Cora Mae Dunn and her mother, Tennie B. Foster.

Colene is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, Louis Gaeke Jr. of Giddings; her two sons, Robert "Bob" & Debbie Gaeke of San Antonio and Doug & Lisa Gaeke of Giddings; her four grandchildren, Brandon & Misty Gaeke of San Antonio, Brent Gaeke of Boerne, Audra Mayberry of Frisco, and Drew & Emily Gaeke of Giddings; her two great grandchildren, Anna Gaeke of San Antonio and Wyatt Mayberry of Frisco; one step brother, Alvin Dunn of Dallas; two brothers-in-law, Ed Gaeke of Chicago and William & Mary Lou Gaeke of Giddings; two sisters-in-law, Lucille Brannon of Brenham and Virginia & Charles Vavrecka of Pearland, as well as many other family members and friends.

The Gaeke family would like to thank the staff of Bec's Blessing for the loving care they provided to Colene and the support they provided to the family.

A memorial service to celebrate Colene's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Brookwood Community, 1752 FM 1489,

Brookshire, Texas 77423, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 North Grimes Street, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of one's choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - February 03, 2021 at 06:14 PM

BB

“ *Ms. Gaeke was a wonderful "second mom" to me when I moved to Giddings from Houston in the late 60s. She was always there for me when my real mom was not. When life was not so good at my house, the Gaekes offered me their house. Bob and Doug became my "brothers" and I will always love them. There are many happy memories with that family.*

*Bobby Ballard*

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**Bobby Ballard** - March 21, 2021 at 09:26 AM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
David, Joanne Tally and Samuel Bergsten*

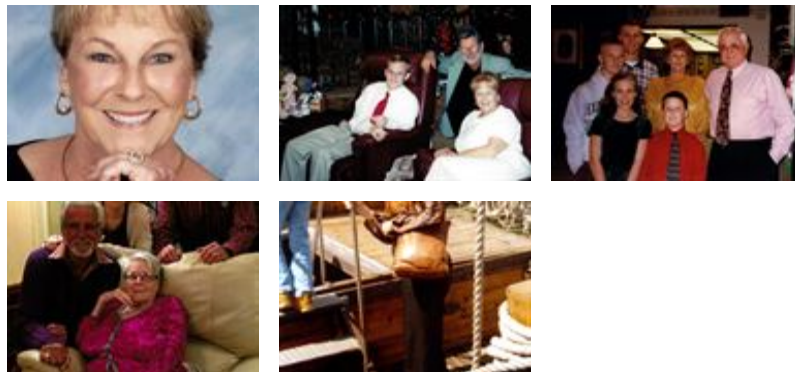


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**David, Joanne, Samuel Bergsten** - February 06, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - February 03, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Colene Dunn Gaeke.*



February 03, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *My mother Corine Jesselee (Mitschke) Friedrich and Colene Dunn Gaeke were very good friends. I got my middle name from her! Love, Carol Colleen (Friedrich) Schulz.*

**Carol Colleen Schulz** - February 01, 2021 at 05:22 PM

CS

“ *Carol Colleen Schulz lit a candle in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



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**Carol Colleen Schulz** - February 01, 2021 at 05:18 PM

AM

“ *Adeline Melcher lit a candle in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



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**Adeline Melcher** - February 01, 2021 at 11:43 AM

RS

“ *Robin Shope lit a candle in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



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**Robin Shope** - January 21, 2021 at 07:36 PM

DH

“ *During the last three months Giddings has lost several well loved citizens. As the parent of one of my favorite students, Doug, Colene was most supportive and always pleasant.*

*Sincere sympathy from Dee Hollick*

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**Delores Holick** - January 21, 2021 at 05:59 PM

DH

“ *Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus lit a candle in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



**Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus** - January 21, 2021 at 11:13 AM

JJ

“ *Colene touched the lives of many and was loved by all she touched. Heaven has a new angel. We will miss her deeply.*



**Janis Janca** - January 21, 2021 at 07:28 AM

KP

“ *Kenneth And Debbie Perry lit a candle in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



**Kenneth and Debbie Perry** - January 19, 2021 at 02:11 PM

TM

“ *Teresa Muniz lit a candle in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



**Teresa Muniz** - January 19, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ *She was the sweetest lady I knew in Bec’s Blessing. I enjoyed our little talks at night when I would come to work.*



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**Holly Kieschnick** - January 18, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



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**Violet Frosch** - January 18, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of Colene's passing, but rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Louis, I treasure the time I was able to share with you both, and delighted in the story of the determined love you had for each other from the very beginning until now. God's peace.*

*Pastor John Davis*

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**John Davis** - January 18, 2021 at 12:28 PM



“ *Fran & Kenny Urban lit a candle in memory of Colene Dunn Gaeke*



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**Fran & Kenny Urban** - January 18, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ Dear Gaekes,  
What wonderful memories we have of dear Colene. She was a wonderful hostess, a positive mother figure but most of all a good friend. In the beginning of our marriage she guided us with her wisdom and was even there to take me to doctors appointments in the latter term of our pregnancy with Warren. We would even go for ice cream afterwards. Oh how she loved the Aggies and her Aggie boys. I know the past few years must have been extremely hard on all of you, but hopefully the peace that passes all understanding will comfort you all. Know that you were loved with her whole heart. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks ahead.  
Our deepest sympathies,  
Mike and Carolyn Jatzlau

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**Carolyn Jatzlau** - January 17, 2021 at 07:59 AM



“ Such a sweet lady.



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**Marilyn Schautschick** - January 16, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ It is with great sorrow that we hear of the passing of Colene Gaeke. She was a wonderful and dear person who befriended everyone. She was among the most gracious and kind and gave much back to her community. May God Bless her soul and the entire Gaeke family and friends.

Carey & Ruthie Boethel

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**Carey Boethel** - January 16, 2021 at 04:38 PM

JW

“ *Mrs. Gaeke was such a sweet lady and a great hostess. Our prayers to Louis and all the family.*

Janis and Quatie Wolfshohl - January 16, 2021 at 03:14 PM

CC

“ *My heart goes out to the family on the loss of their loved one. She was so sweet - always with a kind word and smile. I remember her as a true lady: elegant, refined, and most of all, kind. She will be missed deeply. You are all in my prayers. Cyndi Cheney*



Cynthia Cheney - January 16, 2021 at 12:46 PM

LM

“ *Dear Louie and Family, I was so sorry to learn of Colene's passing away may God give you each His comfort and the knowledge that you will all be together in heaven again someday as well as met her many friends we have a lot of good times together and I'll always treasure those most sincerely, Lavonne*

Lavonne Morrow - January 16, 2021 at 11:29 AM

BW

“ *We are sorry to hear of the passing of Colene and know you will have many happy memories of her long life.*



Barbara Doyle Wilson - January 16, 2021 at 12:44 AM