



Otto Lawrence Lay

November 22, 1930 - March 21, 2014

Funeral services for Otto Lay, 83, of Lexington, Texas are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Texas with Rev. Dale Bohm officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Monday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Otto Lawrence Lay was born on November 22, 1930 in Lexington, the son of Charlie and Elsie (Jatzlau) Lay. He was baptized and confirmed on December 20, 1953 at St. James Lutheran Church in Lexington by Pastor Paul Stengle Jr. His confirmation verse was Revelations 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life". On March 6, 1955, he married the love of his life, Geneva Wagner. He had a deep love for his family and was very proud of his children, grandchildren and great grandchild. Otto was a drywall finisher who, after retiring, joined Geneva with her occupation of breeding and raising parakeets. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, taking care of his cattle and making BBQ. He cared for all of his animals but especially loved his dogs. They became his kids after the children grew up and left home. Whenever he was sitting down, there was always a dog in his lap. He passed away the afternoon of Friday, March 21, 2014 at Scott and White Hospital in Brenham following a hard fought battle with cancer. Otto was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Elsie Lay; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ben and Lena

Wagner; his brother-in-law, Martin Exner; his niece, Debbie Noack and her husband, David and a great niece, Destiny Noack. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Geneva Wagner Lay of Lexington; his children, Calvin and Agnes Lay of Lexington and Karen and Melvin Albrecht of Lincoln; his grandchildren, Andrew and Candice Albrecht of Lexington, Belinda and Daniel Bamsch of Winchester, Sarah Lay and her friend, Kevin Patschke of Lexington and Rachel and Yogi Etheredge of Rosanky; his great granddaughter, Hailey Bamsch of Winchester; his sister, Dorothy Exner of Lincoln; his brother, Oscar and Bernice Lay of Lexington; his sisters-in-law, Helen and Hays Perry of Giddings, Cedell and James Schramm of La Grange and Susan and Harry Dube of Pinehurst; his brother-in-law, Willie and Judy Wagner of La Grange as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers will be Andrew Albrecht, Daniel Bamsch, Yogi Etheredge, Patrick Dube, Richard Wagner and Kenny Perry. Honorary pallbearers will be Ronnie Exner and Clyde Lay. Memorials may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church Parsonage Fund, 1012 Private Road 8012, Giddings, Texas 78942, the American Cancer Society, c/o Mary Gutierrez, 885 North Chambers Street, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

DB

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David, Joanne Tally, Samuel Bergsten - March 26, 2014 at 04:56 AM

AC

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Andrea Clifford - March 24, 2014 at 02:02 PM

SM

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Scott & Lou Ann Mullen - March 24, 2014 at 09:40 AM

MS

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Michelle Gutierrez Schuetz - March 24, 2014 at 09:21 AM

HN

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Herbert & Junelle Nittsche - March 23, 2014 at 08:26 PM

DS

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Deborah steinbach - March 23, 2014 at 12:25 AM