



## Merle Culp

March 21, 1937 - August 6, 2014

Services for Merle Culp 77 of the Tracy Community will be held 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 11, 2014 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with burial to follow in the Sharp Cemetery. Pastor Ray Prince of the Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church will officiate. Visitation is 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, August 10, 2014 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home.

Merle Culp was born March 21, 1937 in the Tracy Community to Otis and Mabel (Modessette) Charles. She was a 1955 Sharp High School graduate and attended a year in beauty school. She has been a lifelong resident of the Tracy Community.

On November 3, 1956 she and John Culp were married in her parents' home which was built in 1898. Merle had worked as a bus driver in the Troy and Rockdale Independent School Districts. She had worked as a beautician over 20 years at the Renaissance Villa in Rockdale. She loved her clients and hoped to help them feel better. Merle was a member of Friendship United Methodist Church near Davilla where she played the piano and served as a church officer. She was a member of the Hobby Club in Sharp and the Sharp and Rockdale Quilt Guild.

Merle passed away Wednesday August 6, 2014 in the Scott & White Hospital in Temple. She was preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Mabel

Charles.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, John Culp of Tracy; three sons, Don Culp and wife Mabelle of Durango, Texas, Robert Culp and wife Rose of Buckholts, James Culp and wife Mela of Tracy; daughter, Frances Powell of husband Francis of Biloxi, Mississippi; a sister, Nelda Pope and husband David of Horseshoe Bay; 11 grandchildren, Trevor Culp and wife Heather, Dustin and Sam Culp, Aaron, Zachary and Meagan Culp, Jamie Culp, Annabelle Smith and husband Justin, Olivia Culp, Chase Wampler and fiancée Erica and Candi Johnson and husband Brandon; six step grandchildren, Debbie Miranda, Adrian Miranda, Angie Morris and husband Michael, Francis J. Powell and wife Rosa, Alexander Scott Powell and Michael Powell; also five great-grandchildren, A.J., Justin, Austin, Melody and B.J.; seven step great-grandchildren, Amber and Avery Morris, Abram Miranda, T.J., Kayla, Niya and Viola Powell.

Her pallbearers will be Trevor Culp, Dustin Culp, Sam Culp, Aaron Culp, Chase Wampler, Jamie Culp and Zachary Culp.

Memorial can be made in Merle's memory to Friendship United Methodist Church, c/o Molly Modessette, 10267 North FM 486, Rockdale, Texas 76567 or to Renaissance Villa, 700 Dyer Street, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

# Cemetery Details

## Sharp Cemetery

10500 FM 487  
Buckholts, TX 76518

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Chapel Service

AUG **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Merle Culp*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - August 13, 2014 at 08:16 PM

LP

“ *Merle Culp*

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**Laurie Platt** - August 14, 2014 at 02:25 PM

LP

“ *Mrs. Culp was one of my favorite bus drivers. She was so sweet and a joy for a kid to talk to. Thoughts & Prayers of comfort to her family.*

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**Laurie Platt** - August 14, 2014 at 02:25 PM

DD

“ *Merle Culp*

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**Donna Fricke Durbin** - August 11, 2014 at 04:41 PM

DD

“ *Robert: I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Donna Fricke Durbin** - August 11, 2014 at 04:41 PM

M4

“ Merle Culp

Milam County Pct 4 - August 11, 2014 at 10:07 AM

M4

“ We would like to send our condolences to John and the family. May God be with you through this time of sorrow. God Bless!

Milam County Pct 4 - August 11, 2014 at 10:07 AM

CG

“ Merle Culp

Cynthia & George Galbreath - August 11, 2014 at 10:04 AM

CG

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss! Merle is not gone, just away for you will see her again in our heavenly home! She will live on in your hearts. God bless you and keep you!

Cynthia & George Galbreath - August 11, 2014 at 10:04 AM

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“ Merle Culp

Cheryl Dowell (Craft) - August 11, 2014 at 08:04 AM

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“ My Daddy, Donald Craft, has known John & Merle for so many years and when he told me of Merle's passing last night I was so sad. Merle was always the sweetest lady and I really enjoyed stopping in her house on College Street when I was younger in Troy and grabbing a cookie and a hug. She was a very special lady... My sympathies...

Cheryl Dowell (Craft) - August 11, 2014 at 08:04 AM

MH

“ *Merle Culp*

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**Marla Henson** - August 10, 2014 at 10:29 PM

MH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family and friends. Mrs. Culp was a very sweet lady and she will be truly missed. I am thankful to have had the pleasure of knowing and her, and also to call her my friend.*

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**Marla Henson** - August 10, 2014 at 10:29 PM

JP

“ *Merle Culp*

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**Julie (Lawrence) Patton** - August 10, 2014 at 08:11 PM

JP

“ *Frances this is Julie who lived across the street from you on 47th st Temple Tx. I'm so sorry to hear about your mom. My mom saw it in the Temple paper. I have thought about you and looked for you on facebook. My email is jewels727@yahoo.com hope to hear from you been alot of years. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Praying for god to comfort you all.. Julie*

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**Julie (Lawrence) Patton** - August 10, 2014 at 08:11 PM

EL

“ *Merle Culp*

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**Ethel Loden** - August 08, 2014 at 12:55 AM

EL

“ *My heart is broken. So sad to lose Two Cousins the same day, I feel like I can still call them my cousins even though Kenneth is no longer here, I will always clam his family as my family. I know they are in Heaven now rejoycing in God's loving arms, RIP, Merle and James ??????* ”

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**Ethel Loden** - August 08, 2014 at 12:55 AM

PP

“ *Merle Culp* ”

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**Phyllis & Julian Pope** - August 07, 2014 at 09:52 PM

PP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Julian and Phyllis Pope* ”

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**Phyllis & Julian Pope** - August 07, 2014 at 09:52 PM

MC

“ *Merle Culp* ”

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**Mara and Cliff** - August 07, 2014 at 06:10 PM

MC

“ *Lots of love and prayers for yall. We loved Merle; she was always there to help.* ”

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**Mara and Cliff** - August 07, 2014 at 06:10 PM

LG

“ *Merle Culp* ”

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**Lorna Gibson** - August 07, 2014 at 05:42 PM

LG

“ *All Our Love to ALL of you. You are always in our prayers. Bobby, Lorna, Brandyn, Shay, & Ian Walker "Booter" Gibson*

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**Lorna Gibson** - August 07, 2014 at 05:42 PM