



Katherine Belle Michalk

December 27, 1925 - September 18, 2015

Funeral services for Katherine Michalk, 89 of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Allen Doering and Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Katherine passed away September 18, 2015. She was born December 27, 1925 to Maud (Rau) and Adolph F. Kicker in St. Louis, MO. Kathy was baptized January 10, 1926 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church St. Louis, and was confirmed April 9, 1939 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Walnut Park, St. Louis. She attended through 8th grade at the neighborhood Peter Herzog School and graduated William Beaumont High School January, 1944.

Kathy enrolled in Harris Teachers College in order to fulfill her dream to become a teacher in the mission field. She met Theodore A. Michalk, a student at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. Her wish to be a missionary was realized when Ted accepted a call to serve in India and on July 1, 1945 they married. Their marriage was blessed with five children: Nancy (Bob Barth) of Lamy, NM, Audrey (Rev. Alan Abel MD) of Big Spring, TX, Grace (Heriberto

Perez) of Austin, TX, Judith (Barry Mascarenhas) of Tacoma, WA, and Paul of Giddings, TX.

Kathy made her first trip to Fedor and Giddings Texas when Ted was commissioned into the ministry. In Texas she met and got acquainted with Ted's large family which began her lifelong interest in genealogy and the Wends of Texas. She had come from a smaller family, having only one brother, Jean E. Kicker who preceded her in death in 1993.

In October 1945 Kathy and Ted sailed 45 days in an empty troop ship from Boston to India. Ted's brother, Erwin was stationed in India with the Signal Corps in Assam and met their ship in Calcutta. They arrived just in time to have the Indian nationals protest against the British – demanding “white man go.” Kathy thought that was incredulous because “we just got here!” They spent several days trying to evacuate safely to Madras (Chennai). They remained in south India for 26 years coming to the United States every 6 - 7 years for furlough residing in St. Louis, MO. or Giddings, TX.

Kathy worked with Ted as they ministered to the people of Ambur, Pernambut, Krishnagiri, Kodaikanal and Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu India. She taught women to sew and care for their children and she supervised the first classes of women who attended Concordia Seminary, (1966-1971) in Nagercoil. In 1971 Ted resigned from the mission field and subsequently served at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evansville, Illinois from 1972 - 1985. There Kathy worked with disabled adults at the Red Bud, IL. Human Service Center as Assistant Education/Vocational Specialist. She also organized religion classes for handicapped children. In 1985 the couple retired in Giddings, TX to care for Ted's mother late Mrs. Adolph Michalk. Kathy was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, serving as member/officer of the Ladies Aid and the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League. For many years she helped take the Bible class and church services to the residents in the Giddings nursing

homes.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband Theodore in May, 2013 She is survived by her five children and their spouses, her four grandchildren; Andrea Abel (Jeff Thompson) of Colorado Springs, CO., Jon Abel (Alicia Valasco) of Richardson, TX., Katherine Perez-Currier (Mike Currier) of Jonestown, TX., and Deanna Diamond (late Bobby Diamond) of Smithville, TX. and her five great grandchildren; Taylor Thompson of Tyler, TX, Gregory, Jacob, Daniel and Mary Abel of Richardson, TX. her sisters-in-law Ruth (late Curtis Doering) of Kingwood, TX., Dorothy (late John Geisler) of Grand Coulee, WA., and Barbara (late Erwin Michalk) of Tucson, AZ., brother-in-law Edward (late Bernice Bernthal) of Waupun, WI. her nephew, Craig Kicker and his daughter Ashley Kicker of St. Louis, MO., her niece Lisa Kicker (Lawrence Castle) and their daughter Rachel Castle of St. Louis, MO., and by many nieces and nephews and cousins and by her care givers who cared for her deeply, Denise Green, Carol Schulz and Brigette Richmond. Special thanks to service providers of Gentiva Hospice and Standards Hospice.

Serving as pallbearers will be Judy Mascarenhas, Barry Mascarenhas, Grace Perez, Bob Barth, Jeff Thompson and Jon Abel.

Memorials may be made to Bethania Kids, Immanuel Lutheran Church (Covered Entryway or Missions) or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **21**. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

SEP **22**. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Church Service

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
300 North Grimes Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Katherine Belle Michalk*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 21, 2015 at 04:06 PM

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“ *Thank you all for sharing your expressions of sympathy and beautiful memories of Katherine Belle Kicker Michalk with her family on this site . For some reason, we have not been able to respond as the individual comment box doesn't seem to be working. We appreciate your words of encouragement and will treasure these memories. Nancy Michalk*

Nancy Michalk - October 12, 2015 at 04:04 PM

AR

“ Katherine was one of my mom's life long friends. she was very important in my mother's life. I still remember when Ted and Katherine would come to visit my parents, Alfred and Esther Beck. I remember how much my parents enjoyed those times and how hard it was to say good bye. Katherine was one of few people still making an effort to keep in touch with my parents up till their passing. Amazing, Katherine passed into the arms of Jesus on the very day we celebrated mom's life at her graveside memorial service. I can just imagine mom waiting with many others at the gates of heaven to help welcome her home. What a wonderful comfort it is to know she is now reunited with Ted and in the presence of Christ. I pray that the hope of our eternal home will comfort and console her family at this time. God bless you and keep you.
Sincerely, Alpha (Beck) Rich, Roseburg, Oregon at larich@cmspan.net.

Alpha Rich - September 27, 2015 at 09:43 PM

RB

“ India Evangelical Lutheran Church fondly remembers the wonderful mission services of the Michalks. On behalf of the IELC, I send our deep sympathy to the family.

Rev. Dr. J. Priestly Balasingh - September 22, 2015 at 04:09 AM

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“ My sympathy to you all. I remember your mother as a very sweet, cheerful, and beautiful lady during my growing up years in India.
Clara Rittmann Mueller

Clara Mueller - September 21, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 21, 2015 at 03:05 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of *Katherine Belle Michalk*.



September 21, 2015 at 12:14 PM



“ *Glenn Rogers, Kodai class of 74* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Katherine Belle Michalk*.



Glenn Rogers, Kodai class of 74 - September 21, 2015 at 11:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Katherine Belle Michalk.*



September 20, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ *Mrs. Michalk, Kathy, is part of my earliest memories. We lived in Krishnagiri with the Michalks in those early years and I remember her as such a loving, kind, sweet person. Through the years of growing up in India, that never changed. The Michalk family felt like my first extended family and I treasure my memories of them. My love to Nancy, Audrey, Grace, Judy and Paul--and to their families. We were all blessed to have known her.*

Rebecca Trautmann - September 20, 2015 at 05:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Kathy Michalk, dedicated loving missionary in South India. I remember her kindness to one and all. My thoughts and prayers to my friends - her children. Priscilla Dhanapal*

priscilla dhanapal mohi - September 20, 2015 at 08:01 AM