



## Helen "Grandma" Gabriel

November 6, 1935 - April 10, 2017

Helen "Grandma" Gabriel, age 81 of Rockdale, passed away Monday, April 10, 2017 at her home near Rockdale. Mass will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale and burial will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Father Ramon Frayna and Deacon Gus Coelho officiating. Visitation is 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Helen was born November 6, 1935 in Dallas, Texas to Alvin C. and Irene J. (Thompson) Burkett. She was raised in Houston, lived in Hockley, Hempstead and in Rockdale since 1974. On April 26, 1951, she and Lawrence Albert Gabriel, Sr. were married in the Assumption Catholic Church in Houston. She was a homemaker, rancher and the past seven years worked at Lee's Landing in Rockdale. Grandma raised her family and other children in her home. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence on October 19, 1996; her parents; brother, Alvin Clay Burkett, Jr.; sisters, Mary Lou Fawcett, Betty Cook and Doris Ann Vaught.

Surviving are two sons, Lawrence A. Gabriel, Jr. and wife Diana of Cameron, Daniel N. Gabriel, Sr. and wife Toni of Lexington; four daughters, Debbie M. Silvey and husband Henry of Gause, Cathy G. Kubacak and husband Michael

of Lexington, Peggy S. Sims and Larry Myers of Jennings, Louisiana, Patsy R. Gabriel and fiancée Richard Jones of Rockdale; two sisters, Alice Fay Rollins and husband Tommy of Pasadena, Patsy Malone and husband Bobby of Navasota; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are, Shane Silvey, B.J. Silvey, Daniel N. Gabriel, Jr., Matthew S. Gabriel, Sonny Gabriel, Donny Sims and Chase Silvey.

Honorary pallbearers, Ernest Garza, Arvin Jones, Lee Parsley, Lee Burkett, Jake Gabriel, Dimertic Murph, Jr., Sam Wright, Pete Mikolajewski and Dan Edmondson.

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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/>

## Rosary

APR 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR **18**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
234 San Gabriel St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen "Grandma" Gabriel*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - April 14, 2017 at 05:33 PM

TS

*That is precious memories of Hellen & family. She will be missed.*

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**Thelma Sanders** - April 15, 2017 at 10:10 PM

RK

“ *It was with great sadness that we learned of Helen's passing. She was such a loving and caring person. Please accept our condolences and we wish you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days ahead and having memories to forever hold in your heart. Love you all. The Kaatz Family.*

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**Ronnie Kaatz** - April 20, 2017 at 10:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen "Grandma" Gabriel.*



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April 17, 2017 at 04:28 PM

BW

“ *The Gabriel Family know how wonderful Helen was and so do A lot of us but more so when it effected your own family .Many years ago when my son Patrick was in his last year of high school and class for him and other students didn't start until later in the morning. He and a friend were in the One Act Play and decided they would enjoy there later start to the school day by riding around the country roads in Milano area. When the school called and we notified every police department we could think of besides all the terrible thoughts we had, we found out the story. The two kids were on the road close to the Gabriel home sled off the road due to heavy mud. After several attenps to get the car out and both covered in mud they decided to walk to the nearest house. Of course it was Helen who had them clean up take care of there clothes and see that they got on there way.Thank You, You were a special person then you are still a special.*

Barbara Walko - April 17, 2017 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Helen "Grandma" Gabriel.*



April 17, 2017 at 11:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Helen "Grandma" Gabriel.*



April 14, 2017 at 08:32 PM

TF

“ *The Underdown Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Helen "Grandma" Gabriel.*



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**The Underdown Family** - April 14, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ *70 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - April 14, 2017 at 05:09 PM

WF

“ *With deepest Sympathy from your Sandow Family. purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Helen "Grandma" Gabriel.*



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**With deepest Sympathy from your Sandow Family.** - April 13, 2017 at 12:39 PM

MF

“ We want to send our deepest sympathy and love to the Gabriel family. We are thinking of you and hope your precious memories of your mom will help you through this difficult time.

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**Marcia Felton** - April 13, 2017 at 09:04 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gabriel family. May God bring peace to you during this difficult time.

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**Joe & Charlotte Mueck** - April 12, 2017 at 04:56 PM

SG

“ Sharon Gabriel lit a candle in memory of Helen "Grandma" Gabriel



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**Sharon Gabriel** - April 12, 2017 at 03:29 PM

SG

“ Aunt Helen was the sweetest lady I ever met, she always made me feel so welcome in her home. I grew to love her quickly and will miss her beautiful smile and her wit, she loves you but doesn't take any guff from anyone, she taught me a lot. Love you Aunt Helen, Sharon Gabriel

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**Sharon Gabriel** - April 12, 2017 at 03:26 PM

VS

“ *Debbie, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to you and your family. Didn't know your Mom that well but I know she must have been a great lady because she has a wonderful, beautiful and kind daughter. I know she was proud of you and who you are. She is healed now, no more pain. Our deepest sympathy. Vanessa Stracener and family*

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**Vanessa Stracener** - April 12, 2017 at 10:22 AM

DA

“ *Loved this lady. She was such a wonderful person. RIP. Know you are in heaven back with your husband and in the arms of your Lord and Savior.*

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**Darlene Applegate** - April 12, 2017 at 08:18 AM

MZ

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. I met Mrs. Gabriel when we owned Family Flowers. She was always a very pleasant lady and loved her family very much. Your family is in our prayers.*

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**Mike and Beckie Zelisko** - April 11, 2017 at 08:48 PM

CB

“ *Truly a blessing and a joy to care for Mrs. Gabriel. Thanks to the family for allowing me to be a part of her last days on earth.*

*Carol Balch RN (Standards Hospice)*

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**Carol Balch** - April 11, 2017 at 07:21 PM

WJ

*A very special lady that we are so grateful for allowing us to to know. Prayers for the family. We love an miss you all. Wayne & Janice Johnston Arkansas*

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**wayne & janice johnston** - April 13, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ MY CONDOLENCES TO THE GABRIEL FAMILY. I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH PEGGY AND PATSY. AFTER SCHOOL I WOULD GET INVITED TO THE "GABRIEL DAIRY". THOSE GIRLS WOULD CHANGE INTO WORK CLOTHES, PUT ON THEIR RAIN BOOTS AND HIT THE COWS. HOOKING THEM UP TO THE MILKING MACHINES. THEY SHOWED ME HOW TO USE THE EQUIPMENT. (EVEN MILKING THE TEETS)!!!

I KNEW BOTH MR. & MRS. GABRIEL. THEY WELCOMED ME AS PART OF THE FAMILY. GOD HAS GOTTEN A VERY SPECIAL ANGEL. SHE AND THE MR. WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN AND WILL BE WATCHING OVER THEIR PRECIOUS DAUGHTERS, SONS, GRANDCHILDREN AND ALL THE GREAT-GRANDS..(AND MAYBE EVEN ME).

RIP HELEN "GRANDMA" GABRIEL...YOU WILL BE MISSED. I LOVE YOU.===LINDA

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Linda Matthews - April 11, 2017 at 05:55 PM