



## Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy

May 11, 1934 - March 14, 2021

Memorial services for Jesse "Sugar Boy" Gandy, 86 of Ledbetter, Texas are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the Ledbetter Fireman's Hall in Ledbetter, Texas with Tim Pitts officiating. Burial will take place at Liberty Community Cemetery near Cameron, Texas at a later date.

Jesse Alfred Gandy was born on May 11, 1934 in Hanover, Texas to James "Jim" Dollar Gandy and Zeta Alpha (Nelson) Gandy. When he was born, he was known as "Sugar Baby" for the six months of his life. His name was changed to "Sugar Boy" until he was in high school and then also went by the name "Champ". Being the youngest of six children, he grew up on the family place in a one room house that had been divided into bedrooms. During the summers they would move the beds outside to sleep under the trees and stars. He grew up around horses and mules and was also taught the trade of making rope and shoeing horses. Jesse graduated from Milano High School in 1952. On June 7, 1953, Jesse and Cleva (Golather) were married at their home in Kingsville, Texas. The Gandy name could be found on several businesses he and his family owned and operated over the years - Gandy Gulf and U-Haul, Gandy Trucking, and Gandy and Sons Inc. He loved going on trail rides, and at the age of 72 spent 48 days and 690 miles going from Bandera, Texas to Dodge City, Kansas. Jesse was a member of the South Texas Trail Riders, Tip-O-Tex Trail Riders, Kleberg County Trail Riders, and was involved in many rides for charity. He and Goldie his horse could be

spotted in many photographs across Texas, and his mule team was pictured in front of the Alamo. Jesse always said he was “world famous” as he always ran into someone he knew from his travels. He was locally known as the “unofficial Sheriff of Ledbetter”.

Jesse passed away the morning of Sunday, March 14, 2021 at his home in Ledbetter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Zeta Gandy; one brother, Dr. James Gandy; two sisters, Ella Fay and Johnny Mayfield, and Maxine and Alvin Fail; brother-in-law, Kelly Schmidt, and three nephews, Alvin Fail III, James Dollar Fail, and Bill Gandy.

Jesse is survived by his wife of 67 years, Cleva Gandy of Ledbetter; children, Jim and Nancy Gandy of Ledbetter, Wes and Darla Gandy of Ricardo, and Bob Gandy of Ricardo; six grandchildren, Kacey and John Cantu of Bishop, Cristyn and Cody Pharis of Dime Box, Paige and Tripp Mathews of Boerne, Jess and Cassey Gandy of Ledbetter, Chelsey Gandy of Corpus Christi, and Samantha Gandy of Corpus Christi; five great grandchildren; two sisters, Minnie Schmidt of Mason and Thelma Moody of Kerrville; one sister-in-law, Mickey Gandy of San Antonio, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Zeta Ruth Fail, Jimmy Mayfield, Jess Gandy, Richard Howard, Claude Kemple, Alvin Fail, Ron Owen, Ray Golather, Donny Haggerton, and Steve Barrett.

Memorials may be made to Liberty Community Church and Cemetery, 3370 County Road 237, Cameron, Texas 76520 or to the charity of one’s choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR **20**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Ledbetter Fireman's Hall  
301 West Labadie Street  
Ledbetter, TX 78946

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - March 18, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.*



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March 22, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.*



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March 20, 2021 at 08:42 AM

CM

“ *Sugar Boy all the wonderful trail ride memories we all made together. You will be dearly missed my friend. Love you and your family. Forever in our hearts. Carolyn McKee, McDade, Tx*



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**Carolyn McKee** - March 20, 2021 at 08:16 AM

CG

♥ *thank you so much for the kind words.*

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**Cristyn Gandy** - March 22, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.*



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March 19, 2021 at 06:41 PM



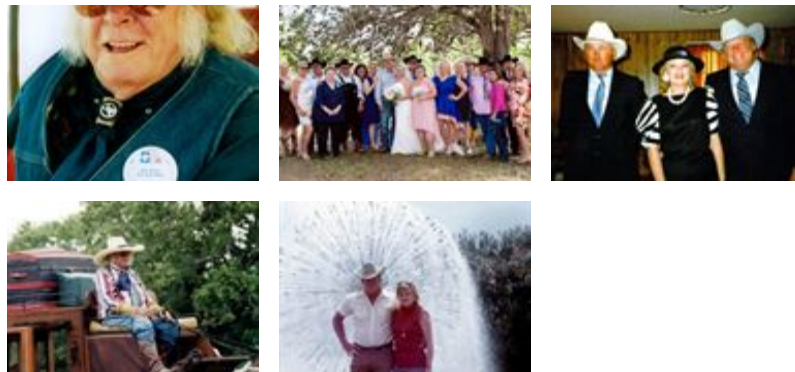
“ *Yellow & White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.*



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March 18, 2021 at 09:34 PM



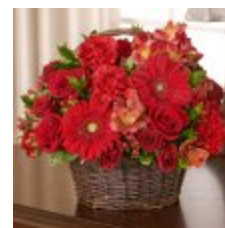
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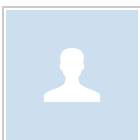
**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - March 18, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red* was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.



March 18, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.



March 18, 2021 at 12:06 PM

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“ Teresa Muniz lit a candle in memory of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy



Teresa Muniz - March 18, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.



March 17, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.



March 17, 2021 at 10:01 AM

RG

“ Good Man with a Big Heart. We shared the same favorite song that we used to sing together now and then, by George Jones "He Stopped Loving Her Today"...  
Happy Trails Brother...

Ray Garcia - March 17, 2021 at 02:33 AM

CG

*Thank you so much for sharing this memory of my grandfather - Cristyn Gandy -Pharis*

**cristyn gandy** - March 17, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.*



March 16, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.*



March 15, 2021 at 10:37 PM

SB

“ 52 years is a long run to know a man like Jesse, but not long enough. He taught me a lot in my time with him in Kingsville Tx, He was a friend, a brother, or a dad, depending on how I was acting at the time. He listened to my Vietnam meltdowns and brought me back to reality then told me to get my a\*\* to work we didn't have time to mess around. He was a godfather to my son Steve Jr. when we didn't even know what that meant, lord Jr. loved that man, I hope he knew how much I loved him cause we didn't talk about that stuff! I thought he was too ornery to go before me but of course he did it anyway. so Jesse see you when I get there, if I do, you can try your best to make me like Schlitz and Lone Star again!  
I love ya old man!

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**steve Barrett** - March 15, 2021 at 07:16 PM

CG

*Thank you so much for these precious memories, Cristyn.*

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**crystyn gandy** - March 17, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Jesse "Sugar Boy" Alfred Gandy.*



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March 15, 2021 at 05:36 PM