# Karen Kay Mitschke

March 11, 1942 - November 6, 2011

Funeral services for Karen Mitschke, 69 of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2011 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings Memorial Park in Giddings. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Friday, November 11, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Karen passed away at her home the morning of Sunday, November 6, 2011 after a courageous battle against cancer. Karen Kay Balliet Mitschke was born on March 11, 1942 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Kenneth & Ellen (Hubbard) Balliet and grew up and attended school in Michigan. She was united in marriage to Arnold Mitschke on October 11, 1983 in Houston, Texas. Karen was retired from Country Care Plex in Giddings where she had been employed as the Housekeeping Supervisor for several years. She enjoyed gardening and working in her yard and loved taking care of her pets. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Vicky Balliet; her grandson, Christopher Parker and her father-in-law, Arnold Mitschke Sr. Karen is survived by her husband, Arnold Mitschke of Giddings; her five children, Mark & Karen Parker of Humble, Kenneth & Jeannie Parker of Giddings; Elizabeth & James Lowery of Tampa, Florida, Dawn Kennedy & Craig Roberts of Houston and Shawn & Eduardo Garcia of Ellinger; grandchildren, Mark Parker, Jr. of Michigan, William Parker of Texas, Patrick Parker of Texas, Tiffany Parker of Texas,

Faith Parker of Texas, Jessica Hengst of Florida, Angela White of Florida, Justin Lowery of Florida, Melissa Guffey of Texas, Martin Kennedy of Texas, Brooklyn Kennedy of Texas, Matthew Renfroe of Texas and Kayla Renfroe of Texas; her sister, Emily Niethammer of Florida; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Gertrude & Rudy Beisert of Houston; two brothers-in-law, Gary & Mary Mitschke of Marfa and Chris Mitschke of Houston; sister-in-law, Carolyn & John Turner of Arkansas; nieces and nephews, Ric Niethammer of Michigan, Vicky McDowell of Michigan, Sarah Goll of Michigan and Rusty Goll of Michigan as well as other family members and many friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Brandon Guffey, Matthew Renfroe, Gary Mitschke, William Parker, Mark Parker and Kenneth Parker. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 300 North Grimes, Giddings, Texas 78942, The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 60 East 56th Street, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10022 or the charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall

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*Karen Kay Mitschke*

**Randy Owens** - December 01, 2011 at 09:16 AM

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*Karen Kay Mitschke*

**Kathy Dunk** - November 12, 2011 at 11:39 PM

LC

*Karen Kay Mitschke*

**Lisa & Charlie Cotrone** - November 08, 2011 at 07:04 PM

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*Karen Kay Mitschke*

**Charlie & Lisa Cotrone** - November 08, 2011 at 06:33 PM