



Lydia Lehmann Haley

September 8, 1920 - July 20, 2019

Funeral services for Lydia Lehmann Haley, 98, of Ledbetter, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. John Waak officiating. Burial will follow in the Ledbetter Cemetery in Ledbetter. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM and on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 from 7:00 AM until 8:00 AM at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Lydia Bage Lehmann Haley was born on September 8, 1920, near Giddings, Texas, to Willie and Selma (Marburger) Bage. She was baptized on October 24, 1920, by Rev. William Mueller and confirmed on February 17, 1935. Her Confirmation verse was John 3:16. The family farmed in the Dime Box area where Lydia attended and graduated from Dime Box High School along with her siblings - Lorene, Ewald, Clarence, Dorothy, and Robert.

She married Lawrence Lehmann on August 18, 1940 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. William Mueller officiating. After their marriage, they moved to El Centro, California, and lived there until December 1944 when they returned to Texas and made their home in Ledbetter where they ranched and raised their daughter.

Lydia and Lawrence liked to travel to California to visit relatives and friends, and to nearby states so that Lydia could visit caves. In later years, they traveled with the bank group, especially enjoyed Alaska, had numerous dominoes parties, and enjoyed functions at church and in their community. Lydia liked to sew and enjoyed raising flowers.

Lydia loved children and began teaching Sunday school in Dime Box after confirmation and in California from 1940 to 1944. In 1945, she and Lawrence joined Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings and continued teaching young children at Martin Luther from 1945 to 1982. She especially enjoyed the young mischievous ones. She also taught Jr. Lutherans and Vacation Bible School loading up her car with all of the Ledbetter children. She looked forward to summers when her nephews, nieces, and young friends came to visit.

Because she loved to learn and further her education for teaching and leadership, she attended American Lutheran Workers seminars each summer at Texas Lutheran College from 1951 to 1966.

Lydia was an integral part of MLLC Women's organizations serving in whatever capacity or office was needed. She was honored with a lifetime membership in 1956. She was very active in the Ledbetter Homemakers Club and was conferred a lifetime member in 2004. She also served as Secretary of the Ledbetter Cemetery Association. She and Lawrence were members of the Lee County Sheriff's Posse and she rode in the drill team with Lawrence.

In 1959 Lydia became a Beauty Counselor representative on the local and district level. She also worked one day a week at Giddings Livestock Auction for 24 ½ years.

After Lawrence passed away in 1993, she loved to babysit her new great

grandson, take trips with the bank group, and attend social events. At one of these social gatherings, she met Frank Haley. They were married on September 14, 1997. They enjoyed 13 ½ years together attending country music operas, traveling, and going to couples dances.

After Frank passed away, Lydia lived in Ledbetter with caregivers until October 2012, when she became a resident of the Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center.

Lydia was a very giving person. She brightened the lives of so many people with her lovely smile and gentle personality. She passed away on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center.

Lydia was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, three brothers, and two sisters.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Keng and her husband, James of Ledbetter; two granddaughters, Jaime Manning and her husband, Ron of Giddings, and Casey Smith and her husband, Frank of Giddings; two stepdaughters, Phyllis Hodges and her husband, Tommy of Bastrop, and Carolyn LaFrance of Giddings; adopted family, James and Michelle Newman; sister-in-law, Velma Bage of Texas City; eight great grandchildren; two great, great grandchildren; step grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Terry Bage, Pat Lehmann, James Newman, Skyler Newman, Deacon Manning, and Mason Manning.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Martin Luther Day School, a youth organization of one's choice, or to a charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

JUL 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL 24. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Church Service

JUL 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

Martin Luther Lutheran Church
573 North Main Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lydia Lehmann Haley*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 22, 2019 at 04:52 PM

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“ *When my Mother died, my Dad was so sad and lonely. Some friends talked him into going dancing one night and that's where he met Lydia. He continued to go dancing just so he could spend more time with her. God gave my Dad another chance at love and before long he and Lydia married. She welcomed his family into her life with open arms as did we welcome her into our lives. She was a sweet and loving soul. She gave my Dad her love until he died. Even though she had a lot of health problems, she took care of him. They were a sweet couple. I'm happy God gave them both a second love and many years together. I'm sad I wasn't able to come to her funeral.*

Phyllis and Tommy - October 25, 2019 at 09:50 AM

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“ Dear Carolyn and family, I just received word that your mother has passed away. She always had the sweetest smile and was such a kind, gentle lady. She's fought the hard fight for a long time, but she's with her Lord now. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I believe that the people whose life she touched were made richer by her kindness. Much love, Lavonne

Lavonne Morrow - July 24, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 22, 2019 at 04:43 PM

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“ the Freeman Family, Mary, Becky and Charles purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lydia Lehmann Haley.



the Freeman Family, Mary, Becky and Charles - July 22, 2019 at 03:38 PM