



Herbert John Michalk

October 23, 1924 - December 19, 2020

Funeral services for Herbert Michalk, 96 of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 28, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating. Burial will follow in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Dime Box with military honors provided by Giddings American Legion York Post 276. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 27, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Monday, December 28, 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 Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Herbert John Michalk was born on October 23, 1924 in Dime Box, Texas, the son of Charles "Charlie" Henry Michalk and Clemantine "Tina" Emma (Koenning) Michalk. He graduated from Dime Box High School and received his associate's degree from Blinn College. He played baseball for the Beat Five baseball team. Herbert joined the United States Army on March 16, 1943 and served as a Gunner in the 23rd Infantry Division of the Cannon Company. He participated in D-Day on Omaha Beach, the Battle of the Bulge, and in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. He received his Honorable Discharge on October 9, 1945 having obtained the rank of Corporal and earning a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. While at home on leave while serving during WWII in Europe, Herbert married Ima Jo Wilhite at the Lee County Courthouse before he was going to be deployed to the Pacific. However, the war ended before he had to leave. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Diann, Donna, Gaylon,

and Valla. He had a 42-year career with the Texas Department of Transportation. Herbert served as a coach for the Pony League and volunteered his time as a coach with the Lee County Little League, was a lifetime member of the Masons, he volunteered his time building the cafeteria at the Highland Lakes Baptist Encampment, was a member of the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, served with the American Legion Honor Guard, and was a Deacon at the First Baptist Church in Giddings for over 60 years. Herbert enjoyed fishing at Lake Somerville and at the coast, watching his grandkids and great grandkids playing sports, loved listening to Polka and Country music, and was a huge fan of the Texas Longhorns, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Houston Astros.

Herbert passed away, surrounded by his family, the evening of Saturday, December 19, 2020 at his home in Giddings.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ima Jo Michalk; parents, Charles & Clementine Michalk; two sons-in-law, Bill Hilton and Curtis Namken; two great grandsons, Jase and Jackson Namken; five brothers, Andrew Michalk, Edgar Michalk, Clarence Michalk, and two as infants, and four sisters, Hullie Foerster, Dora Marburger, Helen Grundman, and one in infancy.

Herbert is survived by his four children, Diann Hilton of Giddings, Donna Namken of Giddings, Gaylon Michalk & his wife, Becky of Victoria, and Valla Blasig & her husband, Donnie of Giddings; eleven grandchildren, Shane Hilton & his wife, Laura of Lakeway, Keri Pennington & her husband, Paul of Cedar Park, Shannon Namken of Georgetown, Brandon Namken & his wife, Leigh of New Braunfels, Daryn Namken of Giddings, Sherry Mullins & her husband, Michael of Boerne, Justin Michalk & his wife, Brandi of Buda, Meghan Villarreal & her husband, Sergio of Victoria, Dustyn Blasig & his wife, Magan of Pflugerville, Derryk Blasig & his wife, Leslie of Cedar Park, and Dentyn Blasig & his wife, Jes of Giddings; twenty three great-grandchildren, Hannah Pennington of

Cedar Park, Clay Pennington & his wife, Jordan of Cedar Park, Hope Pennington of Cedar Park, Hunter Hilton of Lakeway, Parker Namken of San Marcos, Cooper Namken of Georgetown, Tanner Namken of Georgetown, Clayton Namken of New Braunfels, Blayne Namken of New Braunfels, Dylin Namken of Giddings, Jordyn Namken of Giddings, Logan Mullins of Boerne, Reagan Mullins of Boerne, Presley Mullins of Boerne, Ava Michalk of Buda, Brinley Michalk of Buda, Hayden Michalk of Victoria, Emma Villarreal of Victoria, Everett Blasig of Pflugerville, Gentry Blasig of Pflugerville, Aiden Blasig of Cedar Park, Hailey Blasig of Cedar Park, and Luca Blasig of Giddings; one great-great-grandchild, Brantley Pennington of Cedar Park, as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Pallbearers will be Shane Hilton, Shannon Namken, Brandon Namken, Daryn Namken, Justin Michalk, Dustyn Blasig, Derryk Blasig, and Dentyn Blasig. Honorary pallbearers will be Hunter Hilton, Clay Pennington, Keri Pennington, Hannah Pennington, Hope Pennington, Parker Namken, Cooper Namken, Tanner Namken, Clayton Namken, Blayne Namken, Dylin Namken, Jordyn Namken, Sherry Mullins, Logan Mullins, Reagan Mullins, Presley Mullins, Ava Michalk, Brinley Michalk, Hayden Michalk, Emma Villarreal, Meghan Villarreal, Aiden Blasig, Hailey Blasig, Luca Blasig, Everett Blasig, Gentry Blasig, and Brantley Pennington.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 600 Sunrise Avenue, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Cemetery

8417 FM 141
Dime Box, TX 77853

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 9:00 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

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Herbert John Michalk*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 23, 2020 at 12:40 PM

LK

So sorry for your loss. Your Dad was just a wonderful person. May all your fond memories give you peace and comfort. Please accept our condolences. John and Linda Kieschnick

linda kieschnick - December 27, 2020 at 03:21 PM

SF

“ *I am sending this a little late, but I am sending my love and condolences to Uncle Herbert's family. He was the last of Daddy's siblings. (Clarence). I am sorry I wasn't able to attend his service due to COVID restrictions. But I was there in spirit. I Love and miss all our families. This has been a hard 2020 year. But we have to keep our faith strong and God will help us through these very difficult times. Uncle Herbert was so sweet and soft spoken. He will be missed by all. RIP Uncle Herbert. Love you all.*

Sue and Dwayne Finn - December 31, 2020 at 09:56 PM

BL

“ *Our sympathies to your family. Bob and Beverly Lee*

Beverly Lee - December 28, 2020 at 11:27 AM

CF

“ Carol & Raymond Burt Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Herbert John Michalk.



Carol & Raymond Burt Family - December 24, 2020 at 02:07 PM



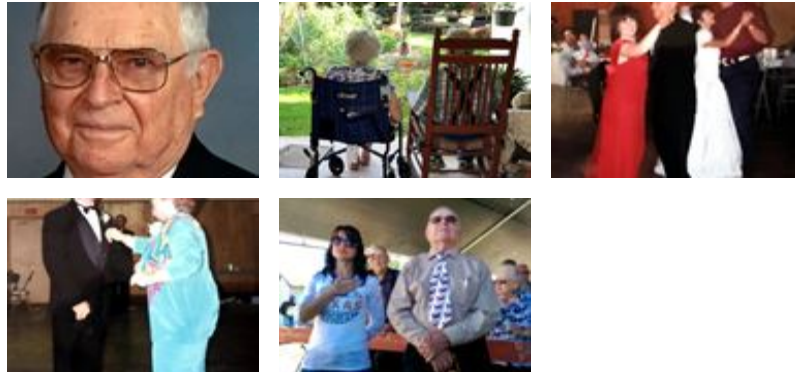
“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Herbert John Michalk.



December 23, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ 196 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 23, 2020 at 12:23 PM

JG

I was in the Marines with Edgar in 1958

Joseph De Guise - January 18, 2025 at 08:59 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Stueber lit a candle in memory of Herbert John Michalk*



Kathy Stueber - December 22, 2020 at 08:48 AM

MS

“ *Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Herbert John Michalk*



Michelle M Schuetz - December 21, 2020 at 01:08 PM

SU

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all with fond memories. Sincerely, Susan Schulze*

Susan - December 21, 2020 at 10:41 AM

CC

Herbert and Ima Jo were two of the kindest people in Giddings. Always enjoyed seeing them at her sisters house across the street from me. I know his family is going to miss him and Giddings has lost a wonderful citizen.

cille claxton - December 21, 2020 at 09:31 PM

RC

I remember Mr. Michalk from my days of growing up in Giddings and also from growing up in the Baptist Church. He and Mrs. Michalk were wonderful Christian people. My thoughts are with his family, as I know they will miss him terribly. Giddings has lost a wonderful citizen.

Ruth Graeter Crouch

Ruth Crouch - December 23, 2020 at 02:14 AM