



## Otto Erich Becker Jr

November 1, 1934 - June 10, 2015

Funeral services for Otto Becker Jr., 80 of Serbin, Texas, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin with Rev. John Schmidt officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 12, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Otto Erich Becker Jr. was born on November 1, 1934 in Serbin, Texas to Otto Bernard Becker and Hulda Lydia (Bohot) Becker. He was baptized on November 4, 1934 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin by Rev. Herman Schmidt. He attended St. Paul Lutheran School and was confirmed on March 21, 1948 at St. Paul Lutheran Church by Rev. Paul Eifert. His confirmation verse was John 14:23, "Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'" Otto served in the U.S. Army from 1957 until 1959 where he was stationed in Germany. He served an additional four years in the Army Reserves receiving his Honorable Discharge on April 30, 1963. Otto was united in marriage to Janiece Marylin Kappler on November 3, 1962 at St. Paul Lutheran Church by Rev. Arthur Arndt. Their union was blessed with two daughters, Sandra & Debra. He worked for Lee County for 20 years before being elected Lee County Commissioner of Precinct 2 in 1974. He served as

County Commissioner for 24 years, retiring in 1998. Otto was a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin where he had served on numerous committees and boards and held various offices. He was a member of the Texas Wendish Heritage Society and the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed farming, taking care of his cattle, roadwork, fishing and hunting. He especially enjoyed his trips to the deer lease in the hill country.

Otto passed away the morning of Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center following a battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto & Hulda Becker; his three brothers, Rubin Becker & his wife, Ruth, Tom Becker & his wife, Helen and Fred "Fritz" Becker; his three sisters, Adalia Becker (in infancy), Esther Zoch and Ruth Herzog & her husband, Richard; three sisters-in-law, Alvina Derenberger, Doris Arldt & her husband, Edwin and Ruth Schimank and a brother-in-law, Berry Hugo.

Otto is survived by his wife of 52 years, Janiece Becker of Serbin; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra & Clyde "Shorty" Schimank of Serbin and Debra & Douglas Hartfield of Serbin; five grandchildren, Brandy Todd & her husband, Billy of Jasper, Christopher Schimank of Serbin, Corie Schimank of Serbin, Heather Hartfield & Josh Posas of Serbin and Haley Hartfield of Serbin; two great grandchildren, Ryne & Rylan Todd both of Jasper; two sisters, Bernice Boriack & her husband, Alfred of Lincoln and Mandy Hugo of Brenham; three brothers-in-law, Bill Derenberger of Austin, Lorenz Schimank of Giddings and Paul Zoch of Serbin; one sister-in-law, Mary Ann Becker of Serbin as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Christopher Schimank, Billy Todd, Josh Posas, Virgil Becker, Gary Becker, Michael Becker, Alton Boriack and Ronnie Herzog.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brandy Todd, Corie Schimank, Ryne Todd, Rylan Todd, Heather Hartfield and Haley Hartfield.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, the South Lee County Volunteer Fire Department or to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery of Serbin

1572 County Road 211  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 12.** 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

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## Church Service

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JUN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Serbin  
1572 County Road 211  
Giddings, TX 78942  
<http://stpaulserbin.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Otto Erich Becker Jr*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 11, 2015 at 09:46 PM

VG

“ *To the extended family of Mr. Otto Becker Jr., take comfort in knowing that your loved one is resting peacefully in the arms of our Lord. His journey is complete and we must carry on knowing that one day we will all be united once again.*  
*I so much enjoyed the selection of photos chosen for his tribute. Surely he was a man that loved his family and community. He was one of a kind and an inspiration to those that knew him.*

*Sincerely,  
Victor and Karen Gonzales*

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**victor gonzales** - June 13, 2015 at 09:46 PM

RB

“ *Our condolences to the Otto Becker Jr Family.  
Rudy & Gertrude Beisert.*

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**Rudy & Gertrude Beisert** - June 13, 2015 at 06:36 PM

DF

“ *Dennis Sander And Family lit a candle in memory of Otto Erich Becker Jr*

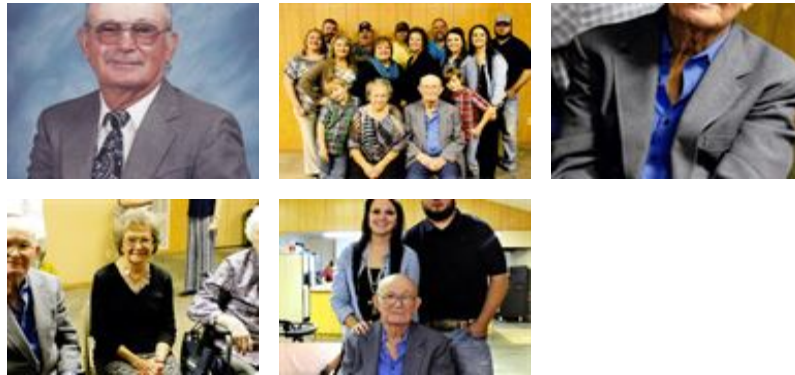


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**Dennis Sander and Family** - June 12, 2015 at 09:33 PM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - June 11, 2015 at 09:33 PM

CB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the members of the family of Otto Becker Jr.. I enjoyed the opportunity to serve along side Commissioner Becker while a member of the Lee County Commissioners Court. He never sought public recognition or political credit for anything. He was eager to listen, quick to learn and always early so he could begin work on the issues of local government. We will remember him as one of the most dedicated public officials ever to serve a county. May God bless and keep him.*

*Carey & Ruthie Boethel*

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**Carey Boethel** - June 11, 2015 at 11:07 AM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Otto Erich Becker Jr*



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**Michelle Schuetz** - June 11, 2015 at 08:40 AM

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*Our thoughts and prayers to the family of Mr Becker. May God give you all strength, peace and comfort during this time. We have a sweet angel watching and taking care of us all. God bless you all, Mrs Becker, Sandra, Debra and rest of your families.*

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**Michelle Schuetz** - June 11, 2015 at 08:43 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Otto Erich Becker Jr.*



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June 10, 2015 at 11:03 PM