



Walter Ernest Gersch

January 13, 1936 - June 7, 2014

Walter Gersch, 78, of Northrup, Texas, passed away at his home on Saturday, June 7, 2014. Funeral services for Mr. Gersch will be at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin, Texas, with burial following in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, Giddings, Texas on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M., with the family present from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M., and on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 from 7:00 until 8:30 A.M. Walter Ernest Gersch was born on January 13, 1936 in Lee County, Texas to Theodore and Olga (Steglich) Gersch. He was baptized on January 19, 1939 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin, Texas by Rev. Herman Schmidt and confirmed on April 10, 1949, also at St. Paul Lutheran Church, by Rev. Arthur Arndt. His confirmation verse was I Timothy 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.", and his confirmation song was "Thine Forever, God of Love". Walter was united in marriage to Laverne Verlene Zoch on April 15, 1956 at Trinity Lutheran Church in La Grange by Rev. Theo Schmidt. Their marriage was blessed with three sons, Alan, Bryan and David. Walter and Laverne owned and operated Gersch Automotive in Giddings for 19 years. He was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Serbin. Walter enjoyed gardening, farming, and fishing. He had a great love for pitching horseshoes, competing in many tournaments, and he had many trophies to show from his participation in those events. He also loved playing baseball and softball,

having played in both community baseball and softball leagues. Walter helped start the Serbin Jackrabbits baseball team, and he coached for Little League teams, too. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Olga Gersch; his wife, Laverne Gersch; a son, Alan Dean Gersch; a brother and sister-in-law, Delbert & Olga Mae Gersch; Walter is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Bryan Gersch and wife, Kathy, and David Gersch and wife, Joan, all of Northrup; ten grandchildren, Shaina Radcliff & her husband, Ben of Brenham, Sarah Janda & her husband, Jacob of Hills, Alicia Moreton & her husband, Scott of Serbin, Minnie Roberts of College Station, Candace Gersch of Northrup, Alison Gersch of Northrup, Lane Hentschel of Northrup, Josh Boriack & his wife, Melanie of Lincoln, Christine Mittasch & her husband, Tim of Ledbetter and Bethany Lara & her husband, Abel of McDade; eight great-grandchildren, Miranda Radcliff of Brenham, Bryn, Brayla and Brek Roberts of College Station, Caleb, Hutson & Kinley Boriack of Lincoln and Mason Lara of McDade; brother, Herman Gersch & his wife, Frances of Northrup; sister, Leona Sandoz and husband, Earl of Giddings; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Mary Ann and Bill Davenport of Dallas and Carol and Roy Touchsone of Austin; brother-in-law, Bobby Zoch of La Grange; and several other family members and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Josh Boriack, Jacob Janda, Ben Radcliff, Bobby Hentschel, Ward Critz and James (Smokey) Zoch. Honorary pallbearers will be George Dunk, Ed Adams, Hershhal Kendall, Scott Moreton, Able Lara, Tim Mittasch, Walter's grandchildren, great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the General Fund at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1572 County Road 211, Giddings, Texas 78942 or the Texas Wendish Heritage Society, 1011 County Road 212, Giddings, Texas 78942.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Sidonia Schulze Hardie - June 16, 2014 at 04:43 PM

TP

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Tim Perkins - June 13, 2014 at 10:40 AM

CW

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Candice Walch - June 11, 2014 at 10:54 PM

GS

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Gary W. Shaver - June 11, 2014 at 02:24 PM

TH

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Tina Huenefeld - June 11, 2014 at 02:15 PM

RB

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Rev. Bob & Georgie Boyce - June 11, 2014 at 01:28 AM

MS

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Michelle Schuetz - June 10, 2014 at 11:48 AM

GI

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Gary and Beverly Iselt - June 09, 2014 at 06:11 PM

DJ

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Dan and Bev Johnson - June 09, 2014 at 04:52 PM

VW

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Vestine & Gloria Walther - June 09, 2014 at 11:27 AM

RW

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Richard & Edith M. Wieder - June 08, 2014 at 09:44 PM

JB

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Joe and Peggy Berry - June 08, 2014 at 06:28 PM

CK

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Clayton and Pat Kleiber - June 08, 2014 at 06:00 PM

DB

“ *Walter Ernest Gersch*

Delbert Baack - June 08, 2014 at 05:27 PM