



Laverne Verlene Gersch

November 29, 1936 - March 5, 2014

Funeral services for Laverne Gersch, 77, of Northrup, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas with Rev. John Schmidt officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 7, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Laverne Verlene (Zoch) Gersch was born on November 29, 1936 in Fayette County, Texas to Carl and Ella (Krause) Zoch Jr. She was baptized on December 6, 1936 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda, Texas by Rev. Paul Eifert and confirmed on June 18, 1950 at Trinity Lutheran Church in La Grange, Texas by Rev. O. Bahr. Her confirmation verse was Revelations 2:10, "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life". She was elected the first Fayette County Farm Bureau Queen when she was 14. Laverne was united in marriage to Walter Gersch on April 15, 1956 at Trinity Lutheran Church in La Grange by Rev. Theo Schmidt. Their marriage was blessed with three sons, Alan, Bryan and David. Walter and Laverne owned and operated Gersch Automotive in Giddings for 19 years. She was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin where she was a member of the LWML and held officer positions locally and within the Post

Oak Zone. She was a founding and lifetime member of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society where she also had held various offices and volunteered numerous hours in the Wendish Heritage Museum and with the annual Wendish Fest. Laverne also served on the Appraisal Review Board with the Lee Central Appraisal District and was the election chairman of the Lee County Republican Party. She had great organizational skills and enjoyed cooking, canning, gardening and taking care of her flowers, cats and squirrels. Laverne passed away the morning of Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Alan Dean Gersch; her sister, Annie Zoch; her brother, Charles Zoch and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Delbert & Olga Mae Gersch. Laverne is survived by her husband of nearly 58 years, Walter Gersch of Northrup; her two sons and daughters-in-law, Bryan & Kathy Gersch and David & Joan Gersch all of Northrup; ten grandchildren, Shaina Radcliff & her husband, Ben of Giddings, Sarah Janda & her husband, Jacob of Hills, Alicia Moreton & her husband, Scott of Serbin, Minnie Roberts of College Station, Candace Gersch of Northrup, Alison Gersch of Northrup, Lane Hentschel of Northrup, Josh Boriack & his wife, Melanie of Lincoln, Christine Mittasch & her husband, Tim of Ledbetter and Bethany Lara & her husband, Abel of McDade; eight great grandchildren, Miranda Radcliff of Giddings, Bryn, Brayla and Brek Roberts of College Station, Caleb, Hutson & Kinley Boriack of Lincoln and Mason Lara of McDade; two sisters Mary Ann Davenport & her husband, Bill of Dallas and Carol Touchstone & her husband, Roy of Austin; brother, Bobby Zoch of La Grange; brother-in-law, Herman Gersch & his wife, Frances of Northrup; sister-in-law, Leona Sandoz & her husband, Earl of Giddings and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Josh Boriack, Jacob Janda, Ben Radcliff, Willie Wagner, Bobby Hentschel and Roland Zoch. Honorary pallbearers will be Scott Moreton, Tim Mittasch, Abel Lara and Laverne's grandchildren and great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the General Fund at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1572 County Road 211, Giddings, Texas 78942 or the Texas Wendish Heritage Society,

1011 County Road 212, Giddings, Texas 78942.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ Laverne Verlene Gersch

Sidonia Hardie - March 10, 2014 at 10:12 PM

WS

“ Laverne Verlene Gersch

William and Linda Schwartz - March 10, 2014 at 03:08 PM

JG

“ Laverne Verlene Gersch

James & Sharon Gersch - March 08, 2014 at 02:24 PM

GI

“ Laverne Verlene Gersch

Gary and Beverly Iselt - March 07, 2014 at 08:33 PM

MG

“ Laverne Verlene Gersch

Mirlyn Griffin - March 07, 2014 at 06:43 PM

TF

“ Laverne Verlene Gersch

The Wanda Longoria Family - March 07, 2014 at 04:27 PM

VG

“ Laverne Verlene Gersch

Victor & Karen Gonzales - March 07, 2014 at 12:54 AM

MS

““ *Laverne Verlene Gersch*

Michelle Gutierrez Schuetz - March 06, 2014 at 05:43 PM

EY

““ *Laverne Verlene Gersch*

Eugene and Janette Yanchak - March 06, 2014 at 09:37 AM

MM

““ *Laverne Verlene Gersch*

Mark and Leann McClain - March 06, 2014 at 06:53 AM

RW

““ *Laverne Verlene Gersch*

Richard Wieder - March 06, 2014 at 12:47 AM

JB

““ *Laverne Verlene Gersch*

Joe & Peggy Berry - March 05, 2014 at 05:51 PM

DM

““ *Laverne Verlene Gersch*

Dianna Mitschke - March 05, 2014 at 05:39 PM