



Ruth Eleanor Doering

August 26, 1926 - February 1, 2020

Graveside services for Ruth Doering, 93, of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 17, 2020 at the Giddings City Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings.

Ruth Eleanor (Michalk) Doering went to be with her Lord on February 1, 2020. A long-time resident of both Galveston and Giddings, Texas, Ruth spent her final years in San Marcos, Texas at Cypress (formerly Regent Care) Assisted Living Facility.

Ruth was born August 26, 1926 to Adolph and Emilie (Woelfel) Michalk in Galveston, Texas. She was married to Curtis William Doering on March 28, 1948 in Risel, Texas. Ruth was educated as a parochial school teacher and spent many years working as a Kindergarten teacher at St. John's Lutheran school in Galveston. In addition to her school children, she and Curtis raised 6 children of their own. A devoted wife and mother, Ruth's family knew her love for the Lord Jesus and her desire to connect others to his salvation.

Ruth was known for her firm manner and loving smile. She provided leadership and caring to many state and local organizations: the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Aid Association for Lutherans (now Thrivent Financial) Lamplighters, American National Insurance Company's All-

American Singers. In 1979, she was awarded the honors of both "Lutheran Lady of the Year" and "Lutheran Teacher of the Year" by the Texas District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Ruth also loved nature, and was content to keep a simple garden, to recycle when possible, and to support Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association.

Ruth is preceded in death by her husband of 63+ years, Curtis, her grandson, Seth Doering of Craig, Colorado and her brothers, Theodore (Kathy) Michalk of Giddings, Paul Michalk of Fedor and Erwin Michalk of Tucson, Arizona, and sisters, Bernice (Ed) Bernthal of Waupun, Wisconsin and Hildegard Michalk of Fedor, Texas. She is also preceded in death by beloved in laws, William (Dorothy) Doering of Ponca City, Oklahoma, John Geisler of Grand Coulee, Washington and William Crofford of Dallas, Texas.

Ruth is survived by her children: Martin (Sandra) Doering of Bellevue, Illinois, Cathy (Robert) Ashcraft of Pearland, Texas, Carol (Mark) Boerger of Austin, Texas, Al (Mary) Doering of Kingwood Texas, Patti (Ken) Mitschke of Schertz, Texas and Rebecca (Greg) Peterson of Schertz, Texas. Ruth is also survived by 37 grandchildren and their spouses and great grandchildren. She is also survived by a beloved sister, Dorothy (Michalk) Geisler of Donaldson, Illinois, as well as beloved in laws: Barbara (Wyneken) Michalk of Tucson, Arizona, Marvin (Joyce) Doering of Portland, Oregon and Betty (Doering) Crofford of Dallas, Texas.

Revelation 14:13 "I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: From now on those who die believing in the Lord are blessed." "Yes," says the Spirit. "Let them rest from their hard work. What they have done goes with them."

Memorial contributions may be directed to the LWML, the Curtis & Ruth Doering Scholarship Endowment Fund at Concordia University Texas, the Curtis & Ruth Doering Campership fund at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of

Texas; or St. John's Lutheran Church in Galveston.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section C)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Memorial Service

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
300 North Grimes Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall

GK

“ *A wonderful lady. Pax Requiem.*

Glen Kokel - February 15, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ruth Eleanor Doering.*



February 11, 2020 at 06:44 PM

HG

“ *Great teacher and friend, taught all of my children. Will always love this family.*

Harold Goebel - February 07, 2020 at 06:22 PM

DG

“ *We're so disappointed that we'll have to miss our beloved Aunt Ruth's memorial service on the 17th - the exact date of our non-refundable plane tickets for Phoenix and Adrienne's long-awaited soloing with the Phoenix Symphony. I'd give anything to return to the days of Bayou Circle and go forward (and backward) in time to all of the wonderful visits we had together. Her infectious smile was just one of her many God-given blessings.*

David Geisler - February 07, 2020 at 03:52 PM

JW

“ To the Loving Family of Ruth,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate the life of Ruth.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Galveston, is where our lives interacted.

Miss Ruth Michalk was my first grade teacher as I began my Christian education in September of 1947, at St. John's School. In the years that followed, I returned to Galveston in 1971 with my four Agorastos children, who were also blessed to attend St. John's for the three years we lived there. (My mother, Muriel, at age 5, enrolled when St. John's School opened, making this school attended by three generations.) It was during this time, now as adults, to share with Ruth and Curtis in many St. John's activities: both school and church activities, choir, teaching Sunday School, fund raising for school, etc. But most heart warming of all, Ruth Michalk Doering was also my youngest daughter's Kindergarten Teacher. Ruth's God given talent of Christian teaching through the years, reflected God's love to each little one, and I can't begin to number how many little ones lives she touched.

As Ever, Judy Thiem Whelton

Judy Whelton - February 06, 2020 at 05:50 PM

CB

Thank you, Judy. She touched so many lives. Always the teacher, she passed those kindergarten song on to her grandchildren. Carol(yn) Doering Boerger

Carol Boerger - February 07, 2020 at 09:44 AM