



Robert Lee Placke

December 12, 1929 - June 17, 2018

Funeral services for Robert Placke, 88, of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 22, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the Dodd Family Cemetery in Beat Five, Texas. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, June 22, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The Placke family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Robert Lee Placke was born on December 12, 1929 in Giddings, Texas, the son of Oscar Henry Placke Sr. and Flora Belle (Stork) Placke. He grew up hunting, fishing, picking cotton, cutting cord wood and working in the fields on his parent's tract of land just west of Giddings. Robert graduated from Giddings High School and attended Blinn College in Brenham. On February 2, 1949, he joined the United States Marine Corps and was sent to San Diego for Basic Training. He was transferred to Korea in 1950 where he took part in the landing of Inchon on September 15, 1950, the securing of Seoul, Korea on October 7, 1950 and the Hungnam-Wonsan-Chosin Campaign in North Korea from December 15, 1950 until June 10, 1951. He received his Honorable Discharge on October 8, 1952 having obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Robert returned home where he married Sue Marie Dodd on March 1, 1952 at

the First Baptist Church in Giddings. Together they raised three sons, Dennis, James and Scott. He began working with his father at Placke's Blacksmith Shop on October 15, 1952 and welded the first well head for the Austin Chalk Field in Giddings during the 1980's. He ran the business for almost 40 years when he retired in 1991. He and Sue Marie also owned and operated the Sears in Giddings from 1971 until 1995 and Placke's Restaurant, which later became Old House Cafe, from 1983 until the late 1990's. Robert's faith in God was always an important part of his entire life and he was thankful that the Lord had seen him and his family through both the good times as well as the hard times. He joined the First Baptist Church in Giddings in May of 1938 and was the music director for many years and served as a deacon for nearly 60 years.

He always took an active role in his community serving as a founding member of the Giddings Rotary Club, president of the Lee County Little League, president of the Giddings Area Chamber of Commerce, served on the Giddings I.S.D. School Board, was a member of the Giddings Volunteer Fire Department and also served as Fire Chief and was a Giddings City Councilman and served as the mayor of the City of Giddings from 1980 until 1986. Robert enjoyed fishing, working in his hay fields and loved being around children. His family was always important to him and he counted them each as his greatest blessings. He was the type of person who would do anything he could to help anyone in need.

Robert passed the morning of Sunday, June 17, 2018 at the Hospice Brazos Valley Inpatient Facility in Bryan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, James R. Placke, and one sister, Rose Marie Christman.

Robert is survived by his wife of 66 years, Sue Marie Placke of Giddings; two

sons, Dennis Placke & his wife, Vivian of Lockhart, and Scott Placke & his wife, Becky of East Africa; his daughter-in-law, Robin Bunch & her husband, Jim of Giddings; eight grandchildren, Travis Placke & his wife, Courtney of Denton, Garrett Placke & his wife, Michelle of Beulah, North Dakota, Kyle Placke of Lockhart, Megan Placke of Lockhart, Tucker Placke of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Lindy Placke of Lynchberg, Virginia, Deke Placke of Lynchberg, Virginia and Teagan Placke of East Africa; three great grandchildren, James Robert Placke of Denton, Bailey Placke of Denton and Eli Placke of Beulah, North Dakota; one brother, Oscar Placke & his wife, Texene of Giddings; one sister, Callie Roark & her husband, John of Belton; three sisters-in-law, Marguerite Lawrence of Giddings, Brennice Koether of Giddings and Dorothy Koenig of Ledbetter as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Travis Placke, Garrett Placke, Kyle Placke, Tucker Placke, Deke Placke, James Jarmon, Megan Placke, Lindy Placke, Teagan Placke, James Robert Placke and Bailey Placke. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of the Brookshire Brothers Coffee Club.

In lieu of flowers, the Placke family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Dodd Family Cemetery Fund, 312 E. Richmond Street, Giddings, Texas 78942 or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Dodd Family Cemetery

FM 141
Dime Box, TX 77853

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

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

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Visitation

JUN 22. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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Church Service

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Giddings
600 Sunrise Avenue
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Lee Placke*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 19, 2018 at 06:20 PM

MW

“ *Hi, sending condolences and love and hugs to you Sue and all your family.*
Margaret Wachsmann

margaret wachsmann - June 22, 2018 at 05:14 PM

GF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and the family. Love, Sam & Gloria Faucett; Dennis & Gretchen Fitzpatrick; Mike & Greta Smith.*

Gretchen Fitzpatrick - June 22, 2018 at 05:04 PM

RC

“ I am just now reading the Phillips and Luckey obituaries and was saddened to read about the passing of Robert Placke. I remember him from my years of growing up in Giddings and he was always such a wonderful man. His mother and my mother were good friends. I can still hear his beautiful voice singing in the Baptist Church and my favorite song to hear him sing was "How Great Thou Art". He was a good man. My deepest sympathy to Sue and all of his family. I'm sure he is singing praises in Heaven now!
Ruth Graeter Crouch

Ruth Graeter Crouch - June 22, 2018 at 12:10 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 21, 2018 at 05:21 PM

AP

“ Mr. Placke was a wonderful and kind man. I was blessed to know him and Mrs. Placke. I will surely miss his smile and his caring nature. My prayers are with Mrs. Placke and the family. Many hugs and prayers to you all.

Amy R Poncik - June 21, 2018 at 09:08 AM

BH

“ Sue Marie, My heart aches for you and your very special family. My last conversation with Robert was sometime last Fall in Doctor Laura's office waiting room. He indeed always had stories to tell . I will always remember him for his great outlook on life. I was so impressed always of his love and concern for "his girl "❤️

I know he is joyous to be with his James basking in the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

We love all of you and will forever miss your Robert

God Bless

Joe and Barbara Harville

Barbara Harville - June 20, 2018 at 07:41 PM

TW

“ Mr.Robert Placke was always a pleasant person each time you saw him God has a special place for him in heaven.
Our condolences and prayers for Mrs.Placke and family.
Bill and Thelma Washington

Thelma Washington - June 20, 2018 at 05:02 PM

MS

“ Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of
Robert Lee Placke



Michelle M Schuetz - June 20, 2018 at 04:38 PM

CB

“ *Christi Bradford lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Placke*



Christi Bradford - June 20, 2018 at 08:44 AM

Kim
Russell

“ *Kim Russell lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Placke*



Kim Russell - June 20, 2018 at 07:51 AM

DN

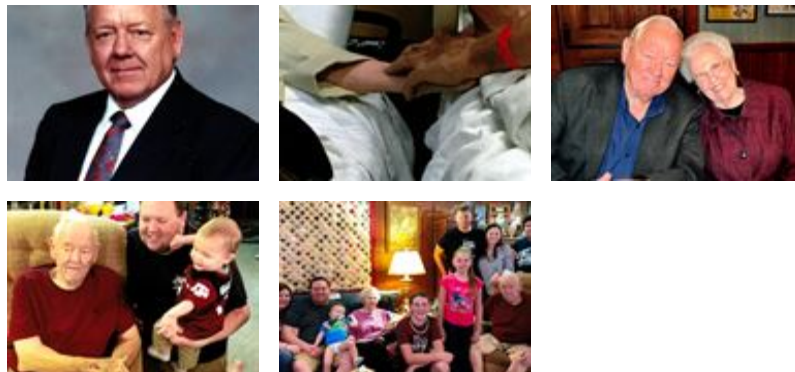
“ *Sue, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Darrel and Vickie Neutzler

Darrel and Vickie Neutzler - June 19, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ 61 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 19, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ Dear Sue and family, Robert always had a story to tell. Will sure miss those stories. There are many things I loved about him, but I suppose the one thing that stands out in my mind is that he and Sue always gave their total and whole hearted support to the youth of our church. Having had 2 boys and many friends children that grew up in First Baptist it will always be the one thing that I will hold dear in my heart! Thank you Robert and Sue. We will always love and respect you both.

Carolyn Jatzlau

PS I am sure Mike has several "deer camp" stories he could tell.

Carolyn Jatzlau - June 19, 2018 at 02:16 PM



“ Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Placke



Linda Cook - June 19, 2018 at 02:15 PM

JN

“ Sue, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerest sympathy.
Jo Ann Sell Nelson



Jo Ann Nelson - June 19, 2018 at 11:03 AM

BM

“ SO MANY MEMORIES, FROM WHEN WE WERE YOUNG AND FOOLISH, GOD 'S BLESSINGS, LOVE BOBBIE PLACKE MORRIS

BOBBIE PLACKE MORRIS - June 19, 2018 at 10:43 AM

SP

“ Robert will be missed by many people, we indeed need more people like him in this world. I loved to see and hear him laugh and I loved to get his advise for it was always worth hearing. My prayers are with you and your family.

Sharon Proske

Sharon Els Proske - June 19, 2018 at 10:22 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Placke.



June 19, 2018 at 08:36 AM

AS

“ *Mr. Placke, was good, caring, honest man. I served under him from 1980-1986 when I was a police officer for the city of Giddings.*

I also remember taking things to his shop for repair. No matter how bust he was, he always to time to visit and help in any way he could.

RIP my friend, may the Lord rest your soul and give you peace. You will be missed by many.

Alan Spence - June 19, 2018 at 04:09 AM

BM

“ *Billy Maxey lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Placke*



Billy Maxey - June 18, 2018 at 09:37 PM

CB

“ *Our condolences go out to the family of Mayor Placke. He was among our favorite community leaders. He served his numerous posts and position with the city of Giddings and Lee County with pride and excellence. He was always eager to help out and work on local government projects expecting nothing in return. Ruthie and I will always remember him, his persistent smile and his kindness. He will be truly missed by many.*

Carey & Ruthie Boethel

Carey Boethel - June 18, 2018 at 06:21 PM

LP

“ *Linda Pfeffer lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Placke*



Linda Pfeffer - June 18, 2018 at 01:32 PM

BB

“ *Sue Marie, my heart goes out to you and your family at the passing of Robert. As Christians we know he is heaven with our Heavenly Father and all the saints gone on before us. We will join them in eternity when our time on earth is over. Love to you all, Betty Burttschell Brinkman.*

betty brinkman - June 18, 2018 at 10:41 AM