



Herman "Ham" Franklin Kovar

July 15, 1932 - October 31, 2018

Funeral services for H.F. "Ham" Kovar, 86, of Ledbetter, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating. Burial will follow in the Hranice Cemetery in Dime Box, Texas. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 2, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Kovar family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Herman Franklin Kovar was born on July 15, 1932 in Old Dime Box, Texas, one of ten children born to John Joe Kovar and Lydia Mae (Alcorn) Kovar. He married Mary Sue Garner on May 23, 1953 in Groesbeck, Texas. Ham retired from Southern Pacific Railroad as a maintenance machine operator after 45 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Giddings, the Ledbetter Volunteer Fire Department and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and looking after his yard, especially mowing.

Ham passed away the evening of Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at Jefferson Place Assisted Living Center in La Grange.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John & Lydia Kovar; his wife of 57

years, Mary "Sue" Kovar; one sister, Bernice Taylor and two brothers, Robert "Bob" Kovar and Walter "Buster" Kovar.

Ham is survived by his two sons, Richard Kovar & his wife, Linda of Ledbetter, and Renee Kovar of Crystal Beach; his daughter, Marissa Brooks & her husband, Damion of College Station; ten grandchildren, Brock Kovar & his wife, Melanie of Bastrop, Chad Kovar of Austin, Christopher Kovar & his wife, Brooke of Giddings, Bridget Kovar & David Bradshaw of Pflugerville, Melissa Reed & her husband, Jammie of Ft. Worth, P.J. Albrecht & his wife, Melissa of Edinburg, Blake Naylor of Brenham, Bradley Naylor of Brenham, Justin Thomas "J.T." Naylor & his wife, Heidi of Brenham, and Ava Willrich of College Station; nineteen great grandchildren; two brothers, David Kovar & his wife, Betty of Giddings and Johnny Kovar & Leanne Diab of Rockdale; four sisters, Billie Marie Brinkman & her husband, Buddy of Caldwell, Patsy Bollier of Humble, Polly Corbett of Rogers and Alice Price of Wortham as well as several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Michael Brinkman, Rodney Price, William Kovar, Justin Roemer, Danny Kovar and Wendel Kovar. Honorary pallbearers will be Rhonda Roemer and Connie Melaragno.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 600 Sunrise Avenue, Giddings, Texas 78942, or to Hospice Brazos Valley, 1048 North Jefferson, La Grange, Texas 78945.

Cemetery Details

Hranice Cemetery

CR 426
Dime Box, TX 77853

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

NOV 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

NOV 3. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
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<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

NOV 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Giddings
600 Sunrise Avenue
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Herman "Ham" Franklin Kovar*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 02, 2018 at 03:24 PM

MS

“ *Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Herman "Ham" Franklin Kovar*



Michelle M Schuetz - November 06, 2018 at 07:16 AM

LK

“ *Sorry for the loss of your father. He was also so sweet and kind. May all of your fond memories bring you peace and comfort. God be with each of you. John & Linda Kieschnick*

Linda Kieschnick - November 03, 2018 at 07:53 PM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 02, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Herman "Ham" Franklin Kovar.



November 02, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ *R.I.P MY OLD FRIEND.*

BOB KNITTEL - November 02, 2018 at 11:30 AM

MF

“ I will truly miss Uncle Ham!! No matter where we were every time he saw me he would say Marijo how are you and then when I would get ready to leave and go say good bye to him he would always say to me Glad you got to see me today and of course I would tell him that I was glad to see him. I just know that he is in Heaven with Aunt Sue the love of his life. R.I.P. Uncle Ham till I see you again and once I do of course I will be Happy to see you. Love you so much!!!

Marijo Ferrell - November 02, 2018 at 11:11 AM

BH

“ I have so many great memories of Uncle Ham and Aunt Sue. Being the first born grandchild I must have been so spoiled, Aunt Sue said she would try to get me to behave and I would look up at her and say "You go home Aunt Sue". I remember when they had 2 Doberman dogs and also had a big garden. Uncle Ham took me to see the garden and one of the dogs followed us. The dog started growling and barking, he told me to run. I thought the dog was going to bite me but there was a snake wrapped around one of the plants that I was very close to. The dog grabbed the snake by the head and slug it in the air. I was so grateful Uncle Ham told me to run because I would have been in the way of the snake and the dog. Uncle Ham laughed at me because of course I had to scream to the top of my lungs. After the snake was dead, Uncle Ham said, "I don't know why that dog hates snakes so much". Rest in Peace Uncle Ham.

*Betty Jean Kovar Head
Cypress, Texas*

Betty Jean Kovar Head - November 01, 2018 at 03:53 PM