



## Virginia Praesel

December 24, 1934 - December 4, 2022

Virginia Praesel, 87, of Rockdale passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at her home in Rockdale. She was born on December 24, 1934 to Frank Edward and Merle Willene (Neely) McKinney in Smiley, Texas. She graduated from Smiley High School.

On June 28, 1957, she married A.G. Gus "Sonny" Praesel in Cuero, Texas. They spent 61 years together until his death on December 2, 2018.

She was a homemaker while her children were home. In 1987, she became co-owner of Deli Subs & Salads. She retired in 2003 after 15 years. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, where she served as secretary and children's program director. She was active in Young Homemakers of America, New Salem Home Demonstration Club. She was an avid bowler. She enjoyed gardening with roses as her passion.

She is preceded in death by parents Frank and Merle McKinney; husband, A.G. 'Sonny' Praesel; grandson, Arthur Scott; sister, Marjorie Ruth Cowan; and brother, James William "Dubbie" McKinney.

Virginia is survived by her sons, Roger Praesel and wife Pam, and Arthur Gus Praesel, Jr. and wife Tina; daughters, Yvonne Praesel, Evada Cooper and husband Terry; grandchildren, Justin Praesel, Clay Praesel, Audria Tramel, Brandi Verrett, Adam Rocha, Sara Fuller, Stephanie Henson, and Gina Minter; 12 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2022 at Forest Grove Christian Church in Forest Grove Community. A visitation will be

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Serving as pallbearers are Justin Praesel, Clay Praesel, Adam Rocha, Ronnie Verrett, Todd Henson, and Corey Fuller. Honorary pallbeares are Glenn Beck, Charles Alford, and Daryl Stewart.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Church Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Forest Grove Christian Church  
8902 South Highway 77  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Virginia Praesel.



December 08, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Virginia Praesel.



December 07, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Virginia Praesel.



December 07, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Virginia Praesel.



December 06, 2022 at 02:31 PM

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“ Dana & Richard Rose purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Virginia Praesel.



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**Dana & Richard Rose** - December 06, 2022 at 12:38 PM

BS

“ Just a love note to the children of my closest family and friends. I love you one and all. We have shared pallets, beds, secrets, dates, goals, tears, and life for 80 years. I will no longer hear your voice but we will meet again soon. This is not goodbye, but I will see you soon. Bobbie

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**Bobbie Sparks** - December 06, 2022 at 11:51 AM

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“ My sweet Aunt Gin was so kind, giving, a talented cook/baker and sharp as a tack. I know she entered heaven in the arms of her Savior Jesus Christ. Uncle Sonny was the second one to hug her at heaven's gate, then he held her hand as they met all her loved ones and friends that were there waiting to greet her. We love you Aunt Gin. Welcome home.



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**Pamela Ann Praesel** - December 06, 2022 at 11:29 AM