



Larry Dennis Gruetzner

April 10, 1948 - June 17, 2014

Funeral services for Larry Gruetzner, 66, of Loebau, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 2014 at Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau with Rev. Paul Hartfield officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, June 20, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Larry Dennis Gruetzner was born at his Grandparent's home, in Loebau, Texas, on April 10, 1948, to Elmon and Edna (Walther) Gruetzner. He was baptized on the day of his birth, also at his Grandparent's home, by Pastor H. Hartfield. His baptismal sponsors were his grandparents, John and Freida (Boettcher) Gruetzner. He confirmed his baptismal vows on June 10, 1962 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, Houston, Texas, under the instruction of Pastor Edwin E. Keiper. Larry was united in marriage to Cathleen Judy Beisert on July 15, 1967, at Christ Lutheran Church, Loebau by Pastor Andrew Szegedin. He was drafted into the Army in May 1968, where he served in Vietnam until his honorary discharge in April 1970. On June 17, 2014, only a few hundred yards from where he was born and baptized, Larry departed from this world, and his battle with cancer, to meet his Lord and Savior in heaven, while surrounded by his wife and family. Larry and Cathy spent their first year of marriage in Houston, and then moved to Virginia, shortly after, when Larry was drafted to

serve in Vietnam. He served his country proudly, as a data processing clerk, pulled guard duty, and earned the rank of Specialist 5. They moved back to Houston, where Larry worked many years at Commercial Honing and Cameron Iron Works, as a Master Tubing Bender for the oil industry. They were members of Immanuel Lutheran and St. Mark Lutheran Church in Houston, and were blessed with two children, Mark and Robyn. When the oil boom went bust in 1983, Larry moved his family to Loebau, and built a home on his Grandparent's home place, where he was born. They became members of Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau, where he worshiped and served the Lord diligently, setting a faithful example to his family. He was an active voting member and served as secretary for numerous years. He worked in construction with his brother-in-law, Billy Beisert, and then became a rural mail carrier in Lexington, until he retired in July 2013. He enjoyed his annual family vacations to the coast where he loved to spend time with the family and search for sea shells. He also enjoyed many salt water fishing trips with his family and friends. He enjoyed listening to his son, Mark and the County Road 114 Band, and rarely missed a gig. He used his carpentry skills to build or fix anything, including his own home which he built and enjoyed working on. If he didn't have the tool to fix something, he would build that, too. He loved his children and grandchildren dearly and made many wonderful memories with each and every one of them. He was preceded in death by his dad, Elmon Gruetzner; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Martin and Clara Beisert; his brother-in-law, Richard Kohler, his brother-in-law, Arnold Patschke; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Roy Proske; his brother-in-law, Freddie Markert and his sister-in-law, Nellie Stampert. Larry is survived by his wife of 46 years, Cathleen Gruetzner of Loebau; his children, Mark and Jessica Gruetzner of Loebau and Robyn and Kevin Kasper of Loebau; his grandchildren, Gabrielle and Clint Teinert of College Station, Caitlyn Baker of Loebau, Nicole, Nicolas and Emily Gruetzner all of Loebau; step-grandson, Zachary Kasper of Abilene; his mother, Edna (Walther) Gruetzner of Houston; brothers and sister, Eugene Gruetzner of Houston,

Allen and Glenda Gruetzner of Kerrville, Mary Jane and Larry Warren of Phoenix, Arizona; brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, LaVerne Patschke of Houston, Charles and Mary Jane Beisert of Houston, Mildred and Clarence Symmank of Lincoln, Rudy and Gertrude Beisert of Houston, Lillian Markert of Lexington, James and Mary Ann Beisert of Houston, Martin Jr. and Darlene Beisert of Dime Box, Johnny Stampert of Loebau, Billy and Sylvia Beisert of Loebau; and numerous nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers: Billy Beisert, Harviell Jackson, Jose Orocio, Dane Pruitt, Richard Wagner, Nathan Wenke. Honorary pallbearers are his grandchildren: Gabrielle and Clint Teinert, Nicole Gruetzner, Caitlyn Baker, Nicolas Gruetzner, Emily Gruetzner, and Zachary Kasper. Memorials may be made to Hospice Brazos Valley, 502 West 26th Street, Bryan, Texas 77803, or to Christ Lutheran, Loebau, Building Fund, 4654 County Road 114, Lincoln, Texas 78948.

Tribute Wall

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Donna Urban - June 20, 2014 at 01:41 PM

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BK

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Billy and Theresa Krause - June 20, 2014 at 11:35 AM

MS

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Michelle Gutierrez Schuetz - June 19, 2014 at 06:28 PM

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James & Linda Tate - June 19, 2014 at 05:58 PM

MM

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Michell Mitschke - June 19, 2014 at 10:11 AM

MF

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Mary Fritsche - June 19, 2014 at 12:25 AM

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Spook & Paula Albrecht - June 18, 2014 at 10:21 PM

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Dawn Newman - June 18, 2014 at 08:54 PM

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Kathy&Otto Glona Jr - June 18, 2014 at 06:51 PM

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Jill Enloe - June 18, 2014 at 11:56 AM

VP

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Vicki Mikulin Prentice - June 17, 2014 at 09:52 PM

GF

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Garry & Darlene Jenke & Families - June 17, 2014 at 02:53 PM