



## Elnora "Joyce" Namken

March 18, 1925 - December 21, 2013

Funeral services for Elnora Joyce Namken, 88, of Giddings are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas with Rev. Jeremy Walloch officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, December 23, 2013 from 5:00 until 9:00 P.M. and on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 from 7:00 until 8:30 A.M. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Monday evening from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Elnora Joyce Toppel Namken was born on March 18, 1925 in Giddings, Texas to Henry and Ida (Schwirzke) Toppel. She was baptized at First Baptist Church. She was Confirmed May 27, 1946 and married that evening to Roland Henry Namken at Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Karen and Peggy. When she was in high school, she would do gymnastics at halftime and later became a twirler. She played softball for the LCRA and then for Fred's Frauliens in Warda. She enjoyed all kinds of music. For many years she sang in the church choir. She would also play by ear and sing many hours on her little organ at home. Although, she never went to beauty school, she would perm and comb her friends' hair on Fridays. She loved cooking, canning picante, dancing, fishing, roller skating, writing poems, and drawing. She enjoyed watching "her" squirrels and birds and caring for her many animals including her pet rooster, Bibbi. She loved talking on the phone with her many friends and watching TV, especially Dancing With the Stars and game shows. Joyce always enjoyed visiting with people, telling

jokes, and making others laugh. She was a loving mother and a wonderful granny. She always had a smile on her face. We will miss her, but we thank God who gave us memories of her. Elnora Joyce passed away the evening of December 21, 2013 at the Today's Assisted Living in Yoakum, TX. Serving as Pall Bearers are Keith Behrens, Tim McCoy, Austin McCoy, Shawn Willis, Terry Namken, and E.L. Toppel. She was preceded in death by parents, her husband, twin great grandchildren, Cole and Kyle Willis, five brothers, Rubin Toppel, Alex Toppel, Morris Toppel, Edger Toppel, Lee Roy Toppel, and one sister, Lorine Black. Elnora Joyce is survived by her daughters, Karen and husband, Mike Behrens of Yoakum, and Peggy and husband, Doug Schaefer of Salado, grandchildren, M. Keith and wife, Kimberley Behrens of Brenham, Kevin and wife, Melonie Behrens of Australia, Shara and husband, Tim McCoy of Yoakum, Lori and husband, Shawn Willis of Little River, step-grandson, Brian Schaefer of Killeen, great grandchildren, Ashton and Emmie Behrens of Brenham, Chase and Paige Behrens of Australia, and Austin, Cade, and Brynlee McCoy of Yoakum, sisters-in-law, Gladys Namken of Giddings, Janet Namken of Giddings, and Louise Medack of Giddings, brother-in-law, Harry Namken of Giddings, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. A special thank you to her "other family" and care givers at Today's Assisted Living in Yoakum, Accolade Hospice, Accolade Home Health, the numerous visits by Pastor Jeremy and the ladies that would bring her communion. Memorials may be given to Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Accolade Home Health at 220 Grand Ave., Yoakum, TX 77995, or to the charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Elnora "Joyce" Namken*

Barbara and James Schulze - December 28, 2013 at 02:48 PM

JH

“ *Elnora "Joyce" Namken*

Janis Hannes - December 24, 2013 at 03:55 PM

LS

“ *Elnora "Joyce" Namken*

Lauren schaefer - December 23, 2013 at 11:35 PM

SJ

“ *Elnora "Joyce" Namken*

sharon jacoby - December 23, 2013 at 07:58 PM

GI

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Gloria ivey - December 23, 2013 at 03:48 PM

BB

“ *Elnora "Joyce" Namken*

Brenna Behrens - December 23, 2013 at 10:33 AM

AG

“ *Elnora "Joyce" Namken*

Amanda Greger - December 23, 2013 at 09:55 AM



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**Steven Gray** - December 22, 2013 at 09:39 PM