



Elizabeth "Susie" Christine Kappler

June 15, 1920 - August 10, 2009

Funeral services for Elizabeth "Susie" Kappler, 89 of Giddings are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner & Rev. John Fibelkorn officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. Mrs. Kappler passed away Monday evening at her home in Giddings. Elizabeth Christine Schatte Kappler was born June 15, 1920 in Giddings, Texas to Johann Christopher Schatte and Louise Henrietta Umlang. She was baptised at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas. She was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings on May 25, 1934. Her confirmation verse was Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light." She was united in marriage to Leonard Norbert Kappler at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings on February 1, 1942 by Pastor Max Studtmann. Leonard & Elizabeth made their home on the Kappler farm, losing Leonard's dad in death during their first year of marriage. Together with his mom, they took over farming and ranching. The Lord sent Uncle Eddie Schatte to encourage and guide them and blessed them a hundredfold. There were no children born to them, but their home was filled in summers and on holidays with nieces and nephews looking forward to their love, their generosity and life on the farm.

Their home was never too small for one more pallet. Their doors swung wide open for visitors through the years, even from other countries. Elizabeth's Bible tells of a life lived with her God. It is well worn, she knew her favorite scriptures, and the pages showed the smudges of daily use. She and Leonard closed each day, hand in hand, with the Lord's Prayer which could be heard throughout the home by visitors. She was active in the Ladies' Circle and in Bible Study at Immanuel. Among her many friends were Frieda Wernecke, who faithfully called her twice daily immediately following Leonard's death and her faithful caregivers, Rachel Gonzales, Rebecca Ratcliff and Carolyn Tuttle. She expertly tailored shirts for her extra-tall husband. "Suze made this" he would say proudly. Her home also spoke of her decorating skills and her two kitchens poured out wonderful meals, hundreds of jars of canned goods and homemade sausage. When Leonard could not find her in the house he always knew she was in her yard with the flowers she loved to tend. Elizabeth is welcomed into her eternal home by her husband, Leonard Kappler; her parents-in-law, Clara & Martin Kappler; her parents, Johann & Louise Schatte; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Alfred & Oillie Prellop, Herbert & Lillian Wieder, Hilton & Dorothy Wieder, Bill Fritsche and Martin Kappler Jr.; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Henry & Hermine Schattte, Christopher & Martha Schatte, Louis Schatte, Edwin Schatte and Carolyn Moerbe. She is survived by her sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Marie Fritsche of The Woodlands, Herman & Frances Gersch of Giddings, John Moerbe of Giddings, Elma Schatte of Houston, Thelma Schatte of Giddings and her nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers will be Mark Schatte, Johnny Schatte, Monroe Prellop, Bill Withrow, John Moerbe Jr. and Benny Thornton. Honorary Pallbearers will be Andy Schatte, Tony Krpec, Kenneth Schatte, Cynthia Gersch, Mary Moerbe, Melvin Schatte and Paul Schatte. Elizabeth lived a life full of thanksgiving even while walking through the valley of declining health. No one who visited her ever left without being overwhelmed by her joy and optimism. Memorials may be made to Christ our Cornerstone at Immaunuel Lutheran Church in Giddings or to the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Elizabeth "Susie" Christine Kappler

Marlene Sherfy - August 14, 2009 at 10:37 AM

RD

“ Elizabeth "Susie" Christine Kappler

Rev. John Davis - August 12, 2009 at 04:10 PM

DB

“ Elizabeth "Susie" Christine Kappler

Doris and Ron Bergmann - August 12, 2009 at 09:53 AM

RW

“ Elizabeth "Susie" Christine Kappler

Richard & Edith Wieder - August 11, 2009 at 04:41 PM