



## Delores Bethke Billig

March 8, 1942 - December 12, 2015

Funeral services for Delores Bethke Billig, 73 of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. A private family committal service will be held in the Giddings City Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Delores Earlene (Bethke) Billig was born on March 8, 1942 in Brenham, Texas to Anton Henry Bethke and Minnie Alvenia (Urban) Bethke. She was baptized on March 18, 1942 and confirmed on March 25, 1956 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Max Studtmann. Her confirmation verse was John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Delores was a waitress at The Sweet Shop and Mel's Diner and also worked in the cafeteria at Immanuel Lutheran School for several years. She married Erwin Billig on August 2, 1998 at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Wilbern Michalk officiating. She was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings where she had been a member of the Ladies Aid, sang in the choir and taught Sunday school. She had served as president of the Afternoon Fellowship and the Lee County Senior Citizen Center and served as secretary

for the Lee County Seniors in Action. Delores enjoyed playing dominoes and cards, attending her granddaughters sporting events and rarely missed a Giddings High School Buffalo football game.

Delores passed away the evening of Saturday, December 12, 2015 at the Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anton & Minnie Bethke; her husband, Erwin Billig; three brothers, Milton Bethke, Charles Bethke and Wayne Bethke and a brother-in-law, Erwin Koslan.

Delores is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Russell & LaDonna Neumann of Giddings; three granddaughters, Hanna Neumann of College Station and Morgan & Maci Boyd of Giddings; her sister, Ruth Koslan of Georgetown; her brother, Ray Bethke & his wife, Patricia of Georgetown; her sister-in-law, Ruth Bethke of Brenham as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Marcus Koslan, Kevin Billig, Robert Billig, Jesse Koslan, Al Hirsch and Jeff Faske.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 15. 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Family Present for Visitation

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## Church Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ *Ruth Koslan and Jesse Lee and Dede Koslan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Delores Bethke Billig.* ”



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**Ruth Koslan and Jesse Lee and Dede Koslan** - December 15, 2015 at 11:05 AM

LT

“ *Lois Taylor lit a candle in memory of Delores Bethke Billig* ”



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**Lois Taylor** - December 14, 2015 at 12:46 PM

CM

“ *Cotton & Suzanna Medack lit a candle in memory of Delores Bethke Billig* ”



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**Cotton & Suzanna Medack** - December 14, 2015 at 07:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Delores Bethke Billig.* ”



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December 13, 2015 at 08:18 PM

TG

“ *Travis And Lynn Gunter lit a candle in memory of Delores Bethke Billig*



Travis and Lynn Gunter - December 13, 2015 at 08:05 PM

TF

“ *The Gunter Family lit a candle in memory of Delores Bethke Billig*



The Gunter Family - December 13, 2015 at 08:04 PM

BM

“ *Barbara Jones Manbeck lit a candle in memory of Delores Bethke Billig*



Barbara Jones Manbeck - December 13, 2015 at 07:23 PM

BM

*In our young years, in the early 1950's we were neighbors and my sister Sharon and I spent all of our waking hours at Earlene's house. Doing so, she, and her family are my family, too. Earlene was a wonderful person and I will miss her.*

Barbara Jones Manbeck - December 13, 2015 at 07:39 PM

LS

“ *Linda Sims lit a candle in memory of Delores Bethke Billig*



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**Linda Sims** - December 13, 2015 at 03:04 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Delores Bethke Billig*



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**Linda Cook** - December 13, 2015 at 10:57 AM

LC

“ *Delores was a very kind and loving person. She loved people and loved helping them whenever she could. She always was cheerful and had a smile on her face. She will be missed.*

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**Linda Cook** - December 13, 2015 at 10:57 AM