



Janet Elaine Namken

March 12, 1932 - April 12, 2023

Funeral services for Janet Namken, 91 of Giddings, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 pm. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present Thursday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 12, 2023, God opened his comforting arms to welcome Janet into her eternal home.

Janet Elaine (Hold) Namken was born on March 12, 1932 in Kenney, Texas to August and Regina (Wiese) Hold. She was baptized on May 29, 1932 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bellville, Texas by Rev. J.K. Poch, and confirmed on March 25, 1945 by Rev. Walter G. Tillsman at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings. Her confirmation verse was Rev. 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." She graduated from Giddings High School in May of 1949. Janet was united in marriage to Harry George Namken on October 2, 1949 at MLLC by Rev. S.T. Schroeder. Their marriage was blessed with two daughters, Donna Gale and Kathie.

Janet was an active member of MLLC. She was in the choir, sang at many

weddings, and was a member of the Women of the Church. Janet was a church organist for approximately 25 years in both the old original church and the current church building for both English & German services. She did volunteer work at nursing homes, visited shut-ins, and worked to preserve the church's photographic history by serving as Chairperson of the Confirmation Picture Project for the MLLC Centennial. Janet volunteered with Rejuvenation, was a member of the Lee County Heritage Society and Grace Lutheran Church, and for many years made quilts for World Relief and cancer pillows for patients.

Janet gave music lessons and was employed at the Auction Barn and Brademan Insurance Office. She worked at Citizens State Bank for 22 ½ years and was a member of the Sons of Hermann Lodge #54. Her hobbies included playing the piano, quilting, and playing dominoes. Janet was an avid gardener who even had her home selected for Yard of the Month. She loved baking cookies and playing endless hours of solitaire and chicken foot with her grandchildren.

Janet was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Namken; son-in-law, Thomas Swonke; grandson, Chase Swonke; and brother, Rev. Winston C. Hold. Survivors include two daughters, Donna Gale Swonke of Houston and Kathie & husband Gary Nitsche of La Grange; grandchildren, Shaun & Megan Swonke of New Waverly, Kimber & Zach Burdine of Austin, and Kaci & David Paden of La Grange; six great-grandchildren, Addison and Hadley Swonke, Asher and Sloane Burdine, and Connor and Brady Paden; two sisters-in-law, Darlene Hold of College Station and Gladys Namken of Giddings, as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers will be Mike Behrens, David Namken, Joshua Namken, Terry Namken, David Paden, and Shaun Swonke.

A special thank you for the patience and compassionate care provided by “A Perfect Way” of Giddings and Hospice Brazos Valley. A very special thanks to Sharon Cain who lovingly cared for Janet the past several months.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be given to Grace Lutheran Church in Giddings, Hospice Brazos Valley, or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section B)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **19**. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

APR **20**. 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

APR 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
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Funeral Service

APR 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Janet Elaine Namken*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - April 18, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Karen Luecke lit a candle in memory of Janet Namken*



Karen Luecke - April 18, 2023 at 08:53 PM



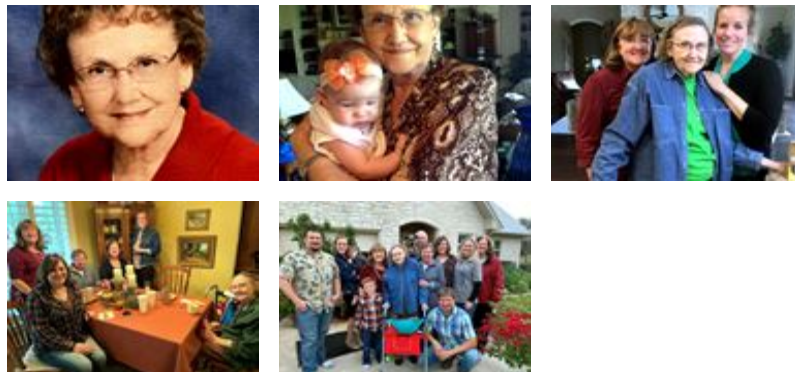
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janet Elaine Namken.*



April 18, 2023 at 07:02 PM



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - April 18, 2023 at 11:38 AM

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“ *Patsy Steglich lit a candle in memory of Janet Namken*



Patsy Steglich - April 15, 2023 at 05:05 PM

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“ *Prayers and sympathy for you and your families.*
Gary & Janice Schneider



Janice Schneider - April 13, 2023 at 07:22 PM