



Idell Schoenberg Kraus

July 8, 1931 - November 20, 2024

Idell Emilie Leonie (Schoenberg) Kraus, 93, was born on July 8, 1931 in Carmine, Texas to Will and Ida (Kieke) Schoenberg. She was baptized at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine on May 8, 1932, and later confirmed on June 24, 1945, also in Carmine. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" She graduated from Round Top-Carmine High School in 1948, where she was the class Valedictorian. After high school, Idell attended Blinn College. She married E.W. "Pete" Kraus at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine on August 30, 1952. To this union they were blessed with two children. During the first years of their marriage, they resided in Houston where Idell worked in the insurance business. After relocating to Dime Box followed by Giddings, along with being a homemaker, she worked for many years with her husband in their feed and fertilizer businesses. Later, she again worked in the insurance business with Nitsche and Ferguson. When she wasn't working you could find Idell volunteering with the Ladies Aid, working at the Rejuvenation Thrift Shop, and teaching Women's Bible studies and Sunday School. In her free time Idell enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, cooking, and playing bingo. She also enjoyed gambling trips to Las Vegas and Louisiana, and trips to see her grandchildren play baseball, lacrosse and volleyball. Country Music Mondays, driving through the countryside in Lee County, and most importantly spending time with her family and friends were among her favorite things to do.

Idell peacefully passed away the morning of Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at Bec's Blessings in Giddings.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, E.W. "Pete" Kraus; parents, Will and Ida Schoenberg; and three sisters, Mabel and husband Nolan Schmidt, Pearlle and husband Elvis Jaster, and Janette and husband Ruben Schmidt.

Idell is survived by her two children, Joy and husband Ken Hargett of Manvel, and Holly and husband Walter Stewart of Georgetown; six grandchildren, Katie Hargett and husband Ricky Warren of Katy, Alex Hargett and wife Michelle of Houston, Andy Hargett of Houston, Brennan Stewart and wife Caroline of Georgetown, Austin Stewart of Denver, and Kendall Stewart of Houston; six great grandchildren, Dakota Hauff of Houston, Avery Warren of Katy, Diana Hargett of Houston, Emmet Hargett of Houston, Vivian Stewart of Georgetown, and Scout Stewart of Georgetown; one sister, Willie Mae Lueckemeyer of Brenham, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the charity of one's choice.

A private graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. with Scott Eckermann officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 22, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present on Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 22. 11:30 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

NOV 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

NOV 23. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Giddings, TX 78942

Graveside Service

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Your mother was part of my childhood. I have very fond memories of her and your family. I am so sorry for your loss, and I am thinking of you during this time. ~ Tina Melcher*

Tina Melcher - November 22, 2024 at 06:54 PM

VF

“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Idell Kraus*



Violet Frosch - November 22, 2024 at 05:20 PM

DN

“ Dear Joy, Holly and those who loved your mother.



You probably don't remember me, but we went to school together at Immanuel and Giddings High School, when you moved from Dime Box to Giddings fifty +/- years ago, and have never kept in touch. At the time of hurricane Ike, I came back to Round Top. I frequented Brookshire Brothers in Giddings from that time and found that your mom and I had a knack for shopping at the same time. We had the greatest time visiting about so many things. The first time I saw her there, she came up to me and called me by name after all that time. Most conversations were about the pride she had in her girls and the loving care you showed to her. I would have never expected less. As time went on I knew she was dealing with situations of ageing, but it was obvious through her sweet smiles, you and your's were her joy and thrills of life.

May the love of Christ hold close all those held her in thanksgiving, love and blessing.

D (Dwight Nittsche)

Dwight Nittsche - November 22, 2024 at 02:24 PM

VR

“ Condolences and prayers to Joy and Holly for your loss !! Mrs Idell was always attentive at Homemaking events and sports events when we were kids in school !!



Venica Washington Riggins

Venica Riggins - November 22, 2024 at 01:12 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Idell Kraus*



Michelle Schuetz - November 22, 2024 at 08:52 AM

JS

“ *Sympathy to family and friends. Idell will always be remembered.*

Jeanette Schoenst - November 22, 2024 at 08:03 AM

JW

“ *We always enjoyed visiting with Idell. I was very blessed to be able to visit with her while at Bec's blessing. Until recently she was very much aware of me being there and visiting. Prayers of peace and comfort.*

Jsnis Wolfshohl - November 21, 2024 at 11:26 PM

SC

“ *Sue and Ron Courtney purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Idell Schoenberg Kraus.*



Sue and Ron Courtney - November 21, 2024 at 04:53 PM

SC

“ *Sue and Ron Courtney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Idell Schoenberg Kraus.*

Sue and Ron Courtney - November 21, 2024 at 04:53 PM

VF

“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Idell Kraus*



Violet Frosch - November 21, 2024 at 02:23 PM