



Mary "Mary Lou" Louise Gaeke

January 2, 1932 - October 11, 2024

Funeral services for Mary Louise Gaeke, 92 of Giddings, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating.

Mary "Mary Lou" Louise Gaeke was born on January 2, 1932 in Houston, Texas to August Fretwell and Chispa Ruth (Van Benthven) Fretwell. She was baptized on September 16, 1956 by Rev. Max Studtmann and confirmed on December 19, 1961 by Rev. Max Studtmann at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Her confirmation verse is Joshua 1:9 "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest". She was very proud to be the first in her family to receive a high school diploma from Milby High School. Mary Lou went on to graduate from Southwestern Business College. She was united in marriage to William Henry Gaeke in Houston on December 15, 1955. To this union they were blessed with two daughters, Penny and Loretta. She worked in the office at Centex Livestock Commission where she could always be found with a smile. Mary Lou was very active in her daughters' lives and was their Girl Scout Leader from 1961 until 1968. She was a part of the Braille Ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 1990 until 2023. Mary Lou also taught bible study at Oakland Manor Nursing Home for numerous years. She enjoyed taking her family camping, playing 42, and taking care of stray cats. Mary Lou was famous for her banana pudding and enjoyed cooking for her

family. She was an excellent seamstress, an avid reader and enjoyed a good word search puzzle. Her family will always cherish the time she spent taking care of them.

Mary Lou passed away on Friday, October 11, 2024 in Bryan, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Gaeke; her parents, August and Chispa Fretwell; her daughter, Loretta Ehler; her brother-in-law, Edmond Gaeke; her sisters, Elizabeth, Florine, June, and Hazel.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Penny and husband Charlie Kornegay of Bryan; one son-in-law, David Ehler and wife Gayla of Flatonia; five grandchildren, Chris Kornegay of Austin, Nikki Kornegay of Austin, Amy and husband Alex Roman of Waco, David "DJ" Ehler and wife Sannu of La Grange, and Jason Ehler and wife Julie of Abilene; eight great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Memorials may be made to the Braille Ministry or the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section B)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
300 North Grimes Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary "Mary Lou" Louise Gaeke*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - October 29, 2024 at 06:45 PM

KP

“ *What a wonderful lady who had so much influence in my life. Spent many, many hours with and her family and such good neighbors of my mom. Prayers for comfort for the family.*

Kathy Pfeiffer - November 02, 2024 at 09:56 AM

BB

“ *Bonnie & Charles Boatwright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary "Mary Lou" Louise Gaeke.*

Bonnie & Charles Boatwright - November 01, 2024 at 10:16 AM

BB

“ *Bonnie & Charles Boatwright purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary "Mary Lou" Louise Gaeke.*



Bonnie & Charles Boatwright - November 01, 2024 at 10:16 AM

CB

“ *Deepest sympathy to the family!*
Charlene Vanek Baker



Charlene Vanek Baker - October 30, 2024 at 03:00 PM

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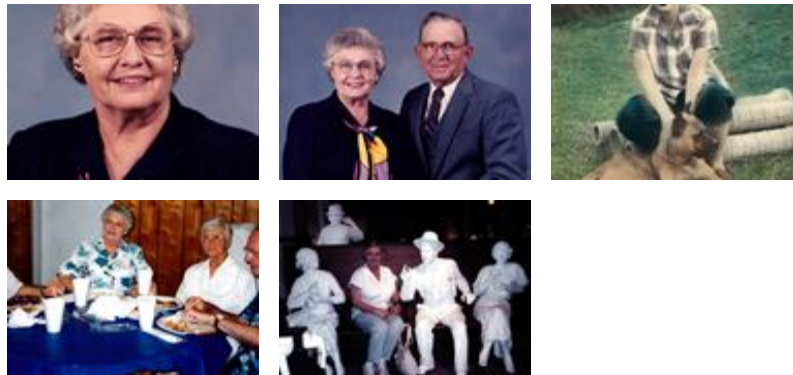
“ *The Mack Family & The Bondi Family purchased
the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mary
"Mary Lou" Louise Gaeke.*



The Mack Family & The Bondi Family - October 30, 2024 at
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