



## Wanda J. Culp Mercer

December 12, 1934 - July 7, 2016

Wanda J. Culp Mercer, 81, of Buckholts, went to be with our Lord and Savior Thursday, July 7, 2016. Funeral services will be at 10:00 am, Monday, July 11, 2016 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with burial following at I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm with a memorial service at 6:00 pm, Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the funeral home.

Wanda was born December 12, 1934 in Rockdale and was the fourth generation to be baptized and confirmed in Peace Lutheran Church. She attended Rockdale High School where she had several athletic accomplishments including being assigned to the All District Basketball team and playing the Regional volleyball tournament in 1952 at Rice University. She graduated the class of 1953. After graduation she began working as a secretary at Alcoa where she met her first husband whom she married in 1953. This union was blessed with two children, Sherry Culp Easley and Sidney "Sid" W. Culp.

She later became the owner of Ted's Food Mart, a small drive-in grocery store on highway 79, where she stayed in business for 23 years. She was married to the love of her life, James W. Mercer, on November 15, 1969. With this union came her third child, Jim Christopher "Chris" Mercer.

She continued her career by working for the Rockdale Independent School

System for 20 years in various capacities. During this time, she also taught beginning golf for the summer program, helped start the summer soccer league, was a team mom for Pee Wee Football and a Girl Scout leader. She continued her love for athletics into her adult life as she was President of the Rockdale Women's Golf Association and won two golf championships. Another highlight of her life was when she taught future professional basketball player and women's college basketball coach, Liz Galloway McQuitter, to shoot a basketball and be more aggressive on the court.

Other accolades include being a member of the Industrial Foundation for the City of Rockdale, President of the PTO and Secretary of the Hill Country Communication Actions local chapter.

Wanda wanted to give many thanks to Freda Fatheree, Jo Ann Jackson and others for their assistance with her children during their growing years and for their continued friendship.

She is predeceased by her mother, Ora Mae "Ruth" Jones; and grandmother, Henrietta Spill Stutts.

Wanda is survived by her husband of 46 years, James W. Mercer of Buckholts; daughter, Sherry Culp Easley and husband Rickey of Kyle, Texas; sons, Sidney "Sid" W. Culp and wife Diane of Rockdale, Texas and Jim Christopher "Chris" Mercer of Rockdale, Texas; grandchildren, Philip Addicks and wife Cassie of Kyle, Texas, Jessica Addicks of San Antonio, Texas, and Jason Culp of Taylor, Texas; and great grandchildren, Breleigh, Larkin, Kohen and Gunner Addicks of Kyle, Texas.

Active Pallbearers are Allen Zanders, Dale Jaecks, Sharon Cloud, Dexter Wesley, Kenny McCoy and Raymond Puente.

Honorary Pallbearers are Josie Cavazos, Norris Harbuz, Liz Galloway McQuitter, Freda Fatheree, and the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department.

Flowers are welcome; contributions may be sent in her memory to the John Wayne Cancer Foundation at [johnwayne.org](http://johnwayne.org). Donation forms will also be available at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 6:00 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/>

## Memorial Service

JUL 10. 6:00 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/>

## Chapel Service

---

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale

1041 West Highway 79

Rockdale, TX 76567

(512) 446-5454

phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com

<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jimmy I wanted to let you and your family know how sorry I am about the passing of Wanda. The Lord will give you the strength to go through this. I know you have some great memories of her that will help you and your family. You and family are in my thoughts and prayers love you, your cousin Carrie Roberts Duke and husband Billy Coy Duke.

---

**Carrie Roberts Duke** - July 12, 2016 at 11:17 AM

“ Chris,  
Jeff and I are so sorry for your loss. May the Lord give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. We know you will always cherish the many wonderful memories.  
Jeff & Judy Keaghey

---

**Judy Keaghey** - July 12, 2016 at 09:42 AM

“ It saddened me to hear that this beautiful woman had passed but we will all ways have the her in our hearts, back in the day she had some homes to rent and if we were a little late in pay we would tell her ahead of time and she was so sweet not a bad word came out of her , we will miss her but we will see her again, our prayers go out to her family, stay strong sister (she knows who i am talking about ) we were born on the same day  
lucy buttery coward

---

**lucy buttery coward** - July 12, 2016 at 08:18 AM

CH

“ Sid and family, So sorry for your loss. You have a special angel watching over you. Take care and prayers sent.  
Cindy Hughes

---

**Cindy Hughes** - July 10, 2016 at 02:43 PM

GL

“ I loved Wanda. Back in 1977 or there a bouts, a couple of times a month me and a couple of other kids would sneak away from junior high and go to Wanda's to get one of those pre-made sandwiches you heat in the little oven. I always got the ham and Swiss. She was always so nice to us and would talk to us on our lunch. And then we would sneak back over to the school. She knew we were not getting in any trouble and she never told on us. I'll never forget her, she was very cool lady and contributed to my Rockdale experience.

~Greg Lawson

---

**Greg Lawson** - July 09, 2016 at 12:49 PM

SJ

“ Loved that lady, she was a big part of my life when I first moved to Rockdale.

---

**Shirley Jensen** - July 09, 2016 at 10:25 AM

JR

“ Wanda was my steady girlfriend in the 8th grade and still has a special place in my heart. I am so proud to hear about all she has done. I regret not being in the area over all the years to have had her in my life. We both have married well, her with 46 years and me with 52 years of marriage. Rest in peace Wanda.

Johnny Ricketson

---

**Johnny Ricketson** - July 08, 2016 at 09:01 PM

PS

“ *I'm so sorry to the family of Wanda. I worked with her at Ted's for several years while I was in high school. She was a wonderful person and I enjoyed her very much. May God grant peace and comfort to all of you.*

*Polly Grubbs Shmock*

---

**Polly Shmock** - July 08, 2016 at 07:47 PM