



## Edna Margaret Rabe

August 15, 1928 - December 3, 2019

Funeral services for Edna Rabe, 91, of Austin, formerly of Lexington, Texas will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington with Rev. Jonathan Meyer officiating. Entombment will follow in the Giddings City Mausoleum. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm and on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 7:00 am until 8:00 am at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Edna Margaret Rabe was born on August 15, 1928 to Gustav and Mary (Boriack) Fritsche. She was baptized on August 19, 1928 and confirmed on May 29, 1942 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Texas by Rev. Osthoff. Her confirmation verse is Matthew 24:13 "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." She moved to Houston and began working at the American Can Company with her sister, Ruth when she was 20. She married Willard Albrecht Rabe on July 4, 1948 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Houston. They moved to Groves, Texas and had four children, Dale, Doyle, Pam, and Mark. Raising children was Edna's greatest joy and she supported them many years as they learned life skills through the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. When the children got older, Edna started her career as a salesperson at Dryden's Department Store in Groves to help fund their college educations.

When Edna & Willard retired in 1982, they moved to Lexington, TX. Edna was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington and their LWML group, attending several conferences. She also enjoyed working outside in her flower beds and garden and was a member of the Lexington Garden Club. She also spent thirty-five years supporting her husband and building many great friendships by traveling the country to participate in POW reunions.

Edna passed away the evening of Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Arden Courts of Austin.

Edna is preceded in death by her parents, Gustav and Mary Fritsche; her husband, Willard; two sisters, Irene & Gerhard Koslan, and Ruth & Oscar Marquardt, and four brothers, William "Bill" & Marie Fritsche, Gilbert Fritsche, Walter & Maria Fritsche, and Erwin Fritsche.

She is survived by three sons, Dale & Susan Rabe of Austin, Doyle & Pam Rabe of Burnet, and Mark & Kari Rabe of Plano; daughter, Pam & Dan Gardner of Austin; six grandsons, Dale & Lori Rabe Jr. of Childress, Brandon & Vanessa Rabe of Austin, Sean Rabe and his fiancée Jessica Castrejana of Austin, Zachary Gardner of Austin, Kyle & Samantha Gardner of Austin, and Jackson Rabe of Plano; five granddaughters, Katherine & Jimmy Kull of Austin, Emilie Gardner of Austin, Jessie & Marshall Fielding of Austin, Brooke Rabe of Plano, and Chloe Rabe of Plano; twelve great-grandchildren; brother, Eldor & Helen Fritsche of Houston; two sisters-in-law, Faye Fritsche of Missouri, and Doris Fritsche of Northrup, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Brandon Rabe, Dale Rabe Jr., Sean Rabe, Kyle Gardner, Nathan Wenke, and Alan Fritsche.

Memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church or to the charity of one's choice.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

DEC 6. 7:00 AM - 8:00 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

DEC 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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DEC 7. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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DEC 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church  
320 North Rockdale Street  
Lexington, TX 78947

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Edna Margaret Rabe*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 05, 2019 at 05:20 PM



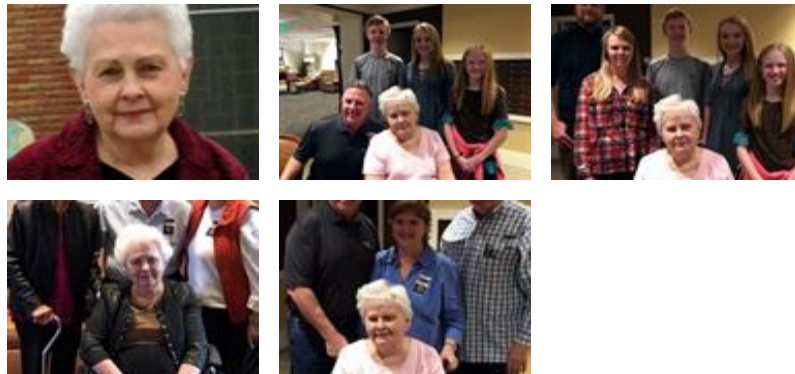
“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Edna Margaret Rabe.*



December 06, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 05, 2019 at 05:02 PM

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“ *Monica Kubecka purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Edna Margaret Rabe.*



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