



William Henry Gaeke

April 21, 1933 - June 8, 2024

A memorial service for William Henry Gaeke, 91 of Giddings, Texas are scheduled for Friday, June 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating.

William was born on April 21, 1933 in Giddings, Texas to Louis Henry Gaeke and Annie Christiana (Farrack) Gaeke. He was baptized on April 30, 1933 by Rev. G.W. Fischer and confirmed on December 19, 1961 by Rev. Max Studtman at Immanuel Lutheran Church. He joined the United States Army and received the rank of Corporal. William was honorably discharged on June 22, 1955. He married his wife Mary Louise Fretwell in Houston on December 15, 1955. William went to work at Droemer industries as a bricklayer and then moved to Gaeke Construction where he retired after 37 years. He was a member of the Mel's and Brookshires Coffee Club. If William was not working on other people's projects, you could find him fishing, traveling to Houston or spending time with his family.

William passed away on Saturday, June 8, 2024 in Bryan, Texas with his family by his side.

He is preceded in death by his parents Louis and Annie Gaeke, his daughter Loretta Ehler, and one brother Edmond Gaeke.

William is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Gaeke of Giddings; daughter, Penny and husband Charlie Kornegay of Bryan; son-in-law, David Ehler and wife Gayla of Flatonia; five grandchildren, Chris Kornegay of Austin, Nikki Kornegay of Austin, Amy and husband Alex Roman of Waco, David “DJ” Ehler and wife Sannu of La Grange, and Jason Ehler and wife Julie of Abilene; eight great grandchildren; three siblings, Louis Gaeke of Giddings, Lucille Brannon of Brenham, and Virginia Varecka of Pearland, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one’s choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery (Section B)

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
300 North Grimes Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Henry Gaeke*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 13, 2024 at 10:16 PM



“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of William Gaeke*



Connie - June 16, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ *77 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - June 13, 2024 at 06:04 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family!! Mr. Willie was a nice, hard working man!!*



Venica Elaine Riggins - June 13, 2024 at 06:00 PM

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“ *The Mack & Bondi Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of William Henry Gaeke.*



The Mack & Bondi Family - June 13, 2024 at 08:40 AM

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“ *Mr. Gaeke helped my sister and I take care of our home place in Giddings for many years. We always knew we could count on him. He was a kind, hardworking man. My thoughts are with his family as they adjust to their life without him.*
Ruth Graeter Crouch

Ruth Crouch - June 12, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Henry Gaeke.*



June 11, 2024 at 08:27 PM

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“ *Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of William Henry Gaeke*



violet Frosch - June 11, 2024 at 06:41 PM