



## Mary Helen Ballew

May 19, 1921 - October 26, 2014

Funeral services for Mary Helen Ballew, 93 formerly of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Rev. Jeremy Walloch officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Mary Helen (Briggs) Ballew was born on May 19, 1921 in Dallas, Texas to Carlos & Virginia Briggs. After graduating from high school she attended cosmetology school. She was united in marriage to Johnny George Ballew on April 20, 1951. Mary operated her own beauty shop in Giddings for many years and she and Johnny also owned The 290 Club in Giddings. She had also been employed by Clayton Williams Gas, Brookshire Brothers in Giddings and HEB in La Grange and worked until to the age of 85 before finally retiring. Mary was a member of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings and enjoyed painting, making ceramics, cooking and dancing. She was a true "people person" who had a big heart and was happiest when she was able to help others. She passed away the morning of Sunday, October 26, 2014 at St. David's Round Rock Medical Center.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Carlos Briggs; her mother, Virginia Locker; her step-father, Joe Locker; her husband, Johnny Ballew and her daughter, Kelley Ballew.

She is survived by her two children, Dennis Ballew & his wife, Phyllis of Cedar Park and Dixie Ballew & her fiance, Theo Lowe of Farmersville; nine grandchildren, Michelle "Mimi" Briggs & her fiance, Ray Davis Jr. of Athens, John Ballew & his wife, Kasondra of Tyler, Daniel Ballew of Tennessee, Aaron Ballew & his wife, Hannah of Round Rock, Matthew Ballew of Leander, Coby Curry of Farmersville, Dezaray Ballew of Farmersville, Candice "Candi" Looney & her husband, Adrian of Destin, Florida and Derek Bradley of Birmingham, Alabama; thirteen great grandchildren and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Malcolm Ballew & Lillie Waters of Ennis.

Memorials may be made to the Martin Luther Lutheran Church Sanctuary Restoration Fund, 573 North Main Street, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
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## Visitation

OCT **30**. 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Chapel Service

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OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Helen Ballew*



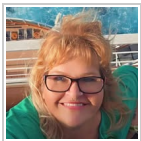
Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 28, 2014 at 04:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Helen Ballew.*



October 30, 2014 at 11:15 AM



“ *Mary, I will never forget you!! I always looked forward to going to HEB to get gas because I would see your smiling face sitting behind that window ready to take my money. I missed you so much after you left there, but always enjoyed the time hanging out with you and family. Thank you for always being there for my big sis, Phyllis. I know she always loved you so much. You will be missed by so many. Rest in peace love.*

Terri Scott Crysel - October 29, 2014 at 01:12 PM

PB

“*.(Mom) was more than just a "mother-in-law". She was my second Mother, especially when my own mother passed away in 2000. She immediately told me and assured, "I'll be your momma", and from then on, that's how I looked at her. She was always the "life of the party". She never slowed down, in fact, if you went shopping with her, it was aerobic exercise. She had the biggest heart in Texas, and was always the caregiver. She raised her three kids, plus three grandchildren, and worked, and worked, and worked just to make sure they didn't go without anything. In the last year, her mind had diminished with the Alzheimer's disease, but she always never let us leave without an I love you, even in her last days, she made sure she said that to us. I know that she is not suffering anymore, and is with her loved ones that have gone on before her. I love you, Mary Helen Ballew. You were truly my "sunshine".*

Phyllis Ballew - October 28, 2014 at 05:12 PM

RS

“*Hey all you guys, see you at the service tomorrow. I'm at work right now, but I get off tomorrow morning. You mom was special, cool and lots of fun. We always had a great time when visiting, even as far back as the 70's. WOW, now that was a cool time. Take care, may God bless your comings and goings, and grant you peace during this time off loss in your family.*

*Much Love:*

*Richard G. Wieder Sr.*

*rgoper@msn.com*

*Giddings, Texas*



R.G. Wieder Sr. - October 28, 2014 at 06:44 AM

PB

“ *Phyllis Ballew lit a candle in memory of Mary Helen Ballew*



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**Phyllis Ballew** - October 27, 2014 at 09:41 PM

DH

“ *My prayers are with you all... Memaw was an special person to all of us ..She will be loved and missed always!!*



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**Donna Horn** - October 27, 2014 at 09:33 PM

SF

“ *Prayers for Dixie & family! All of the Haas's have special memories of Mary:-) very opinionated, helped anyone who need help, a people person, full of energy, loved to laugh & loved her family very very much. A heart of gold! R.I.P. Mary*

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**suzanna haas medack & family** - October 27, 2014 at 09:03 PM

CJ

“ *Dennis, Please accept my sincere sympathy. Your mom was such a caring lady, enjoyed working with her so many years ago. Thank you for letting me know how to reach her, enjoyed our phone visit, wish we could have had more!*  
*Carol Jurk*

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**Carol Jurk** - October 27, 2014 at 07:01 AM

CS

*Dennis, I was so sorry to find out about the loss of your mom. She was an amazing woman. She was always nice to me and made me feel very special! May God give you and your family strength at this time. Take care and God's blessings to all of you, Carol Schulz (Friedrich)*

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**Carol Schulz** - October 29, 2014 at 10:46 PM