



Leonard Eugene "Gene" Fritsche

July 5, 1939 - March 4, 2023

Funeral services for Gene Fritsche, 83 of Lincoln, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas with Rev. Robert Tiner and Rev. Josh Hahn officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings, Texas. The family will be present for visitation on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Leonard Eugene "Gene" Fritsche was born on July 5, 1939 in Lincoln, Texas to Albert and Anna (Iselt) Fritsche. Gene was baptized at Christ Lutheran Church in Loebau, Texas on July 23, 1939 and was later confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church by Rev. Hartfield. His confirmation verse was Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me". Gene married the love of his life Rose Marie (Baack) Fritsche on August 12, 1961 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings, Texas. To this marriage they were blessed with three beautiful children. Gene was a working man and held many jobs over the years. He was a machinist and an entrepreneur of many businesses including Fritsche's Tree Farm, Gene's Grocery, and The House of Beers. He was a partner in H & R Machine and J & G Clocks. Other jobs Gene had included being the first manager of the Giddings Country Club Golf Course; a salesman for oil products, life insurance, and burial policies; farming

of both crops and cattle. When Gene wasn't working, he enjoyed traveling to all 50 states as well as nine foreign countries. When he wasn't traveling, Gene could be found fishing, participating in barbecue competitions, gardening, building bird houses and picture frames, as well as spending time with family and friends.

Gene passed away the evening of Saturday, March 4, 2023 at his home in Lincoln, Texas surrounded by his loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Anna Fritsche; one grandson, Caleb Fritsche; sister and brother-in-law, Bernice and Carl Biehle; brother-in-law, Vastine Zoch, and his niece, Diane Biehle.

Gene is survived by his wife, Rose Fritsche of Lincoln; two daughters, Susan Maluschka and husband Charles of Victoria and Cynthia Knobloch and husband Larry of Riesel; one son, Kirk Fritsche and wife Dawn of Cedar Park; eight grandchildren, Dawn O'Hearn and husband Paul of Lubbock, Texas, Richard Maluschka and wife Amanda of Katy, Texas, Nena Esswein and husband Kyle of Houston, Texas, Kelsey Knobloch and wife Amanda of Lusby, MD, Emmie Knobloch of Albany, NY, Joshua Knobloch of Riesel, Texas, Chloe Fritsche of Austin, Texas, and Claudia Fritsche of New York, NY; two great-grandchildren, Aiden O'Hearn of Lubbock, Texas and Emmalyn Maluschka of Katy, Texas; one sister, Irene Zoch of Houston, Texas, and one sister-in-law, Ruby Weiser and husband Kenneth of Serbin.

Serving as pallbearers will be Kelsey Knobloch, Richard Maluschka, Gene Bellman, Donnie Zoch, Clayton Frames, and Darrell Zoch. Honorary pallbearers will be Joshua Knobloch, Kyle Esswein, Paul O'Hearn, Dan Schaefer, Arvis Markwardt, Al Hedtke, and Colton Matthijetz.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund,

Giddings, TX, Hospice Brazos Valley, Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund, Riesel, TX, or the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

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Funeral Service

MAR 9. 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 Leonard Eugene "Gene" Fritsche*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 07, 2023 at 01:07 PM

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“ *CHERYL FRIEDRICH ISELT SANDERS lit a candle in memory of Leonard Eugene "Gene" Fritsche*



CHERYL FRIEDRICH ISELT SANDERS - March 08, 2023 at 09:47 PM

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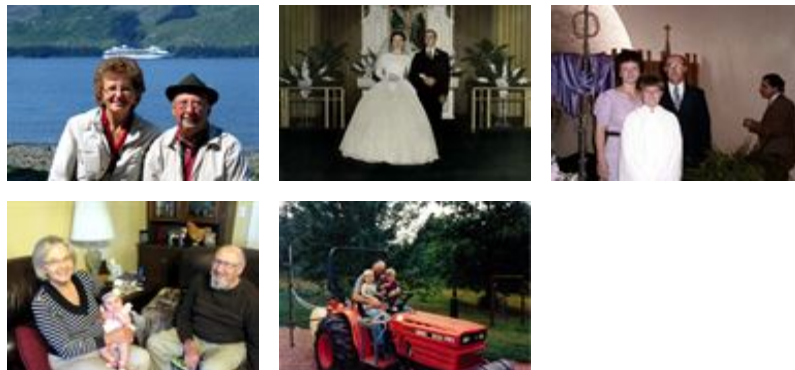
“ *Terry Dunn & Cindy (Mattiza) Dunn purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Leonard Eugene "Gene" Fritsche.*



Terry Dunn & Cindy (Mattiza) Dunn - March 07, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ 74 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 07, 2023 at 12:53 PM

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“ Sweet Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Gene was an exceptional gentleman. My thoughts, love, and prayers are with you all. May our God wrap his gentle arms around you, now and forever.

Gwenda Beavers - March 07, 2023 at 09:02 AM

MS

“ Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Leonard Fritsche.



Michelle Schuetz - March 07, 2023 at 08:45 AM

DB

“ The peace of the Risen Christ be with y'all, and may y'all find comfort and hope in the resurrection to life everlasting while Gene rests in the ineffable light of his Savior.

Duane Bamsch - March 06, 2023 at 08:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leonard Eugene "Gene" Fritsche.



March 06, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. He was a great man. May he RIP and Fly high with the angels.

Amy Arldt Poncik - March 06, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Susan. You and your family are in my thoughts.- Tina Melcher

Tina Melcher - March 06, 2023 at 09:10 AM