



Esther Frieda Gaston

March 6, 1928 - May 22, 2021

Funeral services for Esther Gaston, 93 of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Graveside services will follow at 4:30 p.m. at the Three Oaks Cemetery in McDade, Texas. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, May 28, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips 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.

Esther Frieda (Hartfield) Gaston was born on March 6, 1928 in Lyons, Texas. She was the oldest child of Rev. Herbert Otto Hartfield Sr. and Frieda Bertha (Maas) Hartfield. She was baptized at home by her father and confirmed on April 26, 1942 at Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau. Her confirmation verse was Genesis 15:1, "I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." Esther lived in several smaller communities growing up where her father served as pastor. She was a member of the IOOF where she developed a love for the outdoors, especially shooting sports and camping. She obtained her cosmetology license at a young age and learned to play the organ by correspondence. Esther had a deep love for music having an extensive music collection and especially enjoyed classical music, the French horn, and musicals. She was an Avon Representative and delivered a newspaper route for many years. She worked as a night clerk at the Starlight Motel in Giddings,

answered phones for a local answering service, and worked at McDonald's before she went to work at the newly opened Walmart in Giddings. She worked there from the store's opening day until she retired at the age of 80. Esther was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings where she was a member of the Ladies Aid and volunteered with the Lutheran Braille Workers. She had served as secretary of the Walther League at St. John Lutheran Church in Farwell and received her certification through the Concordia Teacher's Training Course. Esther educated herself on most topics through her love of reading. She read everything from her Bible, Portals of Prayers, Reader's Digest, even encyclopedias. She especially enjoyed mysteries. She was always up for watching a good movie.

Esther passed away the morning of Saturday, May 22, 2021 at her home in Giddings.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Herbert and Frieda Hartfield Sr.; three brothers, Rev. Clemens Hartfield, Herbert Otto Hartfield Jr., and Frederick Hartfield; brother-in-law, Billy Stringfellow; stepchildren, Ethel Lorene Madina and Ernest "Rusty" Gaston, and granddaughter, Amanda McKeown.

Esther is survived by her three daughters, Cynthia Jane of Houston, Stephanie and Daniel Noack of Paige, and Natalie and David Ramos of Giddings; five grandchildren, Amber Gaston Lang of Bastrop, Joshua Noack of Paige, Michael Gaston of Austin, Taylor and Dustin Lara of Giddings, and Tessa Ramos of Giddings; seven great grandchildren, Rebekah McKeown of Las Vegas, Tristen Lang of Bastrop, Micah Lang of Bastrop, Lilly Noack of Pflugerville, Violet Lang of Bastrop, Dylan Lara of Giddings, and Dayton Lara of Giddings; four siblings, Rev. Paul and Cydell Hartfield of Serbin, Rev. Robert "Bobby" and Lillie Hartfield of New York, Ethel Stringfellow of Burkburnett, and Carol and Wallace Lehmann of Warda; three sisters-in-law,

Jo Anne Hartfield of Indiana, Sharon Hartfield of Amarillo, and Sue Hartfield of Webberville, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Hartfield, Tracy Stringfellow, Tristen Lang, Micah Lang, Dustin Lara, and Joseph Lang. Honorary pallbearer is Michael Gaston.

The family would like to thank Pastor Tiner, Dr. Eric Alford, Christina, Doug, Sarah, April, Lori, and all the wonderful nurses, aids, and volunteers from Hospice Brazos Valley for all the care they gave to Esther.

Memorials may be made to the Lutheran Braille Workers, Hospice Brazos Valley, or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Three Oaks Cemetery

County Road 99
McDade, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

MAY 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

MAY 28. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAY 28. 4:30 PM (CT)

Three Oaks Cemetery
County Road 99
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Tribute Wall



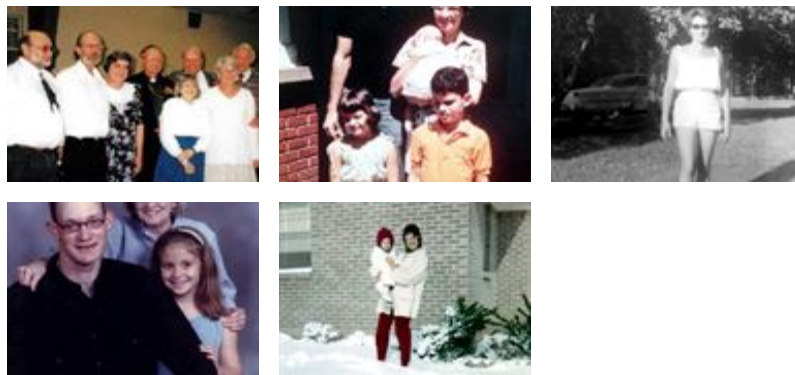
“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Frieda Gaston*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - May 27, 2021 at 10:39 AM



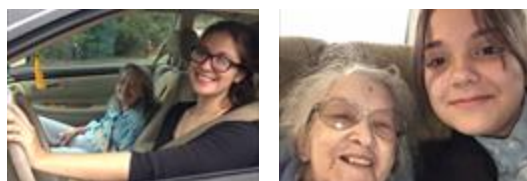
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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - May 27, 2021 at 10:23 AM



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Martha - May 24, 2021 at 07:00 PM

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“ Because we never lived in Texas, we had limited times to be with Esther and her family in the years since 1956 when I was welcomed into the Hartfield family. When we did get together, Esther was the one with the quiet voice and welcoming smile. I regret that I cannot travel for her final services. May God wrap His arms about this family as they adjust to Esther's passing.

Joanne J Hartfield - May 24, 2021 at 06:49 PM

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“ I will always remember Aunt Esther's warm smile and kind heart.

Andrew Hartfield - May 24, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Esther Frieda Gaston.



May 24, 2021 at 05:15 PM

GJ

“ Our deepest condolences, May God give you healing & peace

Gina & Ewaldt Knobloch



Gina & Ewaldt Knobloch, Jr - May 24, 2021 at 05:12 PM

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Amber Lang - May 24, 2021 at 04:40 PM