



Walter F. Gest

February 28, 1927 - November 25, 2024

Walter F. Gest, 97, of Rockdale and life long resident of Milam County, passed away on Monday, November 25, 2024 at his home in Rockdale. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 30, 2024 in Milano Cemetery in Milano. A visitation will be held on Friday 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Walter was born on February 28, 1927 to Fritz and Selma (Fliesig) Gest in Gay Hill. He proudly served in the United States Army. He worked at Barrington and Son Auto Parts in Rockdale. On March 8, 1952, he married Dolores “Sissy” Blackmon in Cameron. He enjoyed gardening, not just growing vegetables but also giving them away. He always enjoyed feeding the birds. He truly loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fritz and Selma Gest; wife, Sissy Gest; granddaughter, Brinkne Gest; brothers, Alfred Gest, and Anton Gest; sisters, Leona Bland, Hilda McVoy, Ruby Eiland, and Katie Jackson; mother and father-in-law, Alvie and LuElla Blackmon; and brother-in-law, Glenn Blackmon.

Walter is survived by his sons, Walter Lynn Gest and wife Cindy of Red Oak, and Timothy Gest and wife Elizabeth of Kilgore; daughters, Belinda Von Goten of Rockdale, Gwen Moraga and husband Joe of Garland, and Stacy Gest Martinez and husband Blaine of Carrollton; sister, Thelma “Corrina” Scruggs

and husband Bobby of Laneport; sister-in-law, Rosemary Blackmon of Houston; 12 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Milano Cemetery

254 N. 6th Street
Milano, TX 76556

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 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/>

Graveside Service

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Milano Cemetery
254 N. 6th Street
Milano, TX 76556

Tribute Wall

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“ *Walter was the sweetest man, would always talk and had a smile that twinkled. Charles and I thought a lot of him. He will be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to the family. Love and hugs.💕 Sheila and Charles Wadlington*



Sheila and Charles Wadlington - December 01, 2024 at 12:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter F. Gest.*



November 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter F. Gest.*

November 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Mary Jo Bennett lit a candle in memory of Walter F. Gest*



Mary Jo Bennett - November 28, 2024 at 01:04 AM

MB

“ *Mary B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter F. Gest.*

Mary B. - November 28, 2024 at 12:59 AM

EG

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Elizabeth Gest - November 27, 2024 at 04:23 PM

LM

“ *My Uncle Walter was an amazing, wonderful and happy man. He enjoyed being outside tending to his vegetable garden and beautiful flower beds. He was kind hearted and rescued many cats that I helped find homes for. I am going to miss the bag of tomatoes hanging on my back door. . . I am going to miss him. Lori McVoy*

Lori McVoy - November 27, 2024 at 03:10 PM

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“ *Alfred Gest and Alicia Moise purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Walter F. Gest.*



Alfred Gest and Alicia Moise - November 27, 2024 at 11:15 AM

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“ Alfred Gest and Alicia Moise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter F. Gest.

Alfred Gest and Alicia Moise - November 27, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter F. Gest.



November 27, 2024 at 10:21 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Walter F. Gest.



November 27, 2024 at 09:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter F. Gest.

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