



## Lera Evelyn Ephraim

August 21, 1924 - March 17, 2019

Funeral services for Lera Ephraim, 94, of Winchester, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Winchester with Rev. Nate Hill officiating. Burial will follow in the Winchester Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 22, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Ephraim family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Lera Evelyn Karisch Ephraim entered her eternal glory on Sunday evening, March 17, 2019 at the age of 94 years, 6 months and 24 days. Lera was born on August 21, 1924 to Walter and Hulda (Noack) Karisch. She became a child of God in Holy Baptism on August 31, 1924 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church by Rev. Alfred Bohot. Rev. Louis Trinklein confirmed her in the Christian faith on April 10, 1938 at St. Michael's. Her confirmation verse was Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Winchester was Lera's home for almost all of her life. She was the oldest daughter of seven brothers and sisters. Growing up she worked at "the shop" in town where her dad was the barber and also sold cold drinks, ice cream and candy to those who stopped by. Her teenage years were full of fun with her friends, one of whom was James Charles Ephraim. While James was

serving in England during World War II, Lera went to Houston, staying with her aunt and uncle, to work for the telephone company as a switchboard operator. For James, calling her was much easier because his calls would go through that switchboard. The distant courtship continued and to Lera's surprise, one day she received an engagement ring in the mail. James and Lera were married on a rainy June 9, 1946 by the Rev. Edward R. Rathgeber at St. Michael's. The blessings of their marriage were son, Jim, and daughter, Linda. Lera and James lived on the family farm outside of Winchester along Pin Oak Creek. Even with the work of the farm, Lera enjoyed her time with the ladies at the church and in the county Home Demonstration Club and 4-H Clubs.

Celebrating and remembering Lera's life are her children and spouses, Jim (Susan) Ephraim and Linda (John) Dalchau; grandchildren, Kimberly (Sean) O'Farrell, Janna (Damien) McGaugh, Jennifer (Mark) Stringer, Jonathan (Shari) Dalchau, and Jason (Linda) Ephraim. The stars in the eyes of Lera and James were their great-grandchildren, Meagan, Madison, Morgan, Jaxon, Ella, Dylan, and Sarah.

Also celebrating Lera's life are her sister, Marian Fritsche, and brother, Morgan Karisch. Lera also leaves special memories to sisters-in-law, Gladys and Delores, as well as nieces and nephews in the Karisch and Ephraim families.

Lera was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband of 71 years, James; brothers, Elton, Roy, and Leslie Karisch, and sister, Yvonne Koenning.

Pallbearers are grandsons and great-grandchildren: Jonathan and Jaxon Dalchau, Jason Ephraim, Sean O'Farrell, Mark and Dylan Stringer, and Meagan, Morgan, and Damien McGaugh. Honorary pallbearers are great-granddaughters, Ella, Sarah, and Madison.

Memorials in Lera's honor may be given to St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 700 Frio Street, Winchester, Texas 78945 or Winchester Volunteer Fire Department, 8810 FM 153, Winchester, Texas 78945.

# Cemetery Details

## Winchester City Cemetery

8315 FM 153  
Winchester, TX 78945

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 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

MAR 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

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MAR 22. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

## Church Service

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MAR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Lutheran Church  
700 Frio Street  
Winchester, TX 78945

# Tribute Wall



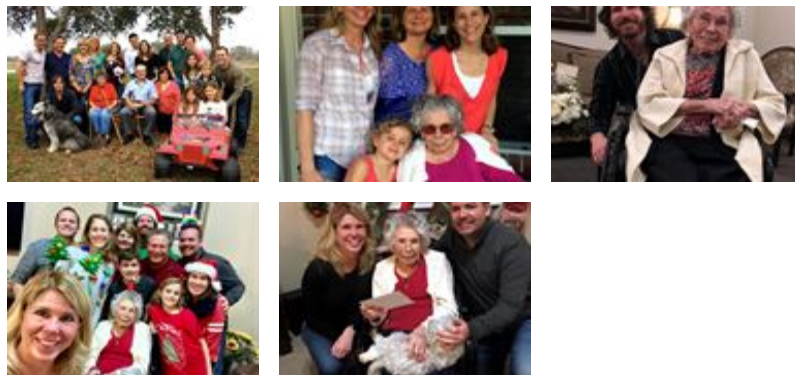
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“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lera Evelyn Ephraim.*



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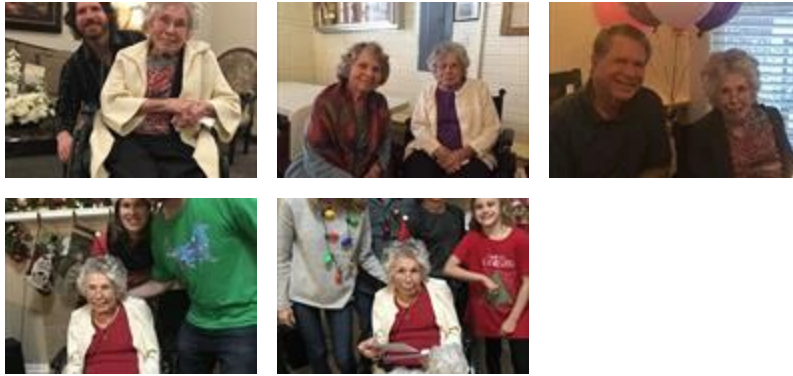
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“ I was so sorry to hear about this, my prayers are with the family at this time. Gods Blessing. Alice Zoch Reedy

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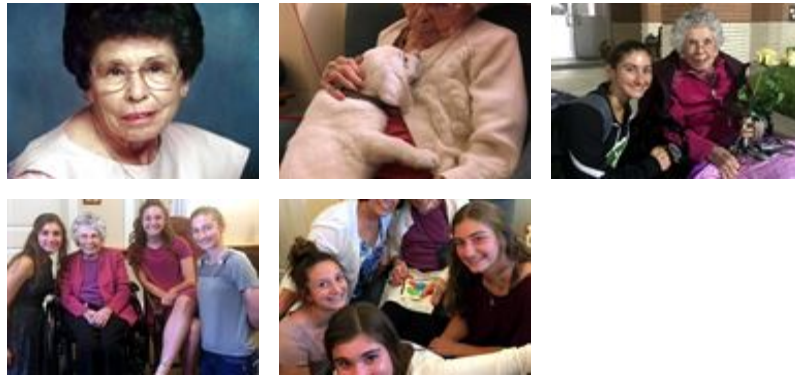


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