



## Leona Velma Sandoz

May 12, 1922 - December 10, 2014

Funeral services for Leona Sandoz, 92 of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 12, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 13, 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.

Leona Velma (Gersch) Sandoz was born on May 12, 1922 in Northrup, Texas to Theodore and Olga (Steglich) Gersch. She was baptized on May 21, 1933 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas by Rev. G.W. Fischer and confirmed on April 5, 1936 also at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Herman Schmidt. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 23:1-4, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Leona was united in marriage to Earl Sandoz on July 8, 1940 in Houston, Texas. They were married for 74 years when he preceded her in death on November 3, 2014. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and had worked in the lunchroom at Immanuel Lutheran School for several years. Leona enjoyed working in her yard, gardening,

quilting and crocheting. She did beautiful handwork and crocheted hundreds of doves and angels for her family and friends. She passed away during the early morning hours of Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore & Olga Gersch; her husband, Earl Sandoz; her two sons, Walter Sandoz and Glenn Sandoz and her two brothers, Delbert Gersch & his wife, Olga Mae and Walter Gersch & his wife, Laverne.

Leona is survived by her daughter, Margaret Mersiovsky & her husband, Charles of Giddings; her son, Edward Sandoz of Giddings; her two granddaughters, Monica Cepress & her husband, Jerry of Kyle and Sandi Mersiovsky of Giddings; her two great granddaughters, Paige & Allison Cepress of Kyle; her daughter-in-law, Linda Sandoz of Houston; her brother, Herman Gersch & his wife, Frances of Serbin as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kenneth Gersch, Don Gersch, Dustin Gersch, Bryan Gersch, David Gersch and Marty Snyder. Honorary pallbearers will be Daryl Gersch, Jerry Cepress and Gene Urban.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Visitation

DEC 13. 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM (CT)

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## Church Service

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DEC 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
300 North Grimes Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leona Velma Sandoz*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - December 12, 2014 at 01:03 PM

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“ *Margaret -  
I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a wonderful lady that always had a smile on her face. I loved seeing her when we went through the lunch line at Immanuel and then when I'd see her in town. She always had a hug ready for me. I know she is happy in heaven with your dad. May God give you and your family peace knowing you will see her again one day in heaven.*  
- Denise & Kenny Urban

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**Denise Urban** - December 11, 2014 at 08:46 AM

DK

*Margaret & Edward, condolences to you and your family. Always knew we were related, but did not know how till later in life. Your Mother and our Dad were first cousins. Your Mom was lady and a wonderful Mother to her children.*

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**Dorothy Steglich Kashata** - December 11, 2014 at 09:37 AM

DW

*Dear Margaret, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Love, Dee*

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**Dee Wright** - December 12, 2014 at 04:06 PM

BM

*Margaret,*

*I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Had I known, I would have been at the service, being my sister Sharon and I spent a lot of time at your house when we lived in the neighborhood in the early '50's.*

*Barbara Jones Manbeck*

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**Barbara Jones Manbeck** - December 17, 2014 at 02:54 PM