



Katheryn Christine Schulle

May 30, 1922 - February 16, 2026

Katheryn Christine Schulle, 103, of Caldwell, Texas passed away peacefully and went to be with her Lord and Savior on February 16, 2026. Katheryn was born on May 30, 1922, in Mercedes, Texas, to Martin and Christina Ermel. She was the youngest of seven children, and the only one born in the United States. She grew up in Onalaska, Texas, and graduated from Livingston High School. She later moved to Houston for work, where she reunited with Walter Schulle, whom she had met years earlier in confirmation class. They married on January 4, 1947, in Houston and made their home in Harlingen, Texas, where they shared 62 years of marriage. Known to most as “Katie”, she devoted her life to caring for others and her family. She was a talented seamstress, sewing for both her family and others in the community. She never wasted a scrap of fabric, turning leftovers into quilts that she lovingly gave to her children and grandchildren - eventually running out of space to store them all. Katie was also well known for her generous spirit in the kitchen and garden. She canned vegetables, pickles, beans, and tomatoes in such an abundance that she had enough to share with several households, storing jars beneath beds and in closets throughout their house. She loved playing cards and always welcomed her nieces for long, laughter-filled games. As a thoughtful listener, Katie had a way of offering quiet words of wisdom, whether you needed it or not. She was a devoted member of Grace Lutheran Church in Harlingen, Texas for 60 years, where she participated in the women’s groups and especially enjoyed preparing for the annual garage sale; a time

marked by fellowship and plenty of snacks. Katheryn was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Christina Ermel; her husband, Walter Schulle; her brothers, Carl, John, Phillip, and Conrad Ermel; her sisters, Annie Ermel and Emma Dahl; and her son-in-law, Tommy Speck. She is survived by her son, Paul Schulle and wife Clair of Caldwell; her daughter Karen (Schulle) Speck of Caldwell; her grandchildren, Darlene Gonzalez and husband Adrian of San Antonio, Jimmy Lewis of Harlingen, Clint Schulle and wife Mary Ellen of Boerne, Jason Speck and wife Melinda of Youngsville, Louisiana, and Jamie Balcar and husband Bradly of Deanville; her great-grandchildren, Nathan Balcar and wife Kassidy of Deanville, Travis Balcar of Deanville, Madeline Speck of Houston, Andrew Speck (USAF), and Erin Schulle of Boerne; her great-great-grandchildren, Jackson and Emmett Balcar of Deanville; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Pallbearers honoring Katheryn will be Clint Schulle, Bradly Balcar, Nathan Balcar, Travis Balcar, Jerry Sens, and David Sens. The family extends heartfelt thanks to Hospice Brazos Valley of Bryan for their compassionate care and dedication. Katheryn will be deeply missed by all who knew her and will forever be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and the treasured memories shared with those she loved.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
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Funeral Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 19. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Elizabeth Lutheran Cemetery
SH 21 E past CR 206
Caldwell, TX 77836

Tribute Wall

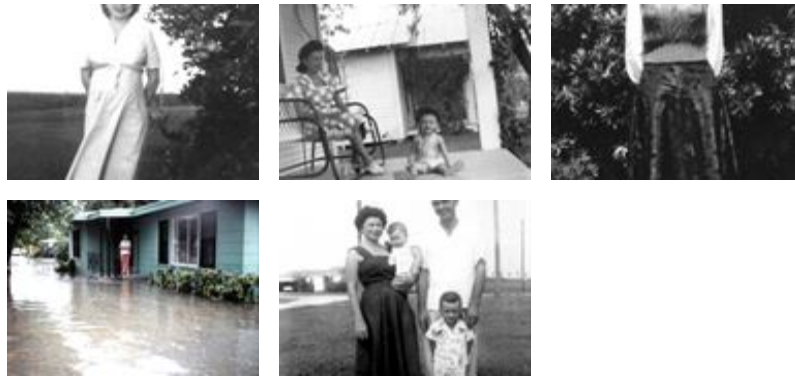
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“ Aunt Katie was my favorite aunt. She always has a smile and a sweet word. I was always comfortable around her and her sister in law Sally. At family gatherings , they were the " nicest". I know her family loved her and was very devoted to her care. She was a great wife to Uncle Walter and a wonderful mother to Karen and Paul. Rest in peace dear lady. Joyce

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