



Gladys Irene Symm

April 7, 1927 - June 2, 2017

Funeral services for Gladys Symm, 90, of Serbin, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin with Rev. John Schmidt officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 9, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Gladys Irene (Oltmann) Symm was born on April 7, 1927 in Serbin, Texas to Wilhelm "Willie" Friedrich Oltmann and Alma Maria (Tietjen) Oltmann. She was baptized on April 15, 1927 and confirmed on March 17, 1940 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Herman Schmidt. Gladys attended school at St. Paul Lutheran School in Serbin where she rode a donkey to school. She later completed her GED and took business education courses by correspondence. She was united in marriage to Victor Otis Symm on June 20, 1944 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Herman Schmidt. During WWII, Gladys worked at a coffee plant in Houston before having to return to Serbin to help her family farm while Victor and her brothers were serving in the Army. She was a loving and devoted homemaker who raised her four children, Harvey, Karen, Michael and David. Later, she worked for the Lee County Peanut Company and City Meat Market in Giddings. Gladys was a lifelong and active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where she had taught

Sunday school and was a member of the Ladies Aid. She also volunteered with Lutheran Braille Workers and was a member of the Giddings American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed quilting, baking, playing dominoes, gardening and taking care of her flowers.

Gladys passed away the afternoon of Friday, June 2, 2017 at the Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie & Alma Oltmann; her husband of nearly 72 years, Victor Symm and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ben & Ruby Oltmann, Ernest & Edna Oltmann and Wilbert & Elsie Oltmann.

Gladys is survived by her four children, Harvey Symm & his wife, Josie of Austin, Karen Symm of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Michael Symm & his wife, Barbara of Serbin and Rev. David Symm & his wife, Tina of Lariat; 10 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Ruth & Richard Lewis of Wolfe City; one sister-in-law, Grace Hataway of Northport, Alabama as well as several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Timothy Symm, Eli Symm, Johnie Kalina, Jordan Goedrich, Ronald Oltmann and James Oltmann.

Memorials may be made to the St. Paul Lutheran Church Building Fund, The Lutheran Hour, Hospice Brazos Valley or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Serbin

1572 County Road 211
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 7:00 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/>

Family Present for Visitation

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Church Service

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<http://stpaulserbin.org>

Tribute Wall

LK

“ My parents always loved going to visit the Symm's. Gladys's in-laws were special people to my dad, Alfred Kappler. When we visited Aunt Mary and Uncle John Symm, we always visited Gladys and Victor. My sympathies to your family even though I am miles away in Chicago. May you know God's comfort in the days ahead.

LaNell (Kappler) Mahler Koenig

LaNell Mahler Koenig - June 09, 2017 at 05:28 PM

BW

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Gladys. There are so many memories of her working at the market and that crew worked hard but had a lot of fun. May she rest in peace with Victor.

Barbara Doyle Wilson

Barbara Doyle Wilson - June 09, 2017 at 01:43 PM

RH

“ Rachel H. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gladys Irene Symm.



Rachel H. - June 08, 2017 at 01:58 PM

DH

“ Mike, Barbara and children,
🌹 Thinking of you at this time. Very hard to lose a parent and grandparent-memories help sustain. Bless you, Delores Schulze Holick

Delores Holick - June 08, 2017 at 11:47 AM

RH

“ I am so sorry that I won't be able to be there with you on Saturday. I have so many fond memories of Mrs. Symm. She was the first person to introduce me to Shake and Bake...sooo good! I remember my parents and the Oltmanns playing dominoes in the study of our house. I remember going to the beach when it rained so much we couldn't get out of our cars! I didn't care because I was riding in Karen's red Mustang! I could go on and on. I just remember her sweet smile and her kind and gentle ways. I know she will live in our hearts forever. She is singing with the angels tonight and forever!

Rachel Moebus Haberer - June 06, 2017 at 06:38 PM

MF

“ So very sorry for the loss of your Mother & Grandmother. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. God bless you.
Margie Jimenez & Family

Margie & family - June 05, 2017 at 09:35 PM

NA

“ Tony and I are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. She was such a kind and soft hearted lady. May the Lord be with all of you at this time.
Nancy and Tony Absnaider

nancy Absnaider - June 05, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gladys Irene Symm.



June 05, 2017 at 11:55 AM

DM

“ We are sorry for your loss. God be with you at this time of sorrow.

Dianna and Clarence Mitschke

Dianna Mitschke - June 04, 2017 at 11:18 AM

CJ

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy for your loss. William & Carol Jurk

Carol & William Jurk - June 03, 2017 at 10:39 AM

MM

“ What a sweet lady Gladys was! I'll always remember the conversations we had with her and Victor at church. May you find comfort and peace in the sure and certain hope we have in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Mark and Leann McClain - June 02, 2017 at 11:03 PM

ME

“ Melvin And Eleanor sent a virtual gift in memory of Gladys Irene Symm



Melvin and Eleanor - June 02, 2017 at 06:37 PM

ME

“ *Melvin And Eleanor lit a candle in memory of Gladys Irene Symm*



Melvin and Eleanor - June 02, 2017 at 06:34 PM

MI

“ *So sorry for your loss.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Miranda and Josh Goehring*



Miranda - June 02, 2017 at 04:36 PM