



## Harold Kutschke

July 4, 1936 - October 7, 2020

Harold Kutschke, 84, of Giddings, Texas passed away on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020.

Harold was born in Round Top, Texas on July 4th, 1936, son of the late Ernest and Elvira (Etzel) Kutschke. He was baptized on November 29th, 1936 in his home and confirmed at Martin Luther Lutheran Church on October 28, 1951. His confirmation verse was John 8: 31-32, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." He graduated from Giddings High School then moved to Austin in 1955. Harold was employed at Camp Mabry and spent 13 years in the Army National Guard. He married Ruby Mutschink in Giddings at Immanuel Lutheran Church on May 20th, 1961. Harold worked for 30 years as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service in Austin. Harold and Ruby were members of Redeemer Lutheran Church until they moved to Giddings in 1997, when they became members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Harold loved to be outdoors, particularly on his 261-acre property where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, birdwatching, and maintaining the land on his John Deere tractor. Harold was especially interested in native Texas species, finding American Indian artifacts, and preserving natural habitat for wildlife. He was a member of the Lee County Wildlife Association and a supporter of the Lee County Jr. Livestock Show. He shared his passion for nature with younger generations by hosting Immanuel Lutheran schoolchildren and his

granddaughter's Girl Scout troop, educating them about native plants, flowers, and trees. His hobbies included playing in volleyball and softball leagues, restoring a 1934 Ford and antique family furniture, dancing, counting money for church, and playing dominoes.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ruby; daughter, Nancy Ross (Martin); granddaughter, Stacy Saucedo and grandson, Travis Saucedo.

He was preceded in death by parents Ernest and Elvira; brother, Elwood (Alice); and grandson, Joshua Saucedo.

A funeral will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 10:00 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 9, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 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.

Swerving as pallbearers will be Scott Valdiviez, Austin Valdiviez, Larry Sammons, Milton Fischer, Berrie Etzel and Harold Faske.

Memorial donations may be made in Harold's name to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 N. Grimes Street, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 9. 7:00 AM - 8:00 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

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Kutschke*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - October 08, 2020 at 05:20 PM

EM

*Harold was such a nice man. He will always be remembered. God Bless and give Peace to his wonderful family. We Love you all.  
Earl & Linda Moon  
Pflugerville, Texas*

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**Earl & Linda Moon** - October 09, 2020 at 04:09 PM

LM

“ *Sorry to hear of Herald's passing. We went to school together. He was a kind, hard-working man who loves the land and God's creations.  
Lavonne (Droemer) Morrow*

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**Lavonne Morrow** - October 10, 2020 at 02:25 PM

DK

“ *Prayers for the entire family and we just want you to know that Harold will be missed and we will always cherish all of the wonderful memories we have. We love you all.  
David & Cheryl Kincannon*

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**David & Cheryl Kincannon** - October 09, 2020 at 10:51 PM

RB

“ Ruby, Fond memories of Harold at our last class reunion in 2018. Also, many memories of the years we spent together at Giddings High School. He was gentle, kind and a wonderful classmate. Unable to be at his service on Saturday at 10 A.M.

*May God grant you His peace and comfort you and your loved ones in the days ahead.*

*My condolences,  
Ray Bethke, Treasurer  
Class of 1955*

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**Ray Bethke** - October 09, 2020 at 09:45 PM

VI

“ Oh Nancy!! Please accept my heartfelt condolences!! Praying for you and your family!!

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**Vicki** - October 09, 2020 at 07:19 PM

LK

“ My deepest sympathy at Harold's passing. I have fond memories of him from the dances at Industry Hall and after that, in Shelby. I could always count on him coming up to the bar at Industry when I was working and asking me for a dance. Comfort to you all in the days ahead.



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**Lori Kuehn-Krchnak** - October 09, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Harold Kutschke.*



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October 09, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“ *Ruby,  
So many wonderful memories that Dorothy and I spent with you and Harold. They will not be soon forgotten. God's peace be with you.  
Clinton Ellebracht*

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**Clinton Ellebracht** - October 09, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Kutschke were so very generous to my daughter's Girl Scout Troop. They shared their beautiful property for the girls to camp and have fun. Mr. Kutschke took the girls on a hayride around their property. It was obvious how proud Mr. K was of his home. Also remember Mrs. K riding her bicycle to the mailbox to gather in their daily mail. These and many more are the blessings to remember, and they are cherished so much.*

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**Wanda Pena** - October 08, 2020 at 11:24 PM

MR

“ I remember when he started teaching me to drive his John Deere tractor. He didn't just let anyone drive his tractor so I am honored that he trusted me with his tractor, don't get me wrong I would see him on the porch from time to time checking in on me to make sure I was driving it just like he taught me. He was always so patient and kind with everyone. I remember him and I sitting out on the porch and him telling me all about the property and the wildlife on it and how he trimmed this and moved this. I could sit there for hours just listening to him talk about his property and his family. He was so proud of his wild flowers and his family. I hardly ever said a word and was never bored of our conversations. That is one of the things I will miss most about Harold. I think the thing I will miss most is his smile and his patience. I am Honored to call Harold my Father In Law and know he will be watching over us for a long time. I just hope that I can be the kind of man that makes my Father and Father in Law proud.

Love always,  
Martin

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**Martin Ross** - October 08, 2020 at 09:52 PM

GK

“ I enjoyed the many years of playing volleyball with Harold and Ruby many many years ago. I mourn your passing but celebrate your life which is continuing forever with our loving Savior. You and Alvin will hve to get the volleyball nets ready for our eternal reunion! God be with you! Ruby and Nancy!

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**Glen Kieschnick** - October 08, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Harold Kutschke.*



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October 08, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *Mr. and Mrs. Kutschke have always been so kind to my parents, myself and my son. He loved his family with his whole heart and everyone around him knew it and could feel it. Their marriage was an inspiration to all of us. He gave to those all around him and we need more men and heroes like him in our world. Our prayers go out to the family as we know he is dearly missed. Mark, Terry and Dylan Pigg*

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**Terry Pigg** - October 08, 2020 at 05:42 PM



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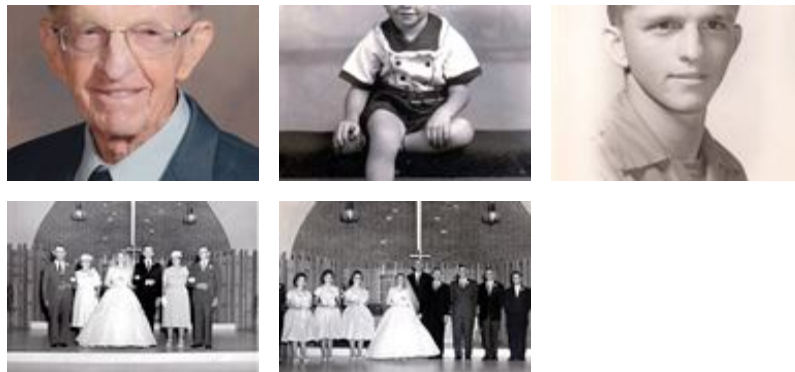


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October 08, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ 72 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - October 08, 2020 at 05:11 PM

DM

“ We are so sorry to hear of the death of Harold. Our sympathies to the family.

*Dianna and Clarence Mitschke*

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**Dianna Mitschke** - October 08, 2020 at 03:53 PM

TF

“ The Austin Vehicle Maintenance Facility purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Harold Kutschke.



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**The Austin Vehicle Maintenance Facility** - October 08, 2020 at 03:39 PM

KL

“ Kathryn J Leaver lit a candle in memory of Harold Kutschke



Kathryn J Leaver - October 08, 2020 at 03:04 PM

CM

“ I am Harold's granddaughters, Stacy, Girl Scout Leader. We went on a weekend camp out trip to his family farm. He was very patient with me and all the girls in the troop. He taught us his love of the outdoors. He also showed us by example how to respect Mother Nature and everything she has to offer. Our troop went camping at least twice a year for many years after our time with Harold. I also kept in touch with him through the years. Stacy, Nancy and I are still friends today. They are a wonderful family and I pray that they have peace knowing Harold is no longer suffering. I will never forget him!

Christy Currey McGuane - October 08, 2020 at 02:50 PM

VF

“ Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Harold Kutschke



Violet Frosch - October 08, 2020 at 02:09 PM