



Margaret Ruth Kriegel

December 7, 1926 - February 17, 2020

Funeral services for Margaret Kriegel, 93, of Giddings, Texas are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Giddings with Rev. Mark Nygard officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Margaret Kriegel, 93, a long-time resident of Giddings, Texas, died February 17, 2020 at Brookdale Gaines Ranch, Austin, Texas. She was born December 7, 1926 in Hooker, Oklahoma, the oldest of three children of Rev. Max Studtmann and Charlotte Luetzow Studtmann. Margaret was baptized December 25, 1926 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hooker by her father and confirmed March 17, 1940 at First Lutheran Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma, also by her father.

In April of 1941, her father received a call to Immanuel Lutheran Church and the family moved to Giddings. Margaret graduated from Giddings High School and began working at Citizens State Bank in Giddings

She met Leonard Kriegel in 1946 at a Walther League Convention and became engaged in March of 1947. Her father did not believe in long

engagements, and Leonard and Margaret were married by her father on June 8, 1947 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings. This marriage was blessed with three daughters, Patricia, Deborah, and Gretchen.

Margaret, along with her husband Leonard, owned and operated a retail clothing store named Leonard's and Margaret's, in Giddings for 45 years. In addition, she was very involved in many community and church organizations.

Active in her church, Margaret served in numerous capacities, including bible class teacher, choir director, and organist. She also was a church council officer for many years. She organized the Giddings Associates of the Seton Hospital Development board in 1981 and served in various officer positions. Margaret also was an active member of the Lee County Heritage Society, Rotary Club, and Giddings Chamber of Commerce. She was honored by the Giddings Chamber of Commerce with the "Outstanding Citizen Award in 1983" and the "Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006."

Margaret has been a member of the Giddings Study Club since 1958. She served as president, parliamentarian, and was honored as a Life Member. She also was honored as a Life Member of the Texas Federation of Women's Club. As a member of the TFWC Capitol District, she served as president, vice-president, parliamentarian, and chaired many committees throughout the years. While on the TFWC executive board, Margaret served as secretary and treasurer. Margaret also served as parliamentarian for 30 years over a span of 15 state presidents. She was awarded the TFWC's "Today's Woman Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer" in 1991 and the "Jennie June Award" for outstanding service in 2017.

Margaret dearly loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She valued spending time with them and engaging in games, reading, and other fun activities. She lovingly sent cards to all family members for birthdays

and holidays. She enjoyed writing letters and receiving letters and cards from her great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Leonard Kriegel; parents, Rev. Max and Charlotte Studtmann; father-in-law and mother-in-law, K. Gus and Alvina Kriegel; brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Rev. Kenneth and Betty Studtmann; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Erwin G. and Jackie Kriegel; nephews, Jim Bob Kriegel, Leon Wallace, Gary Paul Durrenberger, and James Studtmann; and nieces, Kim Studtmann and Debbie Studtmann.

Margaret is survived by daughters, Dr. Patricia Koch of Austin, Deborah Gaeke and husband Robert of San Antonio, and Gretchen Rodstrom and husband Barry of Giddings; brother, Dr. Rev. Robert H. Studtmann and wife Barbara of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Ysidra Koch Williams and husband Grant of Austin, Zephyr Van Dyke of Nebraska, Micah Koch and wife Jennifer of Austin, Brandon Gaeke and wife Misty of San Antonio, Brent Gaeke of Boerne, and Erika Rodstrom Withers and husband John of Argyle; nine great-grandchildren, Erin and Emma Williams, Austin and Luke Van Dyke, Calvin and Kaley Koch, Anna Gaeke, and Avery and Reese Withers. She also is survived by nieces and nephews, Charlie Bill Kriegel, Kay Kriegel Wallace, Steven Studtmann and wife Shonda, Nathan Studtmann and wife Lisa, Elizabeth Studtmann Steele and husband John, Michael Studtmann, John Studtmann, and Peter Studtmann and wife Michelle; and numerous cousins.

Memorials can be made to Grace Lutheran Church in Giddings, the Lee County Youth Center, or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section E)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Public Visitation

FEB 19. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

FEB 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Public Visitation

FEB 20. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Giddings
600 Sunrise Avenue
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret Ruth Kriegel*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 18, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Kriegel*



Michelle Schuetz - February 27, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ *The Texas Oncology HR Department purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Margaret Ruth Kriegel.*



The Texas Oncology HR Department - February 20, 2020 at 06:14 PM

CH

“ Calvin And Janis Hannes lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Kriegel



Calvin and Janis Hannes - February 20, 2020 at 02:47 PM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss. Your Mother was a sweet lady and I know y'all will miss her greatly. Thought and prayers with your families during this time.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Jerry and Carolyn (Loewe)Faske

Carolyn Faske - February 20, 2020 at 10:55 AM

CG

“ Mrs. Kriegel was a lovely lady. I enjoyed singing in her choir. She will be missed.



Christine Gersch - February 20, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Ruth Kriegel.



February 19, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Margaret Ruth Kriegel.*



February 18, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *Rose Villanueva & Becky Jorgensen purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Margaret Ruth Kriegel.*



Rose Villanueva & Becky Jorgensen - February 18, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *63 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 18, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Margaret Ruth Kriegel.*



February 18, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ *Lavonne. Morrow lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Kriegel*



Lavonne. Morrow - February 18, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Ruth Kriegel.*



February 18, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *I was so sorry to here of Margaret's passing. She was such a sweet and caring lady. May she rest in eternal peace and help her family find peace in these hard days ahead.*

Teresa and Howard Muniz

Teresa Muniz - February 18, 2020 at 11:48 AM

BW

“ Margaret and Leonard gave so much of their time to the community, church, and various organizations. They set a wonderful example of selfless service and have left a powerful legacy for their family and friends. From the time of walking across the street from the market to buy clothes as a child to recently asking Margaret to pronounce Biblical names so I could read them correctly at Grace Lutheran Church, there was always a willingness to help and support others. She will be missed by so many friends but she left an example of how to live a life of Christian service.

Barbara Wilson - February 18, 2020 at 11:48 AM

TM

“ Teresa Muniz lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Kriegel



Teresa Muniz - February 18, 2020 at 11:39 AM

DN

“ For as long as I can remember, I've always had a deep admiration and respect for Leonard and Margaret. They were a gift to the Lee County community. They never tired or retired from demonstrating their deep faith, seeking ways to improve the community and the lives of those living there. Not a Christmas goes by that I don't look back with thanks for the wonderful Christmas pageant they worked so hard to produce. May they rest in peace together with their loving Christ.



Dwight Nittsche

Dwight Nittsche - February 18, 2020 at 10:44 AM

TK

“ Leonard's and Margaret's was a staple of life in Giddings while I was there. I never met more gracious people. I bought most of the 'work clothes' I wore to teach school there, and spent many an hour enjoying their company while my wife 'shopped'. She was a marvelous person. I pray that she rests in peace, and that her family will find peace in their memories of their parents.

Ted Kerr - February 18, 2020 at 12:24 AM



Condolences and prayers are with the family !! My mom bought many items from the store and had us pretty!! The Kriegel's were always gracious and nice !!

Venica Riggins - February 18, 2020 at 08:33 AM

DH

“ Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Kriegel



Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus - February 17, 2020 at 09:22 PM

MH

“ Mike And Sharon (Jenke) Horne lit a candle in memory of Margaret Ruth Kriegel



Mike and Sharon (Jenke) Horne - February 17, 2020 at 07:57 PM

CJ

“ *Patty,Debbie,and Gretchen,
You know she was one of my favorites. Such a lady. Our thoughts
and prayers are with you and your families.
Love you all, Mike and Carolyn*

PS I sure wish she had written that book.

Carolyn Jatzlau - February 17, 2020 at 05:16 PM

BM

“ *Billy Maxey lit a candle in memory of
Margaret Ruth Kriegel*



Billy Maxey - February 17, 2020 at 05:08 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Lee Gordon lit a candle in memory of
Margaret Ruth Kriegel*



Kathy Lee Gordon - February 17, 2020 at 04:34 PM