



Roland Henry Namken

January 10, 1921 - September 23, 2008

Funeral services for Roland Henry Namken, 87 of Giddings are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 2008 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. A prayer service will be held Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. Visitation will be held Thursday from 12 pm until 9 pm and Friday from 7 am until 9:30 am at the funeral home. God gave life on earth to his child, Roland Henry Namken for 87 years, 8 months, 13 days. He went to be with his Lord on September 23, 2008. Roland was born January 10, 1921 to the late Gustav and Ella Bergt Namken. He was baptized by the late Rev. William Mueller on January 30, 1921. His sponsors were Mr. Paul Bergt, Mrs. Sofie Toepper and Miss Erna Voelkers. He was confirmed at Martin Luther Lutheran Church. After attending New Oldenburg Public School he enlisted in the United States Air Force on September 28, 1942. When his service to his country was completed on October 14, 1945 his career at the Lower Colorado Electric Company began. He was so thankful for such good buddies to work with. He worked for the LCRA/Blue Bonnet Electric Coop until he retired in 1986. He married Joyce Toppel on May 27, 1946. They were blessed with two daughters, 4 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. He had a strong faith in God which had been passed down to him by his parents and grandparents. He in turn has passed his faith to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Roland served on the church council for Martin Luther Lutheran Church. He ushered and was Head Usher for a large number of years. He

was blessed to work with so many faithful and dedicated individuals. He also felt honored to be able to “ring the church bell” for the church services. He was brought up to make family an important part of his life. He loved his family very dearly and was so proud of his daughters and their husbands, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He always found the time to talk with them about all kinds of things and he would listen with a caring heart. Roland liked all sports especially when his favorite teams, Texas A&M Aggies, Dallas Cowboys, Houston Astros, and the Houston Rockets were playing. He always knew the players, stats, and etc. He also liked to fish. He, his brothers and/or friends set out miles and miles of trot lines in his lifetime in the Colorado River and Lake Somerville. He also enjoyed fishing at the tank with his wife, daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Gardening, collecting rocks, raising bees for many years to enjoy their honey, building houses for the birds and squirrels in the neighborhood (which he loved to watch) were some of his other hobbies. He also liked to exercise using his stationary bike, walking, and using that “black wheel” as long as he could. Roland also LOVED to make his own recipe of homemade ice cream and enjoyed eating it also! We celebrate and honor the life of Roland, a wonderful Husband, a great Daddy, and a very special PaPaw. He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife of 62 years, Joyce; his daughters, Karen and Mike Behrens of Yoakum, Peggy and Doug Schaefer of Salado; his 2 grandsons, Keith and Kimberley Behrens of Sugar Land, Kevin and Melonie of Cypress; 2 granddaughters, Lori and Sean Willis of Little River and Shara and Tim McCoy of Yoakum; 7 Great-Grandchildren, Austin, Cade, and Brynlee McCoy of Yoakum, Ashton and Emerson Behrens of Sugar Land, and Chase and Paige Behrens of Cypress. We will always love him and hold in our hearts the precious memories we have forever. We do rejoice with him that now he has seen Jesus. He is also survived by his sister Louise Medack of Giddings and brother Harry Namken & Janet of Giddings, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by two brothers, Eddie and Erwin Namken, two twin great-grandsons Kyle and Cole Willis, and

step-mother, Hilda Namken. Memorials may be given to the Martin Luther Lutheran Church Building Fund and Brazos Valley Hospice.