



Willard Wesley Burgdorf

October 14, 1932 - June 18, 2017

Funeral services for Willard Burgdorf, 84, of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Giddings with Rev. Tim Edwards officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Willard Wesley Burgdorf was born on October 14, 1932 on the family farm in Hills, Texas, the son of John August Burgdorf Sr. and Viola Grace (Hill) Burgdorf. He passed to his eternal life on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at St. David's South Austin Medical Center. Willard was united in marriage to Frances Prinz on December 3, 1960 at the First United Methodist Church in Giddings. They were blessed with three children, Beverly Jo, John Wesley and Kristina Marie. He worked on the family farm before going to work for Ham Hannes building homes. He later went to work for Droemer Construction Company until retiring in 1993 following an accident in which he suffered severe burns. Following a two month hospital stay and months of therapy, Willard went back to work doing small repair jobs for several years. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist church where he had served on the board of trustees, the church council and sang in the choir. He was also a member of the Giddings Breakfast Lions Club. Willard was an avid sports fan and loved

watching and attending Texas Longhorn Baseball games. He also enjoyed playing dominoes. He was proud of his family and his grandchildren were the joy of his life. Willard loved attending his grandchildren's sporting and school events.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his infant daughter, Beverly Jo Burgdorf; his brother, Sterling Burgdorf Sr.; his sister, Eunice Glidden; his in-laws, Ernest & Minnie (Kipphen) Prinz; his sisters-in-law, Ruth Burgdorf, Erna Henze & her husband, Arthur, Ella Robertson & her husband, J.O. and Katie Vaughan & her husband, Bill and his brothers-in-law, Buddy Prinz, Alton Prinz, Walter Prinz & his wife, Kathryn, Howard Prinz and Clarence Prinz & his wife, Gladys.

Willard is survived by his wife of 56 years, Frances Burgdorf of Giddings; two children, John Wesley Burgdorf & his wife, Rebecca and their children, Kailey and Brandon of Giddings and Kristina Burgdorf and her daughter, Kamryn Menard of Elgin; his brother, J.A. Burgdorf of Arlington; his sister, Rosa Lee Breedlove of Branson, Missouri; his sister-in-law, Jo Ann Prinz of Elgin; several nieces and nephews as well as special friends, Don and Pat Backen of Lincoln.

Serving as pallbearers will be Don Backen, Wayne Burgdorf, John Elick, Bradley Nelson, Joe Nelson, Doug Prinz, Jason Sherrill and Larry Skinner. Honorary pallbearers will be Kailey Burgdorf, Brandon Burgdorf, Kamryn Menard, Pat Backen and Rebecca Sherrill.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Giddings, the St. Paul Lutheran School in Serbin or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section D)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
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Public Visitation

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Funeral Service

JUN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church
279 Monroe Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willard Wesley Burgdorf*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 19, 2017 at 05:14 PM

SL

Willard was a wonderful man. What a beautiful tribute! You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap you in his arms and give you comfort and peace today and in the days ahead.

Sheryl Luedke - June 20, 2017 at 01:44 PM

LI

May God comfort you and give you peace, with deepest sympathy, John and Linda Kieschnick

Linda - June 21, 2017 at 09:06 PM

KA

“ *Frances and Family, Our sincerest sympathy to you. May God bless you and give you strength and comfort in this time of sorrow. With our love.*

Kathryn Anderson - June 22, 2017 at 01:53 PM

DH

“ Frances and family, so very sorry to hear of your loss. Willard was a wonderful man and I can remember years ago when I was teaching at Brazos High School being surprised one day during class with a knock on my door. I was so surprised to see Willard standing there and thrilled that he took the time to say hello while he was on the job.

Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus - June 21, 2017 at 07:41 PM

GB

“ Frances and family, our condolences go out to you. We have many fond memories with Willard and you at Beyersville. I know his cheerfulness will be missed by many.

Also was talking with my sister Rita a few minutes ago about our memories of you and Willard and she said to send condolences from Rita and Wayne Kelm since neither of us will be able to attend.

Our hearts are with you,

Gary and Margaret Brewer

GARY LEE BREWER - June 20, 2017 at 10:25 PM

WJ

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, please accept our sincere sympathy.

William & Carol Jurk - June 20, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Willard Wesley Burgdorf.*



June 19, 2017 at 09:05 PM



“ *Always the kindness of heart. Always there to help when we needed help. Always welcome. He will be missed. We send our love and prayers.*

James and Kathy Laughlin

James Laughlin - June 19, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Wesley Burgdorf.*



June 19, 2017 at 05:36 PM

EH

“ Frances and family, I am so sorry to hear of Willard's passing. I remember all of you at the Prinz reunion. The two of you were always smiling and having fun. You and Willard were always so kind and loving to everyone. My family (Albert, Alma, Wilbert and William Walther) always thought so much of you and Willard. Please know all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.

God be with you now and always,

Elaine (Walther) Heinzke-Hennig

Elaine Heinzke-Hennig - June 19, 2017 at 05:28 PM

BM

“ Becky Nethery Moore lit a candle in memory of Willard Wesley Burgdorf



Becky Nethery Moore - June 19, 2017 at 05:11 PM

BM

“ Sending our heart felt sympathy to you all. May you feel the comfort of God's presence to carry you all through the coming days.....love y'all, Amy Nethery & Becky Nethery Moore

Becky Nethery Moore - June 19, 2017 at 05:10 PM

CH

“ So sad to hear about Willard. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. He will be missed.

Calvin and Janis Hannes

Calvin and Janis Hannes - June 19, 2017 at 05:02 PM



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