



## Erwin William Schulze

January 16, 1933 - July 8, 2015

Funeral services for Erwin William Schulze, 82 of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., on Sunday, July 12, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Monday, July 13, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Schulze family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Erwin William Schulze was born on January 16, 1933 in Loebau, Texas to Carl Wilhelm Schulze and Hulda Dora (Sanders) Schulze. He was baptized on January 17, 1933 at Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau by Rev. Carl Durow and was confirmed on March 30, 1947 at Christ Lutheran Church by Rev. Herbert Hartfield. His confirmation verse was 1 Timothy 1:15, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." Erwin was united in marriage to Florine Meyer on June 2, 1956 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Fred Mgebroff. Their union was blessed with two children, Carolyn and Steven. Erwin & Florine moved to Houston shortly after their marriage where Erwin was employed as a sheetrocker before working as a security guard with Humble Oil Company. Eventually, Erwin & Florine both went to work as custodians with Spring I.S.D. They moved back to Giddings in 1982 and Erwin

went to work in the maintenance department at the Lee County Courthouse. He worked for Lee County for nearly 13 years when he retired in 1995. Erwin also served as the custodian part-time for the Lee County Appraisal District for 23 years, Bobby Lehmann Trucking for 15 years and Newman & Keng Paving for several years. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, the Sons of Herman Lodge #151 in Round Top and a supporter of the Lee County Junior Livestock Show. Erwin enjoyed working with his cattle, chickens, gardening, hunting, fishing, and cooking outdoors for family gatherings. He and Florine enjoyed taking care of children in their home for 32 years. They became "Grandpa & Grandma Schulze" to each of the one's they kept and they would all pile on his lap at the same time when he got home from work.

Erwin passed away the afternoon of Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at the Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center surrounded by his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl & Hulda Schulze; his son, Steven "Bluebell" Schulze; his parents-in-law, Alwen & Mary Meyer; his brother and sister-in-law, Alfred & Lydia Schulze; his sister and brother-in-law, Amanda & Fritz Schroeder and his brother-in-law, Bob Dobbler.

Erwin is survived by his wife of 59 years, Florine Schulze of Giddings; his daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn & Larry Wachsmann of Lincoln; two grandchildren, Stephanie Winkelmann & husband, Ryan of Burton and Randy Wachsmann & fiancée, Megan Maass of Lincoln; two great grandchildren, Dalton & Mallory Winkelmann of Burton; two sisters, Gertrude Dobbler of Derby, Kansas and Esther Urban of Giddings; three brothers, Herbert Schulze & wife, Lorine of Houston, Lawrence Schulze & wife, Terry of Houston and Leroy Schulze & wife, Myrna of Garland; brother-in-law, Otis Meyer & wife, Doris of Giddings as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Randy Wachsmann, Ryan Winkelmann, Glenn Treude, James Schulze, Cody Medack and Dwayne Cass. Honorary pallbearers will be Stephanie Winkelmann, Dalton Winkelmann, Mallory Winkelmann, Megan Maass and all of the children that they have babysat for the past 32 years.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Early Childhood Center, 300 North Grimes Street, Giddings, Texas 78942, Hospice Brazos Valley, 1048 North Jefferson, La Grange, Texas 78945 or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 9:00 AM - 9:00 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

JUL 12. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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## Family Present for Visitation

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JUL 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Church Service

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JUL 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Erwin William Schulze*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - July 10, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - July 10, 2015 at 05:21 PM



“ *Erwin was always my "right hand man" at our Sons of Hermann meetings. He was a good friend and will be missed.*

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**Linda Mattocks** - July 10, 2015 at 10:03 AM

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“ Our heartfelt sympathy to all in the family. It has been hard seeing him suffer and now he is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, enjoying all of God's glory. May our heavenly Father wrap His loving and almighty arms around you and grant you His peace and comfort.

*Ruby and Elaine Krause*

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**Ruby and Elaine Krause** - July 10, 2015 at 09:16 AM

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“ You are all in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time. Many special memories come to mind as we recall our childhood and growing up in Houston. I remember a special trip to Seguin to go to the deer lease with Erwin and the family. Erwin gave me a flashlight that I still remember. The truck had a camper on it and I remember riding there in it and laying on the bed that was built in the back. Camping at Grady's bottom was also a special time I remember vividly. Many days and nights at Sonny Truede's camp house in Carmine are special also. So many Saturday nights spent with mom and dad and Erwin and Florine playing Rook while the kids played. Just continue to remember the good times that we enjoyed and we will keep Erwin's memory alive. God's blessings to help each of you through this time.

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**Sandra and Margie** - July 09, 2015 at 08:17 PM

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“ I have known Mr Schulze for many years and he was an amazing husband, man, father, grandpa and great grandpa. I remember all the little ones they had in their daycare. He will surely be missed.RIP Mr Schulze. God watch over your family and friends during this difficult time.

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**Amy Arldt Poncik** - July 09, 2015 at 06:59 PM

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“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless you all during this difficult time. You have our deepest sympathy.* ”



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**Terry and Cindy Namken** - July 09, 2015 at 02:56 PM