



John Edwin Melcher Jr.

January 17, 1929 - September 4, 2016

Funeral services for John Melcher Jr., 87, formerly of Lincoln, Texas, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Houston with Rev. Timothy Duerr officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A Prayer Service will be held Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

John Edwin Wilhelm Melcher Jr. was born on January 17, 1929 to John and Dora (Wolf) Melcher Sr. in Fedor, Texas and was called home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 4, 2016 in Houston, Texas. He received the Sacrament of Christian Baptism on February 3, 1929 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fedor, Texas by Pastor W.E. Dorre. Johnnie was confirmed by Pastor Adolph Michalk at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fedor on April 18, 1943. He was married to Bernice Mildred Iselt at Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau, Texas on October 28, 1951 by Rev. Herbert Hartfield. This marriage was blessed with four children, Larry Melcher, Delbert Melcher, Daniel Melcher and Linda Leitko; five grandchildren, Laura Leal, Matt Melcher, Sarah Melcher, Mark Leitko and Staci McMahon and three great grandchildren, Travis Melcher, Luke Leitko and Beau Leitko.

Johnnie and Mildred made their home in Houston where they were active members of St. Mark Lutheran Church. Through the years, he served as an elder, trustee and Sunday school teacher. Johnnie retired as a machinist from National Flame and Forge in 1993 and they moved back to the farm in Lincoln in 1994. Even after retiring to the country, Johnnie remained active by working for Iselt's Pump Shop in Dime Box and ranching and working on the farm. They were members of Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau where Johnnie served as secretary of the church before eventually transferring their membership to Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Manheim. Johnnie's love was his farm and tending to his cattle and taking care of the land. After his health began to deteriorate, he moved back to Houston in 2011 to receive more skilled care.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Mildred Melcher and his eleven siblings.

Johnnie is survived by his four children Larry Melcher & his wife, Shirley of Houston, Delbert Melcher of Lincoln, Danny Melcher & his wife, Sandra of Houston and Linda Leitko & her husband, Barry of Houston; five grandchildren, Laura Leal & her husband, Robert, Matt Melcher, Sarah Melcher, Mark Leitko & his wife, Elizabeth, and Staci McMahon & her husband, Sean; three great grandchildren, Travis Melcher, Luke Leitko and Beau Leitko as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Delbert Melcher, Daniel Melcher, Barry Leitko, Matt Melcher, Mark Leitko and Sean McMahon. Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Melcher, Robert Leal, Travis Melcher, Luke Leitko and Beau Leitko.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
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Church Service

SEP 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark Lutheran Church
1515 Hillendahl
Houston, TX 77055

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Our Condolences to all the family!
Rudy and Gertrude Beisert.*

Rudy and Gertrude Beisert - September 08, 2016 at 09:18 AM

GJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers for you all at this time.
May God grant each one of you peace during
this time and in the future.*



Garry & Darlene Jenke - September 07, 2016 at 07:52 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of
John Edwin Melcher Jr..*



September 06, 2016 at 05:04 PM

SM

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Sandra Melcher - September 06, 2016 at 12:16 AM

CR

Love that car, great picture. Beautiful couple.

Carol Richards - September 06, 2016 at 01:59 PM

SM

“ 1 file added to the album *John Melcher - No Audio*



Sandra Melcher - September 06, 2016 at 12:11 AM

CB

Awesome!

Connie Beran - September 06, 2016 at 12:39 PM

KP

Such memories in those pictures.

Kathryn Spieker Patterson - September 06, 2016 at 09:21 PM

LF

Wonderful memories. I am a bridesmaid in Johnny & Mildred's wedding picture. I believe I am second from left. God bless. Lorine Spieker Fuessel

Lorine Fuessel - September 06, 2016 at 10:27 PM

AC

“ *Prayers for the family. I'm sure there was a party in Heaven as all 11 siblings were reunited. You're in our thoughts. ~ Amanda Coufal-Campbell (Fred Melcher's grand daughter)*



amanda coufal-campbell - September 05, 2016 at 08:21 PM

AC

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Amanda Coufal-Campbell (Fred Melcher's grand daughter)

amanda coufal-campbell - September 05, 2016 at 08:18 PM

JC

“ God's Blessings to all of you. I know how difficult this journey has been for you. I remember when we were younger, he was always smiling, talking and joking around when we saw him at family gatherings. They are having a heck of a party up there now with all 14 brothers and sisters, your Mom and everybody else. Watch out for some shooting stars tomorrow night. He'll be letting you know he's OK! Love & Best Wishes,

Joyce & Larry Coufal, Chris, Amanda and families



Joyce Coufal - September 05, 2016 at 05:53 PM

MF

“ Mary Lee Schreiber Adler & family purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of John Edwin Melcher Jr..



Mary Lee Schreiber Adler & family - September 05, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ *Condolences to all the family! Remembering Mr Melcher as a very kind gentleman!* ”

Cathy Beisert Gruetzner - September 04, 2016 at 06:40 PM