



Fred O. Placke, Jr.

September 20, 1931 - July 28, 2009

Funeral services for Fred O. Placke, Jr., of Giddings are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2009 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas with Pastor John Fibelkorn officiating. Burial will follow at the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, August 2, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mr. Placke passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2009 in Bemidji, Minnesota. Fred was born on September 20, 1931 to Fred Oscar & Bertha Amalia (Lehmann) Placke. He married his High School sweetheart, Ruth Melcher, on October 14, 1950. Fred graduated from Giddings High School in 1948, and was one of the first Eagle Scouts in Lee County. He received his degree in Agricultural Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1953 and was a proud member of the Aggie Band and Bugle Rank. After college, Fred served in the United States Air Force, Eglin AFB, as a test engineer at the end of the Korean War. He was a founding partner of Pump and Power Engineering, and later purchased Texas Armature works. He pursued other activities over the years, designed and operated RV parks in Galveston and Houston, designed and marketed baseball pitching apparatus, and proudly earned his private pilot's license at the age of 65. Fred and Ruth raised their children in Houston and enjoyed the last several years living on the family farm in Giddings. He enjoyed constructing and flying remote controlled airplanes, and made many friends all over the country in flying clubs. His passions included Boston Terriers, playing dominoes with his

family, Aggie football, Giddings High School football and baseball, and traveling across the country in his RV with his "Ruthie". Fred was preceded in death by his parents and twin infant sons Gregory Kirk and Geoffery Neal. Fred is survived by his beloved wife, Ruth Melcher Placke, his children Fred O. Placke III and wife Caren of Highland Village, TX, Linda Ruth Placke of Fayetteville, AR, George M. Placke and wife Elizabeth of San Antonio, TX. He had 8 Grandchildren, who called him "Big Fred"; Fred O. Placke IV and wife Erin, Rebekah, Michael, Gregory, Carey, Lauren, Zane and Rachel, as well as 2 Great-Grandchildren, Avery and Gabriel; brothers, John L Placke and wife Sue of Giddings TX and William M. Placke and wife Dorothy of Katy TX; sister-in-law, Pearl Richardson of Giddings TX as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Fred's grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Memorials can be given to Immanuel Lutheran Boy Scouts, Texas A & M Band, or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Fred O. Placke, Jr.

Keith faske - August 11, 2009 at 05:23 PM

NW

“ Fred O. Placke, Jr.

NANCY WASSON - August 02, 2009 at 05:53 PM

DC

“ Fred O. Placke, Jr.

Donna Cost - August 01, 2009 at 03:30 PM

MC

“ Fred O. Placke, Jr.

Marge Croninger - August 01, 2009 at 11:07 AM

LI

“ Fred O. Placke, Jr.

Leonard /Helen Iselt - August 01, 2009 at 09:03 AM

JH

“ Fred O. Placke, Jr.

Joyce Herzog - July 31, 2009 at 06:32 PM

DM

“ Fred O. Placke, Jr.

Dennis & Evelyn Maass - July 29, 2009 at 08:40 PM