



Esther Ruth Namken

April 12, 1928 - November 3, 2024

Funeral services for Esther Namken, 96 of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Blake Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 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 Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Esther Ruth (Mittasch) Namken was born on April 12, 1928 in Giddings, Texas, the only daughter and one of six children born to John Ernst and Anna Amalia (Kalbas) Mittasch. She was baptized on April 20, 1928 and confirmed on April 6, 1941 both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. G.W. Fischer. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 145:18-19, "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them". Esther was united in marriage to Alton Alvin Namken on November 25, 1948 at Immanuel Lutheran Church by Rev. Max Studtmann. They were blessed with five children, Eugene, Linda, Kay, Debbie, and Ronnie.

Esther was an active member of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings where she was a member of the quilting group for many years. While she

spent her life being a loving and devoted homemaker to her family, she also worked as a nurse's aid at Lee Memorial Hospital, at Bage's Grocery in Giddings, and Peterson Family Food in Lexington. Esther was an amazing cook and her family especially looked forward to her cheesecakes and homemade noodles, which she continued to make even well into her 90's. She was known for having a green thumb and enjoyed taking care of her yard and her flowers. Most of all, she will be remembered as a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother who cherished the times when her family was together.

Esther passed away the afternoon of Sunday, November 3, 2024 at her home in Giddings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John & Anna Mittasch; her husband of 63 years, Alton Namken; her granddaughter, Jessica Oltmann, her grandson, Brandon Oltmann; her great grandson, William Snowden, and five brothers, Gilbert Mittasch, Herbert Mittasch & his wife, Laura, Johnny Mittasch & his wife, Elsie, Willie Mittash & his wife, Junelle, and Herman Mittasch & his wife, Ruth.

Esther is survived by her five children, Gene & Valerie Namken of Giddings, Linda & Ronnie Oltmann of Serbin, Kay & Chris Oltmann of Allen, Debbie & David Peterson of Lexington and Ronnie & Stacy Namken of Giddings; nine grandchildren, Amber & Seth Spacek of Fancy Farm, Kentucky, Casey Namken & fiancé, Sarah Hunt of Manheim, Heather & John Snowden of Giddings, Jonathan & Sarah Oltmann of Grapevine, Justin & Tricia Peterson of West Chester, Ohio, Jordan & Missy Peterson of College Station, McKenna & Stuart Haley of McKinney, Brooks Namken & fiancé, Jenna Martin of College Station, and Leighton & Daniel Brackin of College Station; sixteen great grandchildren, Rayghan & Aaron Vilt of Princeton, Kentucky, Ashby Spacek of Fancy Farm, Kentucky, Kennedi Namken & Maddox Namken both

of Manheim, Shiloh Sowders, Mickaela Snowden, Clare Snowden, J.J. Snowden, Jasper Snowden, & Walker Snowden all of Giddings and Kyle Oltmann & Timothy Oltmann both of Grapevine, Jackson Peterson of West Chester, Ohio, and Ellie Peterson, Emery Peterson, & Everly Peterson all of College Station; one great, great grandchild, Charleigh Vilt of Princeton, Kentucky, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Brooks Namken, Casey Namken, Jonathan Oltmann, Jordan Peterson, Justin Peterson, and John Snowden.

Memorials may be made to Martin Luther Lutheran Church Sunday School or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section D)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

NOV 6. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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3950 East Austin Street
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Funeral Service

NOV 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Martin Luther Lutheran Church
573 North Main Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Ruth Namken*



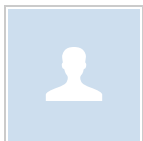
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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Esther Ruth Namken.*



November 05, 2024 at 01:55 PM

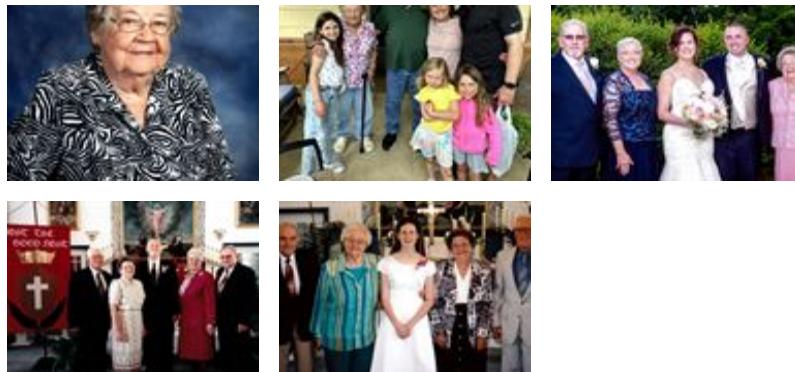


“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Esther Ruth Namken.*

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BB

“ *Bev, Jim, Barb, Kent, Bonnie, & Bea purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Esther Ruth Namken.*



Bev, Jim, Barb, Kent, Bonnie, & Bea - November 05, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther Ruth Namken.*



November 05, 2024 at 11:54 AM

DO

“ *Darlene G Oltmann lit a candle in memory of Esther Namken*



Darlene G Oltmann - November 05, 2024 at 10:28 AM

CA

“ *Claire and Mike Austin purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Esther Ruth Namken.*



Claire and Mike Austin - November 04, 2024 at 08:18 PM

CL

“ *Charles and Gretchen Lambourne purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Esther Ruth Namken.*



Charles and Gretchen Lambourne - November 04, 2024 at 06:11 PM