



## Louis Sherman Gaeke

March 31, 1931 - December 4, 2024

Funeral services for Louis Gaeke, 93 of Giddings, will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner and Rev. Joshua Hahn officiating. A private burial will be held at Giddings Memorial Park.

Louis Sherman Gaeke was born on March 31, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Louis Henry Gaeke and Anna (Farrack) Gaeke. His family moved to Texas shortly after his birth. He was baptized on April 12, 1931 in Bellwood, Illinois by Rev. Kufsky and confirmed on April 14, 1946 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Max Studtmann. His confirmation verse was 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen". Louis graduated from Giddings High School in 1949. On December 30, 1950, Louis was united in marriage to the love of his life, Colene Dunn. They were blessed with two sons, Robert and Douglas. He began working with Droemer Construction in Giddings and in 1961, he started his own company, Gaeke Construction Company, which continues to operate to this day. Louis always took an active role in his church and community. Through the years he served as a Boy Scout leader, Lee County Little League officer, was instrumental in the creation and construction of the Giddings Golf Course, was a former director of First National Bank in Giddings and a member of the Giddings Rotary Club. He was a huge Texas A & M fan and loved watching and supporting the

Aggies. Louis was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings where he helped to construct the existing sanctuary in 1960 and took great pride in the fact that 60 years later, his company was the contractor for the current building program at the church. The Brookwood Community in Brookshire held a special place in the hearts of both Louis and Colene. Not only did Louis construct most of the buildings at the complex, he and Colene were both huge supporters of the facility, volunteering their time and resources to help support the facility's mission throughout the years. Though Louis spent most of his life in construction, his legacy isn't the structures he built. Rather it is the family he and Colene created and the community which he helped to build.

Louis passed the evening of Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at Bec's Blessing in Giddings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis & Anna Gaeke; his beloved wife of 70 years, Colene Gaeke and two brothers, Edmund Gaeke and William "Willie" Gaeke.

Louis is survived by his two sons, Robert "Bob" & Debbie Gaeke of Boerne and Doug & Lisa Gaeke of Giddings; his four grandchildren, Brandon & Misty Gaeke of Boerne, Brent & Jessica Gaeke of Boerne, Audra & Kyle Braden of Frisco, and Drew & Emily Gaeke of Giddings; his seven great grandchildren, Anna Gaeke, Wyatt Mayberry, Beau King, Charlotte Braden, Boone Gaeke, Violet Braden, and Brooke Gaeke; his two sisters, Lucille Brannon of Brenham and Virginia & Charles Vavrecka of Pearland, as well as many other family members and friends.

The Gaeke family would like to thank the staff of Bec's Blessing for the loving care they provided to both Colene and Louis and the support they provided to the family.

Memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Train Up a Child Building Fund or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings Memorial Park

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Church Service

DEC **29**. 3:00 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 Louis Sherman Gaeke*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - December 27, 2024 at 03:41 PM

BB

“ *Bob*

*I am so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. May he rest in peace.*

*Bobby Ballard*

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**Bob Ballard** - December 28, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ *Condolences from Edmund Gaeke Jr. and family.*

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**Annette B. Gaeke** - December 28, 2024 at 02:39 PM

LE

“ *Love y'all, Ross, Cami & Everleigh purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Louis Sherman Gaeke.*



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**Love y'all, Ross, Cami & Everleigh** - December 27, 2024 at 11:50 PM

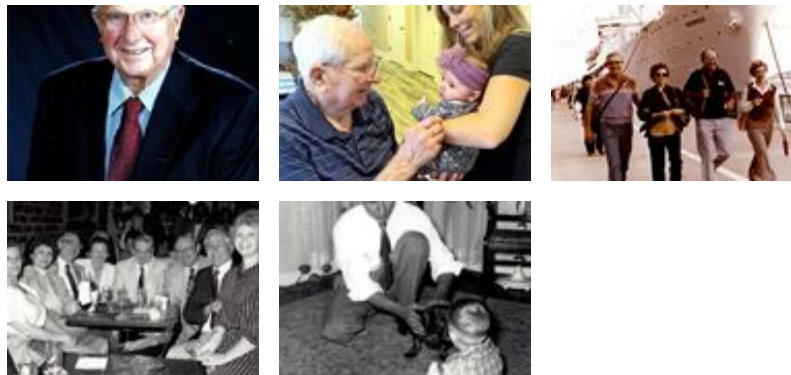
LE

“ Love y'all, Ross, Cami & Everleigh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis Sherman Gaeke.

Love y'all, Ross, Cami & Everleigh - December 27, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 27, 2024 at 10:38 AM

CB

“ We are saddened to hear of the passing of Louis Gaeke and extend our prayers to the members of his family. So many people of Lee and other Texas counties were blessed by the generosity, kindness and excellence provided by Louis and his company, Gaeke Construction. May God bless his soul and give him eternal peace.

Carey & Ruth Boethel

Carey Boethel - December 25, 2024 at 07:13 AM

TB

“ *The Mack Family & Jo & Liz Bondi purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Louis Sherman Gaeke.*



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**The Mack Family & Jo & Liz Bondi** - December 18, 2024 at 02:25 PM

JW

“ *Always ready to visit. Such a friendly, kind man. I know he will be greatly missed but resting and with his beautiful wife without pain or concern. Prayers of peace for all of you.*

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**Janis and Quatie Wolfshohl** - December 13, 2024 at 08:46 PM

VF

“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Louis Gaeke*



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**Violet Frosch** - December 10, 2024 at 03:57 PM

SP

“ *Louis was one of the most kind and generous people I have ever known. He did so many wonderful things for Brookwood Citizens and Staff. We all loved him. He will be missed.*

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**Sylvia Patton** - December 10, 2024 at 03:00 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr. Gaeke was always a kind man to all and he will be missed by many. God has another wonderful angel along side his wife. God bless you all and cherish all the memories.

Alice Wilson - December 10, 2024 at 07:36 AM

LK

“ My prayers are with the family. What a sweet, wonderful man. May he rest in peace.

Laurie Kubiak - December 09, 2024 at 05:35 PM

LS

“ Louis was my dad's best friend. He was there for our family when dad died. A good guy and great family friend. My prayers are with the family.

Laura Schneider Saegert - December 08, 2024 at 08:40 PM

HO

“ He was always so nice when I worked at Bec's blessing and his wife was in there. Prayers for the family. RIP Mr. Gaeke.

Holly - December 07, 2024 at 06:39 PM

RS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rebecca Sherrill - December 07, 2024 at 10:36 AM

CC

“*Doug, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Losing a parent is very difficult and I know your heart and spirit are low at this point. Just remember God is with you to heal you with is love.*



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**Cyndi Cheney** - December 07, 2024 at 10:20 AM

FK

“*What a loss for our community! He helped me so much when he built my home in '67 and for my HS Class of '63 he furnished material & labor to build a wishing well and installed the bell we had taken down from the school so that we could ring it for HS football games. About 2 years ago he had someone bring him by my house to discuss an easement and then laughed when he reminisced about the days when he met with his crew at the Sweet Shop in the mornings for coffee saying, 'oh my, those were the times'. My sympathies to the family but you can find joy in your family memories and all of his accomplishments for our community.*

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**Floyd Kasper** - December 07, 2024 at 07:15 AM