



Ruth Mildred Wachsmann

May 2, 1932 - January 31, 2018

Funeral services for Ruth Wachsmann, 85, of Lincoln, Texas are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018 at St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln with Rev. Dale Bohm officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Ruth Mildred Wachsmann went to her home in heaven Wednesday, January 31, 2018 after a short battle with cancer. Ruth was born on May 2, 1932 in Lincoln, Texas to Louis August Woelfel Sr. and Pauline Alma (Noack) Woelfel. She was baptized on May 22, 1932 at St. John Lutheran in Lincoln by Pastor R. Osthoff and confirmed on March 25, 1945 by Rev. H. A. Stroebel also at St. John in Lincoln. Her confirmation verse was "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12. Ruth graduated from Giddings High School in 1949 and taught grade school at St. John Lutheran School in Lincoln, Texas for a year. She married the love of her life Harry Wachsmann on March 11, 1951 at St. John Lutheran in Lincoln by Rev. H.A. Stroebel. The wedding took place while he was stationed in Enid, Oklahoma with the Air Force.

Little did Ruth know at the time that she would move her family around to the

Philippines, different parts of Texas, Hawaii, and finally settle in Austin. During all of the moving, Ruth stayed at home and raised their three children. It didn't matter where Ruth was as long as she had her family and faith. Ruth was very involved in her children's lives and volunteered any and every way she could. She was a Girl Scout Assistant Troop Leader and volunteered at many school events. Once her children were grown, Ruth went to work at the University of Texas as an Accounting Tech. She also was a member of the Evangelism Committee at Christ Lutheran in Austin. On January 31, 1993, Ruth and Harry retired and moved back to her childhood home in Lincoln.

Once back in Lee County, Ruth became involved in her church and community. She was a member of the LWML, sang in the choir, helped cook at St. John school, helped with Vacation Bible School and worked at the Lutheran Braille Center. Ruth spent many hours working in the kitchen canning jelly and pickles, shelling peas and pecans, and her personal favorite... washing dishes. It didn't matter where Ruth was, if there was a dirty dish, she was ready to wash it! She also had a passion for working outside on their farm. She loved working in the garden, burning brush (or anything else that would burn), chopping thistles (no matter who's yard they were in), and working alongside Harry. Once great-grandchildren came into the picture, they enjoyed going to Ole Grandma and Ole Grandpa's to hunt chicken eggs, ride the gator, and "feed" the gophers.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all of your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23. This bible verse wonderfully sums up Ruth's life. She worked hard and loved her Lord, her husband, and her family devoutly. Her children and grandchildren will always remember the lessons Ruth taught and the memories she helped create. The family takes comfort in knowing that she is no longer in pain and is without a doubt standing in front of God hearing the words "Well done my good and faithful servant!!"

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis & Alma Woelfel; her granddaughter, Sherry Maass; three sisters, Emilie Birnbaum & her husband Wilbert "Boots" Sr., Alice "Tootsie" Fischer & her husband Noah, and Ellen "Jonnie" Schulze; three brothers, Milton Woelfel, Clarence "Harry" Woelfel & his wife Doris, and Randolph Woelfel; two sisters-in-law, Novaline Woelfel and Irene Behrens & her husband Conrad; two brothers-in-law, Leon Wachsmann & his wife Gloria and Jimmy Bird, and parents-in-law, Emil & Lillie Wachsmann.

Ruth is survived by her husband of 66 years, Harry Wachsmann of Lincoln; three children, Linda & her husband Stanley Maass of Manheim, Royce & his wife Betty of Dripping Springs and Clifton & his wife Betty of Giddings; six grandchildren, Dr. Jason & Dr. Megan Wachsmann of Dallas, Pamela & Ryan Schoeneberg of Weimar, Heather & Matthew Keller of Waco, Cortney & Clark Strickland of Giddings, Amy & J.P. Perez of Paige and Ethan & Kelsey Wachsmann of Giddings; eight great grandchildren, Dylan and Harry Wachsmann of Dallas, Gavin and Zoe Schoeneberg of Weimar, Jax and Kallee Strickland of Giddings, Adelynn Perez of Paige and Audrey Keller (who is expected to arrive on February 12th); two sisters, Vernie Arldt & her husband Erwin "E.A." of Paige, and Lorine "Toddie" Patschke & her husband, Monroe of Lincoln; one brother, Louis "Sam" Woelfel Jr. of Thorndale; four sisters-in-law, Mildred Woelfel of Manheim, Marilyn Woelfel of Lexington, Adeline Bird of Giddings and Bernice Healer & her husband Bill of Pasadena; one brother-in-law, Melvin Schulze of Giddings as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dr. Jason Wachsmann, Ryan Schoeneberg, Matthew Keller, Clark Strickland, J.P. Perez, Ethan Wachsmann and Mark Woelfel.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Resolution Hospice in Bastrop or 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

FEB 4. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Present for Visitation

FEB 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB 5. 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
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<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (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 Ruth Mildred Wachsmann*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 03, 2018 at 09:07 PM

RW

“ *Clifton and all the rest of your family,
So sorry to hear of your Mom passing. I worked with her in the Voucher section at Univ. of Texas for probably a year and one half. Then I was in Investments with Ernest Eubanks. You were taking classes and worked part time for loans after classes. I went on break twice a day with Alberta Deringer and your mother nearly every day. She was really a wonderful person. She was always so friendly and tried to help everyone she knew. So sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. Hope you and yOur families are doing O.K.*
Regina Wright
Austin, Texas 78745

Regina Wright - March 22, 2018 at 04:55 PM

CM

“ *Our sympathy to the family,
Clayton and Becca Mayer*



Clayton and Becca Mayer - February 11, 2018 at 05:56 PM

RB

“ *Ruth was a wonderful blessing to so many, always eager and willing to help in any way she could, and also eager to share her faith in the Lord. I am thankful for her life, as I know all of her family is too. My sympathy in your loss. Your comfort will be in your faith and your good memories.*

Roy Bohrer, former pastor at Christ Lutheran, Austin

Roy Bohrer - February 05, 2018 at 11:05 PM

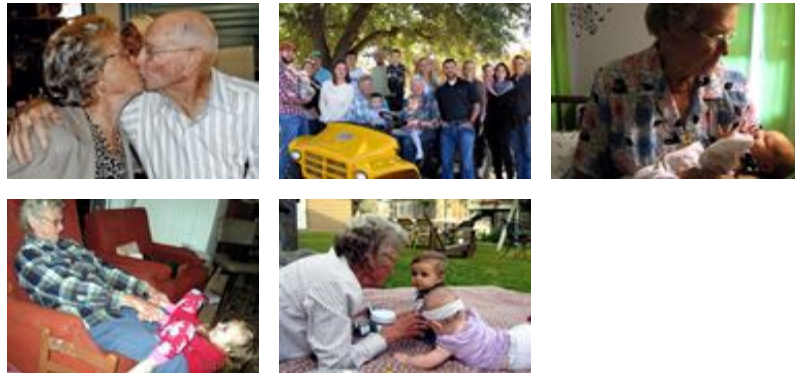
DB

“ *We will cherish the memories of Ruth as a member of Christ Lutheran in Austin. We rejoice that she is now with her Lord and Savior. Peace be with you all.*
Doreen Bohrer

Doreen Bohrer - February 04, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 03, 2018 at 07:57 PM

DG

“ Here are a few great memories of Ruth I have from quite a "few years" ago, about 1948-49 or there about. This is Dolores Zschech Greer from Austin, and I don't know if anyone remembers me, but Ruth and I were good buddies way back then. She would always come by to pick me up to go to church activities and maybe a run to Wachmann's store, even after Harry came into the picture. She was a good and faithful friend.

Dolores Greer - February 03, 2018 at 04:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ruth Mildred Wachsmann.



February 03, 2018 at 02:52 PM

CR

“ Craig purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ruth Mildred Wachsmann.



Craig - February 03, 2018 at 08:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Mildred Wachsmann.



February 02, 2018 at 10:48 PM

GJ

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God grant each of you peace. Ruth will be greatly missed.



Garry & Darlene Jenke - February 02, 2018 at 08:57 AM

KN

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Ruth was such an outgoing lady. She made me feel so welcome when I joined St. John's. I will miss her welcoming. She is now a flower in God's garden in heaven! Love Kathy Neal.

kathy neal - February 01, 2018 at 06:37 PM

MS

“ Michelle M Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Ruth Mildred Wachsmann



Michelle M Schuetz - February 01, 2018 at 06:19 PM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss. I know this is a difficult time. Please know Ruth is now resting in peace away from all pain and suffering. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Carolyn Faske - February 01, 2018 at 01:43 PM

KR

“ *Kenny & Andrea Ray lit a candle in memory of Ruth Mildred Wachsmann*



Kenny & Andrea Ray - February 01, 2018 at 12:56 PM

SB

“ *Harry and family, Ruth was a special lady. Really enjoyed our friendship and fellowship. God has a special plan for her. Cherish her memories and love and hugs.*
-Shirley & Benhard Faske



Shirley & Benhard - February 01, 2018 at 09:45 AM

ES

“ *Eleanor/Melvin Schulze lit a candle in memory of Ruth Mildred Wachsmann*



Eleanor/Melvin Schulze - February 01, 2018 at 06:54 AM