



Earl Hosfelt Sandoz

July 3, 1920 - November 3, 2014

Funeral services for Earl Sandoz, 94 of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, November 7, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Earl Hosfelt Sandoz was born on July 3, 1920 in Mobile, Alabama, along with his twin sister, Johanna, to Charles & Sophie (Parton) Hosfelt. Their mother died in childbirth, and having three small daughters to raise, their father felt he couldn't take care of twins and adopted them out. His father remarried after the death of his mother and fathered eight more children. Earl was reunited with his sister in his early 20's and they enjoyed many years getting to know each other along with their two older sisters. Earl was in the Merchant Marines when he met his wife, Leona Gersch, while he was in port in Houston. They were married on July 8, 1940 and lived in Houston until starting their family. Leona, having grown up in Serbin, moved to Giddings to make their home while Earl was at sea serving his country. They were blessed with four children, Walter, Margaret, Edward and Glenn. He retired from the Merchant

Marines in 1954 after serving during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Earl was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings on December 21, 1954 by Rev. Max Studtmann. He worked for 30 years at Industrial Generating in Rockdale. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and enjoyed watching high school football and little league baseball games. He was a handyman who enjoyed working on jobs around the house.

Earl passed away the afternoon of Monday, November 3, 2014 at St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sophie & Charles Hosfelt; his adopted mother, May Denny; his two sons, Walter Sandoz and Glenn Sandoz; his twin sister, Johanna; his sisters, Emily, Sophie and Jesse; his two brothers-in-law, Delbert Gersch & his wife, Olga Mae and Walter Gersch & his wife, Laverne; his beloved nephew, Sam Lane as well as several step-brothers and step-sisters.

Earl is survived by his wife of 74 years, Leona Sandoz of Giddings; his daughter, Margaret Mersiovsky & her husband, Charles of Giddings; his son, Edward Sandoz of Giddings; two granddaughters, Monica Cepress & her husband, Jerry of Kyle and Sandi Mersiovsky of Giddings; two great granddaughters, Paige & Allison Cepress of Kyle; his daughter-in-law, Linda Sandoz of Houston; his brother-in-law, Herman Gersch & his wife, Frances of Serbin as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Larry Spitzenberger, Ken Gersch, Jerry Cepress, Roy Gonzales, Gene Urban and Marty Snyder. Honorary pallbearers will be Daryl Gersch, Don Gersch, Bryan Gersch and David Gersch.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 North Grimes Street, Giddings, Texas 78942 or the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
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Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
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Visitation

NOV 7. 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM (CT)

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Church Service

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl Hosfelt Sandoz*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 06, 2014 at 04:15 PM

RS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rebecca Sherrill

Rebecca Sherrill - November 07, 2014 at 12:20 PM

JK

“ *Dear Mrs. Sandoz, Margaret, Edward, I have lost of memories growing up just one street over on Leon st. Time passes so fast. I just want you all to know that you all are in our prayers and thanks for being such wonderful neighbors Love you all John Krause*

John Krause - November 06, 2014 at 06:39 AM

MC

“ *To my Little Papa
You always had a smile on your face and loved to laugh. I'll probably miss that most. I know you are with Uncle Walter & Uncle Glenn now. We miss you dearly here on earth but know you are better now. I love you and miss you already and know I'll see you again one day. Your loving granddaughter, Monica*

Monica Cepress - November 05, 2014 at 07:40 PM

RG

“ *Aunt Leona, Margaret and family, I am saddened to hear of Uncle Earl's passing. I have so many fond memories of him and all the fun we had as kids with the family. He was a wonderful man and will be sorely missed. I hope he has now found Charlotte and Sammy and given them a big big hug.
I love you,
Rhonda Lane Gatti*

Rhonda Gatti - November 05, 2014 at 03:18 PM

AM

“ *Dear Mrs. Sandoz, Margaret, Edward....So many happy memories of growing up on North Main Street and playing at your house. Cowboys and Indians was one I remember. And, of course, Larry Karcher was often there to join in the fun. Your dad was often at work so I didn't get to know him real well, but I do know that your house was a happy place for me growing up. Not having brothers or sisters of my own, all of you were my family. May you be comforted during this time of loss. Love, Audrey Grundmann Maznn*

Audrey Mann - November 05, 2014 at 12:20 PM

DR

“ *Mr. Sandoz will truly be missed! All of us at CornerStone Dental loved to see him, and the love he had for his bride was palpable! He always smiled from ear to ear when you asked about his wife and their 70 years of marriage.....What a blessed life he had! God's prayers and most heartfelt sympathy to the family and to Mrs. Sandoz.*

With heavy hearts,

Dr. Karen Roberts and the team of CornerStone Dental, La Grange

Dr. Karen Roberts - November 04, 2014 at 08:12 AM