



## Rudy Erich Knippa

February 28, 1925 - December 20, 2016

Funeral services for Rudy Knippa, 91, of Lincoln, Texas, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 23, 2016 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln with Rev. Dale Bohm officiating. Burial, with military honors provided by the Giddings American Legion York Post 276, will immediately follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, December 23, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Rudy Erich Knippa was born on February 28, 1925 in Loebau, Texas, the son of Emil Carl Knippa and Adele Alma (Woelfel) Knippa. He was baptized on March 22, 1925 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fedor, Texas by Rev. Carl Durow and confirmed on April 10, 1938 also at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fedor by Rev. Adolph Michalk. His confirmation verse was 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new". Rudy graduated from Giddings High School in 1942 and received his Associates of Arts Degree from Blinn College in 1955. He served in the United States Army from May 17, 1943 until receiving his Honorable Discharge on January 26, 1946. He obtained the rank of Sergeant and served in New Guinea and the Philippines during WWII.

Following his service in the military, Rudy worked in Kingsville for the Curtiss

Candy Company and Celanese Chemical Plant before moving back to Fedor where he farmed. He started working at the Lincoln Post Office and became postmaster in October of 1960 and retired in 1990 after 30 years. Rudy was united in marriage to Jeanette Boriack Kelley on October 5, 1963 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. Max Studtmann. He was an agent for Hochheim Prairie Farm Mutual Insurance and a lifetime member of the V.F.W. and Giddings American Legion York Post 276. Rudy was an active member of St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln where he had served as treasurer, elder, member of the Board of Education and was a member of the Men's Club. He was instrumental in creating the water system for Lincoln and was a board member and served as the manager for the Lincoln Water Supply system in the early 1970's. Rudy was one of the first directors of the Lee County Wildlife Association and enjoyed playing skat and dominoes and had been the treasurer for the Lincoln Skat Club for several years.

Rudy passed away the morning of Tuesday, December 23, 2016 at Oakland Manor Nursing Center in Giddings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil & Adele Knippa; his son, Lloyd Kelley; his grandson, Zackry Knippa and five brothers, E.C. Knippa Jr. & his wife, Madeline, Eddie Knippa & his wife, Betty, Lawrence Knippa, Freddie Knippa & his wife, Ann and James Knippa.

Rudy is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jeanette Knippa of Lincoln; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dale & Susan Kelley of Houston, Kim & Shari Knippa of Austin and Jon & Nancy Knippa of Manheim; six grandchildren, Lauren & Angela Kelley of College Station, Beth Logue & Chloe Schiener of Austin and Sydney & Liam Knippa of Manheim; one brother, Leroy Knippa & his wife, Delores of New Braunfels; one sister, Jane Schimank & her husband, Clarence of Fedor; three sisters-in-law, Betty Jo Knippa of Giddings, Lorine Proske & her husband, Lawrence of Lincoln and Irene Boriack of Lincoln; one

brother-in-law, Richard Boriack & his wife, Evelyn of Lincoln as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Louis Doebbler, Mark Knippa, Nathan Schimank, Phillip Knippa, Liam Knippa and Billy Gillium.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Lutheran Cemetery of Lincoln

1012 Private Road 8012  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 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/>

## Family Present for Visitation

DEC **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Church Service

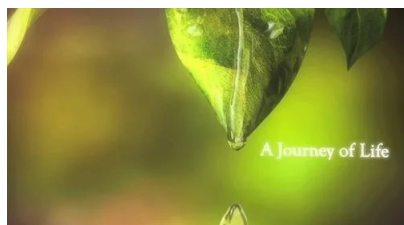
DEC **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church of Lincoln  
1012 Private Road 8012  
Giddings, TX 78942-9263

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rudy Erich Knippa*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - December 21, 2016 at 03:42 PM

LW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Lee Wachmann** - December 26, 2016 at 05:15 PM

J.

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Knippa family. We pray that God will give all of you much comfort and peace at this time. And may you rejoice in knowing that Rudy has attained the crown of everlasting life in the arms of our Father in Heaven.*

*In Christian Love,  
Terry and Sherry Wende  
Dale, Texas*

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**J.T.Wende** - December 25, 2016 at 08:12 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family. May the Lord grant you comfort and peace.*

*Wilbert and Barbara Birnbaum*

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**Barbara Birnbaum** - December 23, 2016 at 10:05 AM

DL

“ *Kim and family: I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please find peace and take comfort in the many memories you have of Rudy and the many positive things he did for his family his community, and his country.*

*David Larsen*

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**David Larsen** - December 22, 2016 at 05:42 PM

HK

“ *Heidi Knippa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rudy Erich Knippa.*



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**Heidi Knippa** - December 22, 2016 at 11:49 AM

HK

“ *Remembering a wonderful uncle and great man - a great life and light in the world. With deepest sympathies and love, Heidi Knippa*

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**Heidi Knippa** - December 22, 2016 at 10:52 AM

RK

“ *Roy & Delores Knippa purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Rudy Erich Knippa.*



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**Roy & Delores Knippa** - December 22, 2016 at 10:13 AM

MM

“ Jeanette and family, our heartfelt sympathies go out to you as you mourn the loss of a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather. We pray that God would surround you with the peace that comes to us through the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Much love to you all!

Mark and Leann McClain - December 22, 2016 at 06:54 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rudy Erich Knippa.



December 21, 2016 at 08:46 PM

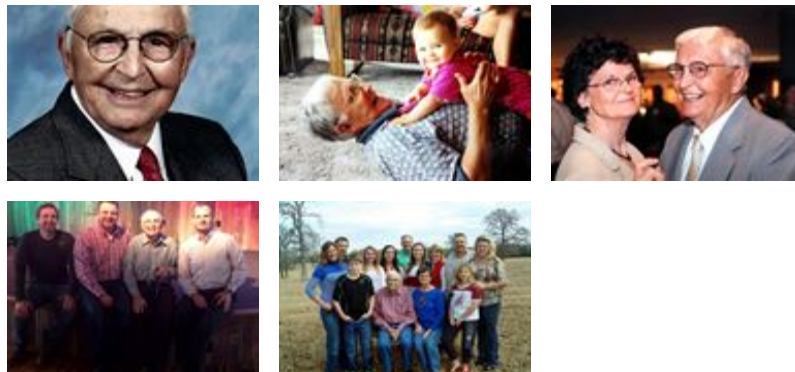
SS

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you. Enjoyed the video presentation; lots of fun pictures and happy memories for you all.  
Stephen and Susan Schulze

Susan Schulze - December 21, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - December 21, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rudy Erich Knippa.



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December 21, 2016 at 02:30 PM



“ *Texas Department on Aging and Disability* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Rudy Erich Knippa.



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**Texas Department on Aging and Disability** - December 21, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rudy Erich Knippa.*



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December 21, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for comfort and strength for the Knippa family.*

*Jeff & Mary Jo Patschke*

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**Jeff Patschke** - December 21, 2016 at 06:14 AM