



Oscar Henry Placke Jr.

January 1, 1932 - March 20, 2020

Oscar Henry Placke, Jr., 88, of Giddings, passed away on Friday, March 20, 2020, after a short battle with leukemia.

He is preceded in death by his father, Oscar Henry Placke, Sr.; his mother, Flora Belle Stork Placke; his sister, Rose Marie Placke, and his brother, Robert Placke.

He was a devoted husband and father who proudly served his country and his church community. He and Texene were devout members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Oscar was born in Giddings, Texas on January 1, 1932 to Oscar Henry Placke Sr. and Flora Belle (Stork) Placke. He was baptized on July 28, 1946 at First Baptist Church in Giddings and confirmed on June 17, 1962 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi by Rev. Andrew Simcak Jr. He worked in his father's blacksmith shop until he graduated from Giddings High School. Oscar joined the Air Force and served for four years then he joined the Army Reserves for four years. As a serviceman, he traveled to many places including Germany, Japan, and Africa. Once he was stateside, he served as a logistics airman. After his military service, he worked at Reynolds Metals for many years and then served as a US postal carrier until the early 1970's. He was united in marriage to Texene Birmingham Zipprian on December 10, 1976 in Corpus Christi. Oscar and Texene moved back to the Placke family home in 1991. He retired in 2014 from a long career in

interstate transport which included Groendyke Transport in Corpus Christi and Color Star Growers located in Giddings.

Oscar loved NASCAR, farm life, and his family. He spent a lot of his time following Giddings high school sports. He was always his grandchildren's biggest fan and loved watching them play their sports. Oscar always made those in his presence feel that they were special, and he made friends with everyone. He left an indelible mark on his family, friends, and acquaintances.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Texene Zipprian Placke of Giddings; three sons, Michael Zipprian and wife, Lisa of Porter, Richard Zipprian of Corpus Christi, and Kevin Placke of Arkansas; three daughters, Teresa Zipprian Tuma of San Antonio, Kimberly Placke and husband, Scott of Waco, and Elizabeth Placke Drosche and husband, Shane of La Grange; eleven grandchildren, Kristina Zipprian Haggard and husband, Mike, Rusty Zipprian, Kayla Zipprian, James Zipprian, Steven Placke, and wife, Allyson, Kaitlyn Tuma, Christian Bradley and wife, Amber, Cassidy Tuma, Dylan Placke, Alexia Jones, and Kailee Jones; five great-grandchildren; his sister, Callie Placke Roark, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and family.

Visitation will be held at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Due to the declaration on March 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. by city, county, and state officials barring gatherings larger than 10 people, all funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Oscar's name to Hospice Brazos Valley in La Grange or Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings. In keeping with Oscar's spirit of community, the family would like to

also recommend any form of community service or beautification projects in our community.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
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Tribute Wall

KS

“ I had the honor and pleasure of getting to know Oscar when we were both truck drivers for Nutrena - he was a wonderful soul and our loss is heaven's gain.
-Kenneth Schatte

Kenneth Schatte - March 26, 2020 at 04:55 PM

PK

“ Texene, I just now saw the obituary for Oscar. I am so sorry. As you know he was one of my moms favorite people and mine too. The world will miss his funny comments and laughter. Please know you will be in my prayers.

Priscilla King - March 25, 2020 at 02:59 PM

JW

“ So sorry Texene and family. Always enjoyed his visits at the bank. Prayers of peace and comfort.

Janis Wolfshohl - March 25, 2020 at 02:04 PM

PF

“ A very kind and humbling human being, full of wisdom and a kind word anytime you spoke to anyone. He was loved by family and lots of friends. He will truly be missed. May God bless his family in this time of need.

Pat and daniel schramm family - March 23, 2020 at 11:39 AM

TF

“ *The Verbeek Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Oscar Henry Placke Jr..*



The Verbeek Family - March 23, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ *Remembering my Dear cousin 'Ockie'. He will be missed by his family and friends.*

We pray for comfort and peace, as only 'He' can give.

He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith.

*Love to you all,
Eva and Jimmy Ponfick*

Eva Ponfick - March 21, 2020 at 11:13 PM



VF

“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Oscar Henry Placke Jr.*



Violet Frosch - March 21, 2020 at 09:18 PM

JH

“ Remembering my beloved cousin, 'Ockie', today. May the God of All Comfort surround you, his loving family.

Janis/Calvin Hannes - March 21, 2020 at 11:26 AM

JH

“ Janis/Calvin Hannes lit a candle in memory of Oscar Henry Placke Jr.



Janis/Calvin Hannes - March 21, 2020 at 11:18 AM

DG

“ I'm sorry for yalls loss!! My family are praying for yall. He was a great man, I know all the young Greens know him because he had all of us on his bus at the same time. You had to be a great man to handle all of us. May he Rest In Paradise!!

Dennis Green - March 20, 2020 at 07:13 PM

Amy
Poncik

“ So Sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs to the Placke family. God be with you all

Amy Poncik - March 20, 2020 at 05:22 PM