



James E. "Gene" Luckey

September 19, 1925 - October 23, 2020

James E. "Gene" Luckey, age 95 of Sharp, passed away Friday morning, October 23, 2020 at his home in Sharp.

Gene was born September 19, 1925 in Rockdale to Rufus Ervin and Wilma Odell (Dickey) Luckey. He attended mostly country schools in Rockdale and Houston. He attended Temple Junior College and West Texas State College. He earned his Agriculture Bachelor Degree with Southwest Texas Teachers College (now called Texas State University) Gene was a U.S. Marine veteran with the 4th Division and received a Purple Heart Recipient from injuries at Iwo Jima. On August 7, 1946 he and Eleanor Clore were married in Temple.

He learned construction by helping build the V.A. Hospital in Temple. He bought a farm in Cameron and raised dairy cows and delivered milk to customers in Cameron. Gene first taught school in Sharp and then 6th grade science for 7 years before teaching construction science for two years in Rockdale until his retirement. While teaching science and driving a school bus, he also single handedly built his wife's Spanish style dream home in the early 70s in the thick woods of what is now Highland Avenue in Rockdale, which was a true labor of love. After finishing this, he switched to teaching construction science and eventually owned a construction company until his retirement. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Rockdale. He served as commander with DAV in Cameron. Milam County

Republican Party Chairman and was honored in 2005 by the Milam County Republican Party for a lifetime of service. Gene was a loving family man and enjoyed taking care of his family.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Eleanor Luckey on December 19, 2018; his parents, Rufus Ervin and Wilma Odell Luckey; son-in-law, Myron Schneider; sister, Vera Knowles and a brother, Eddie Luckey.

Surviving are his daughters, Ellen Luckey and husband Michael Jordan of Rockdale, Carol Driscoll and husband Glenn of Sharp and Patti Schneider of Rockdale; Brother, Don Leon Luckey of Bryan; Sister, Cynthia Mushinski of Bryan and Dorothy Hightower of Bryan; 8 grandchildren, Ashley Jordan of Rockdale, Adrienne Jordan of Austin, Cne' Schneider of Austin, Ty Schneider and wife Nicole of Buda, Trish Ammon and husband Jake of Jacksonville, Florida, Duke Schneider and wife Gabby of the Middle East, Charlotte Cariotis and husband Stephen of Meridian and Dustin O'Connor and wife Kasey of Searcy, Arkansas and eight great grandchildren.

Services and Military Honors for Mr. Luckey are 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2020 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Rev. John Seaton officiating. Visitation is also Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Rockdale V.F.W. Post 6525; 978 Highway 79 West, Rockdale, Texas 76567 or to the Rockdale American Legion Carlyle Post 358, 2534 N. FM 487, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Prayers and thoughts are with all of the family today. I had Mr. Luckey as a 6th grade science teacher. I loved his humor. He adored Eleanor, his wife, and you could always feel the love between them. You were blessed to have such a loving father and grandfather.

Joan Love - October 29, 2020 at 12:04 PM

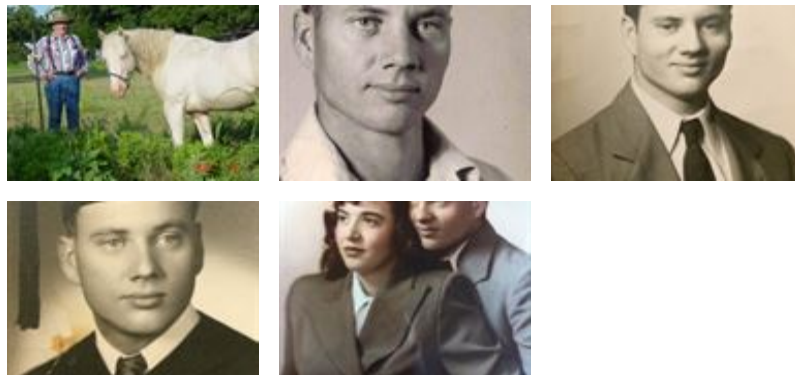


“ Ellen, Carol, and Patti and to all the rest of the family.. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to all of you. We are saddened to hear of your dad passing away. Lots of great memories. The Kurtz family Raymond, Bernice, Ray, and Diane

Diane Truitt - October 28, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ 100 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 27, 2020 at 05:55 PM

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“ Lynn Fisher Weaver lit a candle in memory of James E. "Gene" Luckey



Lynn Fisher Weaver - October 27, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of James E. "Gene" Luckey.



October 26, 2020 at 09:38 PM

JC

“ Ellen, Patti & Carol, our thoughts are with you and your families. I can't help but smile when I think of your mom & dad, there are so many memories and adventures. Your parents loved each of you so much and were proud of you, they always saw your gifts and talents. Their humor could sneak up on you. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Remember all the love and laughter shared, for there was MUCH.

John & Belinda Caffey - October 26, 2020 at 09:36 PM

JC

“ I remember my brothers, sister, and myself going down the sand road to pick blackberries at Gene’s house. We would jump on the trampoline and spend all day exploring and being outdoors. Some of the best memories of my life. Thank you for your service. May you reunite with your loved ones and fellow servicemen.



Joanne Condrey - October 26, 2020 at 09:20 PM

HS

“ Ellen, Patti & Carol, sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to you and your families during the loss of your father. I have fond memories of us all growing up as neighbors on Francine Street. Love, Connie & Harry Schielack



Harry & Connie Schielack - October 26, 2020 at 10:55 AM

JS

“ Patty,
So sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs are sent your way and to your family. May you find comfort in this time of your loss.
Janice and Gary Schneider



Janice A Schneider - October 25, 2020 at 12:35 PM