



Lillie Mae Boettcher

September 11, 1931 - April 27, 2025

Lillie Mae Eldine Kaiser was born on September 11, 1931 in Fedor, Texas to Ludwig and Sophie Kaiser. She was baptized on September 27, 1931 by Pastor George Kautz and was confirmed on July 16, 1944 by Pastor H.F. Hollman, both at St. James Lutheran Church, Lexington, Texas. Her confirmation verse was 1 Corinthians 6:20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Lillie Mae grew up on a farm in Fedor, Texas. She was an avid reader and could easily solve math problems before receiving instruction. She had dreams of becoming a clothing designer and would sketch her own patterns of the latest fashions.

After returning from the war, Franklin Boettcher, Sr. chose Lillie Mae to join him in marriage and they were united on April 3, 1949. Together they raised seven children, worked cattle, and ran their farm. After thirty short years, the Lord called Franklin to Heaven. She continued to maintain their farm along with their son, Delbert.

Lillie Mae lovingly shared her many gifts with her family, her church, and her community, always offering her time and talents with a gracious heart. She was especially proud of her homemade German noodles, which she enthusiastically prepared for any occasion, from Sunday dinner to family

weddings. She was well known for her delicious coffee cake, a treasured, perfected family recipe. With each passing season, her flowerbeds, garden, and fields yielded harvests of blossoms, fresh vegetables, fruits, and berries, and she delighted in canning, baking, and providing all the fruits of her labor. She even served as a cook in the Lexington School District.

She fulfilled her dream of fashion design by creating stylish clothing for her family, sewing most of her children's outfits and enhancing them with colorful, unique, clever, and practical modifications. Macramé, crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, beadwork – she loved crafting gifts with her hands and heart. And she especially loved teaching others.

Family was truly woven into the fabric of her life. She delightedly attended church, family reunions, and celebrations, cherishing every opportunity to visit with loved ones and making new friends. Hosting holiday gatherings in her home brought her great joy. Each summer, the school-aged grandkids would stay with “Grandma” for a week and attend Vacation Bible School. She thoughtfully planned special meals, crafts and activities, and gave them wonderful memories of sun tea, fresh baked cookies, mudpies, tree climbing, fishing, bicycling, hide-n-go seek, and tractor rides with Uncle Bert.

Lillie Mae had a beautiful voice and a heart full of song, which she shared freely and sincerely with those around her. She loved singing from the hymnal in glory to God, gently rocking children to sleep with lullabies, and humming her favorite melodies as she went about her chores. She also found joy in listening, especially when catching up over the phone, and in hearing the sweet songs of her birds that visited her as she relaxed on the porch swing.

With an active, curious, and boundless spirit she daily stayed informed with the latest news, solved word searches and sudoku puzzles, and crocheted up until she was called to join her eternal family. Her laughter and smile,

thoughtful advice, and caring heart will be remembered and missed until we are united with her once more in Heaven.

Lillie Mae Boettcher, 93, of Lexington, passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Lillie Mae Boettcher is preceded in death by her husband, Franklin Boettcher, Sr.; parents Ludwig & Sophie Kaiser; parents-in-law Walter and Ella Boettcher; son Delbert Boettcher; son-in-law Ronnie Exner; daughter-in-law Catherine Boettcher; brother Elton Kaiser and wife Evelyn; sisters Florine and husband Ferman Iselt Sr., Erline and husband Kenneth Dunn, Ilda and husband Alfred Symmank; brothers-in-law Ernest Boettcher, Wilbert Patschke; sisters-in-law Lorine and husband Herman Jatzlau, Bernice and husband Carl Market.

She is survived by her children Franklin Boettcher, Jr. and wife Judith, Margie and husband Curtis Yurk, Donald Boettcher and wife Mary, Peggy and husband Kim Raines, Rhonda and husband James Schneider, and Teresa Exner; brother Charles Kaiser; brothers-in-law Dennis Boettcher and wife Elaine, Rudy Ray "Tommy" Boettcher and wife Kathleen; sisters-in-law Katheleen Patschke, Patricia "Patsy" Hall and husband Kenneth, Genell Boettcher; Grandchildren Brian, Jennifer, Karna, Tamara, Suzanne, Candy, Karen, Melissa, Lucas, Natasha, Ella, Preston, Rodney, Jordon, Heather, Sean, Patricia, and spouses; 26 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington with Rev. Jonathan Meyer officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 7:00 a.m.

until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. Family will be present Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Serving as pallbearers are Brian Boettcher, Lucas Raines, Preston Schneider, Rodney Schneider, Jordan Exner, and Michael Norment.

Memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church or to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements made by Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings.

Cemetery Details

St. James Lutheran Cemetery

County Road 326
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 1. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
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Giddings, TX 78942
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Family Present for Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Public Visitation

MAY 2. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Lutheran Church
320 North Rockdale Street
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Tribute Wall

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“ Franklin and Judy, My prayers are with you at this mournful time. It was always obvious that her children, grandchildren and beyond honored her with Christlike love and respect to ensure the best quality of life as her years increased. No matter the reason or circumstances it is hard to lose someone so dear. We can find comfort that she is reunited with your father and brother and look forward to our reunion when Christ calls us home.



Dwight Nittsche - May 02, 2025 at 01:53 PM

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“ Cheryl K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Lillie Mae Boettcher.



Cheryl K. - May 02, 2025 at 10:34 AM

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“ Frank K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lillie Mae Boettcher.

Frank K. - May 02, 2025 at 10:19 AM

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“ *We love Miss Boettcher very much. Rest in peace and condolences to the family.*

Crystal Loehr - May 01, 2025 at 03:29 PM

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“ *My sincerest sympathies to the family! God bless!*



Kathy Neal - April 29, 2025 at 06:21 PM