



Elvira "Vera" Edna Groeschel

June 4, 1931 - August 5, 2011

Funeral services for Vera Groeschel, 80 of Serbin, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 8, 2011 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas with Rev. John Schmidt officiating. A private family burial will be held in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Monday, August 8, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Vera passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 5, 2011 at St. David's Medical Center in Austin. Elvira "Vera" Edna Weihe Groeschel was born on June 4, 1931 in New Minden, Illinois to Adolf & Edna (Vogt) Weihe. She was baptized on June 14, 1931 at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Minden, IL by Rev. Emmanuel Koesting and confirmed on March 25, 1945 also at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Minden by Rev. P.F. Harre. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 111:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever." Vera was united in marriage to Norbert "Joe" Groeschel on May 20, 1978 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Paul Hartfield. She had been employed at the Giddings Elementary School and had also worked at Northrup Store, Serbin Store and Warda Store and also helped her son run Stoney's Barbecue in Giddings. Vera was a people person who enjoyed visiting and talking with others. She never met a stranger. She loved her grandchildren

and was at all of their sporting events. Vera was looking forward to this upcoming Giddings High School Football season and was excited about watching her grandson play his first year of high school football and her granddaughter serve as the school mascot. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister in childhood; brother, Leroy Weihe; two sisters-in-law, Leona Wolff and Velma Groeschel and three brothers-in-law, Leonard Groeschel, Ervin Lorenz, Alfred Lorenz. Vera is survived by her husband, Norbert "Joe" Groeschel of Serbin; three children, Larry Weihe of Beckemeyer, Illinois, Cyndi Watson of Giddings and Wesley Clopton of Serbin; two grandchildren, Jordan Watson of Giddings and Stone Clopton of Serbin; sister, Elaine & Lester Robbins of Pflugerville; four sisters-in-law, Adelia Lorenz of Serbin, Nadine & Bill Christiansen of Kingsville, Gertrude Lorenz of Giddings and Wren Groeschel of Houston and a brother-in-law, Raymond & Bernice Wolff of Houston. Serving as pallbearers will be Troy Hirsch, Miguel Castro, Wesley Burgdorf, Jeff Robertson, Doug Stanley, Monty Tyler and Shane Hoffman. Memorials may be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Restoration Fund, 1572 County Road 211, Giddings, Texas 78942 or the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

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Lindsey McKee - August 25, 2011 at 10:57 AM

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“ *Elvira "Vera" Edna Groeschel*

Sylvia and Barry Hildebrandt - August 09, 2011 at 04:43 PM

AP

“ *Elvira "Vera" Edna Groeschel*

Amy Peters-James - August 08, 2011 at 01:27 PM

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evelyn mitschke - August 06, 2011 at 07:32 PM

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Wilbert & Barbara Birnbaum - August 06, 2011 at 07:07 PM

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