



Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz

August 27, 1937 - November 26, 2015

Funeral services for Leroy (Buddy) Lorenz, 78 of Giddings, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 29, 2015 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 Saturday, November 28, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 29, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Saturday from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz was born on August 27, 1937 in Giddings, Texas, to Robert Reinhold Lorenz and Clara (Hielscher) Lorenz. He was baptized on September 26, 1937 by Rev. G.W. Fischer and confirmed on March 31, 1951 by Rev. Max Studtmann at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings. His confirmation verse was 2 Corinthians 6:18, "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty". Buddy was united in marriage to Shirley Ruth Mersiovsky on June 2, 1957 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Max Studtmann. They were blessed with two children, Robert Harry and Tamera Lanesse.

Buddy was a graduate of Giddings High School class of 1955. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education from Southwest Texas State University in 1959 and his Master's in Education degree in 1972. He

completed coursework for superintendent certification in 1990. His teaching and coaching career began in 1959 at Rockdale ISD and continued at A&M Consolidated and Georgetown Independent School districts. In 1970, he returned to Giddings where he served as head basketball coach, junior high principal, and principal of Giddings High School from 1974-1994. He very much enjoyed his time with students and teachers throughout the years and was always excited to see former students and hear of their success in their lives and work.

During his 35 years in education he was affiliated with many organizations and groups whose goal was to promote and support the education of children. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and served in various capacities for both church and Christian day school. He proudly served as a member of the Giddings Rotary in his earlier years and later in the Giddings Breakfast Lions Club. After retirement from the school system in 1994, Buddy was busy with gardening, ranching, and serving on the Board of Directors for Education Service Center, Region XIII in Austin, Texas. He looked forward to family gatherings and spending time with the grand-children and great-grandsons.

Buddy passed away shortly after midnight on Thursday, November 26, 2015, surrounded by his family at his home in Giddings, following a battle with cancer.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert (Bobby) Lorenz, Jr.; parents-in-law, Harry and Margaret Mersiovsky and nephew, Jerry Robert Throckmorton.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Shirley Lorenz of Giddings; children Dr. Robert (Butch) Lorenz, D.V.M. and wife, Madonna of Arlington, Texas and daughter Tammy and husband, Tim Hartfield of Giddings, Texas.

Grandchildren, Madonna Lynn and husband, Ron McClure, Magen and husband, John Hearn and Robert Harry Lorenz Jr., all of Arlington, Texas, Thomas and wife, Brittany Hartfield of College Station, Texas and Robin Kate Hartfield of Giddings, Texas. Great-grandsons, Nolan and Keaton McClure and Clark Thomas Hearn. He is also survived by sister, Ethel and husband, Jimmy Throckmorton of Rockdale, Texas and brother-in-law, Charles Mersiovsky and wife, Margaret of Giddings, Texas.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ron McClure, John Hearn, Thomas Hartfield, Robert Lorenz Jr., James D. Throckmorton, Jim Melcher and Dennis Bass.

Special thanks to Brigette, Alma, and the staff of Hospice Brazos Valley for their compassionate care and the many family and friends who prayed, visited, and shared memories over the past months. Thanks also to Dr. Thomas Borgstedte and Dr. Erin Fleener for guidance through this journey.

The family requests that in lieu of floral contributions, please consider memorial contributions to Immanuel Lutheran Church Refurbishment Fund, 300 N. Grimes Street, Giddings, Texas 78942, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries – Camp Lone Star, P.O. Box 457, La Grange, Texas 78945, or the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 28. 7:00 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/>

Family Present for Visitation

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Church Service

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
300 North Grimes Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 27, 2015 at 05:23 PM

LP

*What a beautiful video!!! My Prayers of comfort to the Lorenz family.
Linda Pruitt*

linda pruit - November 29, 2015 at 09:38 PM

AR

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. May God continue to give you comfort and peace.
Alice Reedy and family*

Alice Reedy - December 01, 2015 at 09:25 AM

FA

A beautiful, caring, loving family and tribute. Fay

Fay - December 01, 2015 at 07:03 PM

IB

What a wonderful life you had together...I know he loved you and his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren with all of his heart.

Iris Bohr - December 03, 2015 at 03:44 PM

LD

“ Mrs. Lorenz and family,

I am sorry to hear about your loss. Your husband/father was a great man. I was one of his students at Giddings ISD till I was 14. I knew him very well, as I was sent to his office almost everyday for discipline. Although I was an unruly student, he always treated me fair. In my later years, I have used many of the things he taught me back then, and because of his teachings, I am a better person. He will be missed. Again, I am sorry for your loss.

Lauren Alexis Anati A.K.A Bethany Droeme - December 02, 2015 at 07:47 AM

AR

“ Alice Reedy lit a candle in memory of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz



Alice Reedy - December 01, 2015 at 09:18 AM

MS

“ Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz



Michelle Schuetz - November 29, 2015 at 09:23 PM

MS

Mrs. Lorenz and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, may God continue give you strength, comfort and peace today and the days ahead. We have a sweet angel watching over us all. Mr. Lorenz will be missed by many and will be forever in our heart. God bless you all.

Michelle Schuetz - November 29, 2015 at 09:26 PM

SR

“ To the Lorenz family- There are many memories that I have of my numerous stays at your home. May God grant you all a peace and comfort that only He can give. I pray for peace in the days to come. Love to you all- Shari Spence Rahm

Shari Rahm - November 29, 2015 at 07:34 PM

GS

“ I remember Mr. Lorenz (Buddy) because I also attended Giddings High School, but later he was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Rockdale, TX where my husband was the pastor for 6 years. My deepest sympathy to you Shirley and the family. May the Lord heal your wounds of grief and help you through the passage of life without Buddy. My thoughts and prayers are with you today, especially.

Gloria Stengel - November 29, 2015 at 09:07 AM

CJ

“ Buddy was my first principal. He was so kind and helpful to a young teacher who cried a great deal. Love you Buddy and prayers for your family.

Carolyn Jatzlau - November 28, 2015 at 09:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz.



November 28, 2015 at 06:45 PM

GB

“ Dear Shirley,
Jann and I were so sorry to hear of Buddy's passing. Please know that I enjoyed serving with Buddy on the Region 13 Board of Directors. I have always respected his quiet yet strong vision with respect to the education of the school children of central Texas.. Rest assured that his hard work will continue to benefit the schoolchildren of Texas for many years to come.
Buddy's work is done and now he can rest, but please know Shirley, that all the folks at Region 13 have you and your entire family in our prayers.
May God bless and keep you,
Gary Barnett

Gary Barnett - November 28, 2015 at 05:59 PM

LG

“ Tammy and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. He was a great principal and always had time to talk with the students.

Lisa (Krause) Gay

Lisa Gay - November 28, 2015 at 11:02 AM

JK

“ Our sympathy to you and your family

jeanette Knippa - November 27, 2015 at 10:52 PM

Amy
Poncik

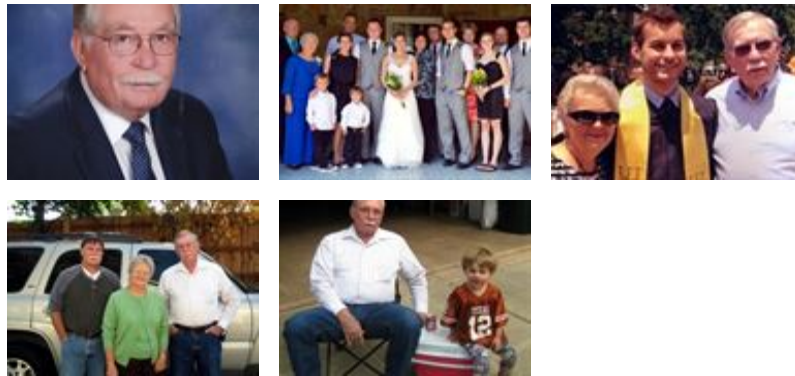
“ *Sending prayers to the family at this difficult time. He was an amazing man and principal. He was always funny and took time out to talk to each of us as we would walk into school each day. He will be missed. God Bless you all.*



Amy Poncik - November 27, 2015 at 07:54 PM



“ *50 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 27, 2015 at 05:06 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz.*



November 27, 2015 at 03:50 PM

YF

“ *Your St. Mark's Med/Surg Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz.*



Your St. Mark's Med/Surg Family - November 27, 2015 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz.*



November 27, 2015 at 12:24 PM

KP

“ *Kenneth And Debbie Perry lit a candle in memory of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz*



Kenneth and Debbie Perry - November 27, 2015 at 07:56 AM

SS

“ *Tammy and family, my sincerest condolences to you and your family. He was such a part of many lives in this community. May God wrap you all in His arms and grant you comfort in the days ahead. He is at peace and what a special guardian angel you will now have!*

Sylvia, Robby & Sydney Sharp

Sylvia Sharp - November 27, 2015 at 12:04 AM



“ *LL will be missed and he was an excellent principal. Prayers going out to y'all's family....*

Larry Perez - November 26, 2015 at 11:13 PM

CC

“ *Tammy and family, my condolences to all of you at this difficult time. Your father was such an important figure in my education and success, and he will be missed by many. Peace to you.*

Christy Claxton - November 26, 2015 at 09:48 PM

ED

“ *Leroy L will be miss he was a good principal
From Eric Davis and family*

Eric Davis - November 26, 2015 at 09:43 PM

SJ

“ *Our deepest sympathy along with the comfort of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Buddy was a fine example of a strong Christian man and will be missed.*

steve janda - November 26, 2015 at 07:11 PM

RW

“ *Richard & Edith Wieder lit a candle in memory of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz*



Richard & Edith Wieder - November 26, 2015 at 06:47 PM

RF

“ To the Lorenz family: We are very sorry to learn of your loved one's passing. Our hearts and minds are with you in prayer during this difficult time in your family. Take care, God bless.

Richard & Edith Wieder & Family - November 26, 2015 at 06:46 PM

SH

“ Shirley Gantt Higgins lit a candle in memory of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz



Shirley Gantt Higgins - November 26, 2015 at 01:46 PM

BM

“ Shirley and Family: May God wrap His arms around you, comfort you and give you peace is our prayer.

Bob and Donna Melcher

Bob and Donna Melcher - November 26, 2015 at 01:38 PM

MM

“ I remember as a senior in high school Mr. Lorenz was "dad". I will always remember his caring heart. Mary Raschke McClish

Mary McClish - November 26, 2015 at 01:18 PM

JW

“ My heart goes out to you, Shirley and to your family. Praying for all of you.

Judy Wolff - November 26, 2015 at 09:28 AM

LC

“ Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz



Linda Cook - November 26, 2015 at 09:17 AM

TG

“ Travis And Lynn Gunter lit a candle in memory of Leroy (Buddy) Marion Lorenz



Travis and Lynn Gunter - November 26, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ Mr. Lorenz was my teacher in Rockdale and a friend of my brother-in-law, Martin Moerbe, when they played on that State Championship Buffalo Football Team. More importantly I considered him a friend in later life and I was glad he was able to attend our last RHS Class of '63 reunion. May he rest in peace and comfort come to his family.

Jim McDaniel - November 26, 2015 at 06:30 AM

LA

“ Dear. Shirley and Famly, I was so sad to learn Buddy has passed away. He was a fine man and a dear friend. I have so many memories of our "growing up years". He was an honest and fair man and a true leader. He has gone home to his Heavenly Father. May the Lord give you His comfort. Most Sincerly in Friendship and Love, Lavonne Morrow

lavonne - November 26, 2015 at 06:25 AM