



## Graham Dickerson

February 1, 1918 - June 26, 2016

Funeral services for Graham Dickerson, 98 of Thorndale are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 30, 2016 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Burial in the Salty Cemetery in the Salty Community. Rev. Ray Prince of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church will officiate. Visitation is 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 29th, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Graham Dickerson was born February 1, 1918 in the Conoley Community in Milam County to Gus Lewis and Bessie Elizabeth (Smith) Dickerson. He attended Conoley school through eighth grade and was a 1935 graduate of Thorndale High School. He attended two years at Southwestern University in Georgetown. In May of 1943 he served in the 1923rd Ordinance Ammunition Company Aviation or the Army Air Corp during World War II. He was stationed in England, France, Germany, Belgium and Holland. He was discharged as a Sergeant in December of 1945. On April 7, 1939, he and Elkanah Brunson were married in Cameron, Texas. Graham lived most of his life in Thorndale, but had also lived in Cameron, Port Arthur, Bellville, Brenham and Rockdale. After being discharged from the Army, he worked at Perry Hardware in Rockdale and the State Department of Public Welfare. While working for the state, he lived in Brenham and Bellville. While there he attended Blinn College. In 1954 he began working for the Industrial Generating Company in Rockdale. During his 26 year employment he worked most of the job positions

in his department, retiring in 1980 as a Shift Supervisor.

Graham, with his beautiful bass voice and love of quartet music, sang in a quartet known as The Free Lance Gospel Quartet of Austin. They sang together for about a year.

In 1932, he became a member of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church. A member of Thorndale Masonic Lodge #978 and had served as District Deputy Grand Master of 104th Masonic District in 1993 and 1985. Also a member of National Rifle Association. He loved his family, friends and telling stories, he also enjoyed organic gardening, woodworking, making furniture, rocking horses, Valet stands, cedar chests, gun cabinets and a doll cradle. Also, raising cattle, dove and quail hunting and fishing. Graham built the home he lived in, South of Thorndale and Gordon's and Harvene's home, along with several others. After all that construction was finally over, he would play 42 as much as possible.

Graham passed away Sunday, June 26, 2016 at his home in Thorndale. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elkanah Dickerson on September 11, 1979 and daughter, Mada Beth Luker on April 18, 2010.

Surviving are his son, Gordon Lewis Dickerson and wife Harvene Sorenson Dickerson of Thorndale; son-in-law, Wayne Luker and wife Melba of Thorndale; sister, Olive D. Olive of Shiloh; four grandchildren, Jana Heine and husband Ricky, Wesley Luker, Traci Dickerson Grimm and husband Johnny, Bradley Wayne Dickerson and wife Jenny; eight great-grandchildren, Jared Heine and wife Leslie, Ryan Heine and wife Rachel, Jordan Schneider and husband Cody, Chloe and Nathan Grimm, Devin, Abby, Bryce and the expected Graham Dickerson in October 2016; two great-great-grandchildren, Alayna and Harper Heine and special family friends, Tim Kasner and wife Ginger of San Antonio.

Pallbearers are, Wesley Luker, Bradley Dickerson, Ricky Heine, Johnny Grimm, Jared Heine, Ryan Heine

Honorary pallbearers are Barton Felton, Tim Kasner, Jim Richter, Keith Fisher, Lloyd Anders, Bobby Yount, Newton Butts and Bruce Kennedy.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Thorndale, Texas 76577 or to a charity or church of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Salty Cemetery

4019 County Road 446  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 29.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Chapel Service

**JUN 30.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PJ

“Graham was a dear friend to Hoot and Laura Gibson. When Graham and Hoot discussed the "yester-years" it was indeed a piece of history that came back to life. The grandchildren (Karey, Katie, Trevor and Ethan) of Hoot and Laura viewed Graham as another "Grandpa". Graham's heart was as big as Texas.

*The family of Hoot and Laura Gibson*

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**Paula johnson** - June 30, 2016 at 11:55 AM

GJ

“We are very sorry to hear of Mr. Dickerson's passing. Richard loved to visit with him when Richard delivered him propane. The stories he would tell Richard are something that Richard will miss. Our prayers are with the whole family during this time of sorrow.

*Richard and Garla Jansky*

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**Garla Jansky** - June 29, 2016 at 08:43 PM

MB

“The family of Edwin (deceased) Beard send heartfelt sympathy to the whole Dickerson family. Graham was our best man at our wedding. He died on our son's birthday. Many happy and sad memories go out to all of you, but there are so many members of his family who were in heaven to greet him. Probably all singing gospel songs. God's Blessings.

*Love,*

*Maebell Beard*

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**Maebell Beard** - June 29, 2016 at 06:26 PM

ED

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. He sounds like he was a wonderful man and will be very much missed. Your family is in my prayers.

Ellen Daniel - June 29, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Graham Dickerson.



June 29, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Graham Dickerson.



June 29, 2016 at 02:07 PM

KG

“ Karen Gilchrist purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Graham Dickerson.



Karen Gilchrist - June 28, 2016 at 02:50 PM

LM

“ Love, Millette and Mason purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Graham Dickerson.



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**Love, Millette and Mason** - June 28, 2016 at 11:31 AM

CG

“ Sorry to hear of your loss! Many will miss Mr. Dickerson's friendly smile and hugs. Remember the good times that you had with him. For he is not gone, just away! God called Mr. Dickerson to his heavenly home to be by his side and help prepare a place for us. Yes, one day you will be reunited in our heavenly home. There is another angel watching over you. God bless you and be with you all family and friends.



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**Cynthia & George Galbreath** - June 28, 2016 at 08:09 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Graham Dickerson.



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June 27, 2016 at 11:08 PM