



Elyne Helen Rackel

December 9, 1930 - December 17, 2018

Funeral services for Elyne Rackel, 88, of Lincoln, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 21, 2018 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln with Rev. Dale Bohm officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, December 21, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Philips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Elyne Helen (Markert) Rackel was born on December 9, 1930 in Lincoln, Texas, the daughter of Carl Andreas Markert and Emilie Emma (Walther) Markert. She was baptized on December 21, 1930 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln by Rev. Reinhard Osthoff and confirmed on April 9, 1944 also at St. John Lutheran Church. Elyne was united in marriage to Elmo Ervin Rackel on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1949 at St. John Lutheran Church by Rev. H.A. Stroebel. She was a lifelong and faithful member of St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Elyne served as the school bus driver for St. John Lutheran School in Lincoln from 1976 until 1989. Elyne was a huge Dallas Cowboys fan who also enjoyed gardening, canning, making noodles and baking. Everyone looked forward to the hundreds of sugar and chocolate chip cookies she made for Christmas.

Elyne passed away the morning of Monday, December 17, 2018 at the

Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Emilie Markert; her husband, Elmo Rackel; her daughter, Rose Stewart; four sisters, Ruth Pampell Falke & her husbands, Herbert Pampell & Carl Falke, Irene Strokos & her husband, Charles, Edna Green & her husband, James and Betty Luetz Theiss & her husbands, Carl Luetz and Wayne Theiss; five brothers, Ervin Markert, Collie Markert & his wife, Bernice, Willie Markert & his wife, Ella, Gilbert Markert & his wife, Ruby and Freddie Markert; seven brothers-in-law, Vernon Wernecke, Clarence Rackel & his wife, Meta, William "Pete" Rackel & his wife, Florine, Lawrence Rackel & his wife, Lizzy, Delbert Rackel, Raymond Miller and Merv Lindsay, and one sister-in-law, Ruth Markert.

Elyne is survived by her four children, Barbara Birnbaum & her husband, Wilbert of Lincoln, Rebecca Michalk & her husband, Gaylon of Victoria, Lisa Schumann & her husband, Mike of Dime Box and Andrew Rackel of Lincoln; son-in-law, Vince Stewart of Giddings; fourteen grandchildren, Anthony Birnbaum & his wife, Nancy of College Station, Chris Birnbaum & his wife, Michelle of Manheim, Willie Birnbaum & his wife, Kasey of Lincoln, Sherry Mullins & her husband, Michael of Boerne, Justin Michalk & his wife, Brandi of Buda, Meghan Villarreal & her husband, Sergio of Victoria, Heather Behrens & her husband, Troy of Giddings, Coby Zoch of Wellborn, Conner Stewart & his wife, Kari of Giddings, Sean Stewart of Giddings, Kyle Schumann & his wife, Margaret of Bryan, Ross Schumann & his wife, Molly of Midland, Amanda Horak & her husband, Al of Caldwell, and Charles Schumann of Dime Box; twenty seven great grandchildren; six step great, great grandchildren; one sister, Frances Wernecke of New Ulm; one brother, Roland Markert of Giddings; two sisters-in-law, Janice Lindsay of Ralls and Lillian Markert of Lexington as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Elyne's ten grandsons will serve as pallbearers and include Anthony

Birnbaum, Chris Birnbaum, Willie Birnbaum, Justin Michalk, Coby Zoch, Conner Stewart, Sean Stewart, Kyle Schumann, Ross Schumann and Charles Schumann.

Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church School Tuition Fund or to the charity of one's choice.

The Rackel family would like to thank the staff at Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center for the loving care they provided to Elyne these past years.

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Cemetery of Lincoln

1012 Private Road 8012
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

DEC 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Visitation

DEC 21. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Church Service

DEC 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church of Lincoln
1012 Private Road 8012
Giddings, TX 78942-9263

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elyne Helen Rackel*



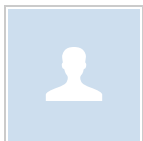
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 19, 2018 at 05:51 PM

MS

“ *Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Elyne Helen Rackel*



Michelle M Schuetz - December 27, 2018 at 03:48 PM



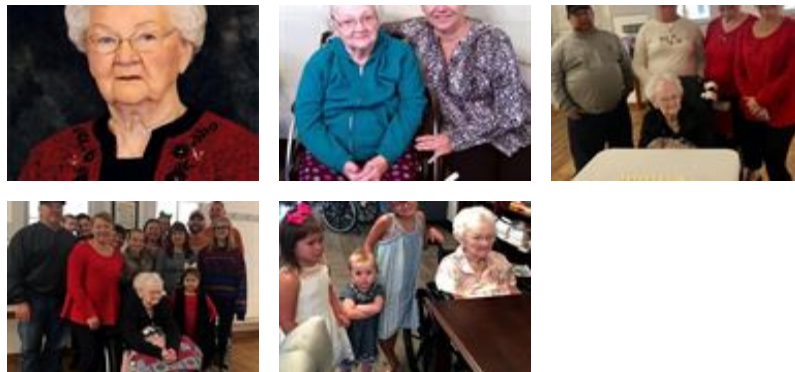
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elyne Helen Rackel.*



December 20, 2018 at 02:59 PM



“ 66 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 19, 2018 at 04:37 PM

BM

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved mom. I believe my mother *Arline Heintze Muegge* was in your mom and dad's wedding. My mom's mother was *Hulda Rackel*. I can remember mom talking about your mom and dad's family. May you and your family find comfort and peace in your loving memories of your mom and grandmother.



Barbara D Machu - December 19, 2018 at 12:35 PM

MA

“ Marilyn Adams lit a candle in memory of *Elyne Helen Rackel*



Marilyn Adams - December 19, 2018 at 03:49 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear about your loss of your Loved One. Prayers and sympathy are sent your way.



Janice and Gary Schneider - December 18, 2018 at 03:45 PM