

William George Jurk

November 7, 1935 - February 9, 2022

William George Jurk, 86 of Warda, Texas, ran into the embrace of his Savior on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. William was born in Warda, Texas on November 7, 1935 to Herbert Carl and Esther Irene (Pietsch) Jurk. He was baptized on November 17, 1935 by Rev. Paul Eifert at Holy Cross and confirmed on April 10, 1949 also at Holy Cross in Warda. His confirmation verse was Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me". He grew up in the Warda, Texas area, where he attended Holy Cross Lutheran School. As a young man he went to a dance in Ledbetter, Texas where he met the love of his life and wife of 63 years, Carol Joan (Riske) Jurk. They married on November 1, 1958 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda, Texas, and the Lord launched them together into a life of love, joy, good times and bad times, laughter, work, and worship. William and Carol made their first home in Stafford, Texas where they began their journey of raising their three children, Michelle, Robert, and Russell.

He worked hard on the farm growing up. At the age of 12 he was driving the thrashing machine and thrashing peanuts for customers across the county. His Post Office years began in Bellaire, then off to Stafford where he set up the postal delivery routes. Then in La Grange where he carried a 12-mile walking route. In addition to his Post Office job, Daddy always had a side job. In particular, and for many years, he was a plumbing inspector first for the city

of Stafford, Texas and then for 13 years for the city of Missouri City, Texas. He also had a small roofing business. Seemed he was always working. After a full day's work, he also always kept and maintained a big, beautiful garden.

He served from 1953 until 1962 in the Texas National Guard, was a volunteer fire fighter in Stafford, and then after moving back home to the country he volunteered on the South Lee County VFD. A passionate fan of sports, he watched football and baseball every chance he had. One of his most memorable experiences was a trip with his son Russell and grandson Sam to watch the Astros in the 2017 World Series. He was very active with first the Sugar Land and then the Sta-MO Little League, which he helped organize. He almost single handedly built the Little League Baseball field and always had the winning team. Little boys worked hard to be on Mr. Jurk's "Yankees". In addition to being the winning team, trips to games at the Astrodome were a highlight of being on that team. Many of those boys still remember and hold those days dear to their hearts.

He loved to take his family camping. He and Carol had many good times with friends on those trips and his children will never forget the countless hours he spent pulling them on skis behind his boat.

Daddy loved his church and served in many capacities. He was an usher, a trustee, an elder, the president of the congregation, and served as an elder again.

William was preceded in death by his parents; his dear sister, Joyce Verneil Jurk Kingsbery; his son-in-law, Lane A. Patterson; his nephew, Sid Eric Kingsbery; brothers-in-law, Col Robert Riske and Kenneth Wayne Frank, and his mother and father-in-law, Ida Mae (Zwernemann) Riske and Louis Riske.

Left to treasure his memory are his wife of 63 years, Carol Joan (Riske) Jurk;

his cherished children, daughter, Carol Michelle Jurk Dunk (Michael), son, Robert Allan Jurk (Cheryl), and son, Russell William Jurk (Laurie); his brother, Allan Gene Jurk (Carolyn); his grandchildren who will carry their Paw forever in their hearts, Samuel Christopher Jacob (Shannon), Morgan William Patterson (Rayanne), Miranda Sheree' Goehring (Josh), Cameron Kyle Jurk (Elizabeth), Ashley Lauren Jurk, and Richard Martin Jurk; his great grandchildren who also love their "Paw" dearly, Gunter Scott Jacob, Grant Joseph Jacob, Gavin William Jacob, Benjamin Jurk, and Katherine Rose Cross. Others who will miss his loving and powerful presence are so very many and incredibly loved; nieces, Kimberley Odom and Maude Kingsbery; nephew, Scott Jurk; his in-laws, Carl Jerry Kingsbery, Delores Riske, Kay (Frank) Brown, Glenn (Sara) Riske, Linda Frank, and Cheryl Evans, and many, many cousins, as well as friends too many to count; all of whom he deeply and genuinely cherished.

Serving as pallbearers will be his grandchildren and his two "sons of the heart" Charles Robert Newton and Paul Gerard Boitmann.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda with Rev. Dustin Beck officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from noon until 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening.

The family requests that memorials and donations be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda, Faith Lutheran High School in Warda, the Texas Wendish Heritage Society, or to the charity of one's choice.

The Jurk family would like to thank each of you for your many, many prayers and condolences. Deepest and special thanks to Pastor Beck, Dr. Wess

Blackwell, the wonderful staff at Giddings Residence and Rehabilitation Center, and Lee County EMS.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

600 FM 1482
Warda, TX 78960

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

FEB 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Visitation

FEB 12. 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
600 FM 1482
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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William George Jurk*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 11, 2022 at 12:46 PM

BG

Beautiful memories beautifully put together. Our deepest condolences to all of the family and friends of this wonderful man.

*Love and prayers,
Waylan & Beckie Gandy*

Beckie Jo Gandy - February 11, 2022 at 03:18 PM

VR

Condolences to the family of Mr. George !! Prayers and hugs to Cheryl!!

Venica Riggins - February 11, 2022 at 04:04 PM

CS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying you find peace in God during this difficult time. Love, David, Carol and Christopher Schulz*



Carol Schulz - March 02, 2022 at 11:22 PM

CS

“ *Sincerest condolences to family and friends. He was a very talented and productive man who worked many jobs for his family and God. A true Christian who dedicated his life to the Lord. May he rest in eternal peace and his family find comfort and strength in the days ahead.*



*SINCERELY,
CHERYL FRIEDRICH ISELT SANDERS*

Cheryl Sanders - February 13, 2022 at 06:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William George Jurk.*



February 11, 2022 at 05:02 PM

TG

“ *The Gandy's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William George Jurk.*



The Gandy's - February 11, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William George Jurk.*



February 11, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *81 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 11, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *The Newton kids Robert, Daniel, Michelle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William George Jurk.*



The Newton kids Robert, Daniel, Michelle - February 11, 2022 at 11:38 AM

JZ

“ *Joyleen, Greg, Marina & Steve Zwernemann purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of William George Jurk.*



Joyleen, Greg, Marina & Steve Zwernemann - February 11, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William George Jurk.*

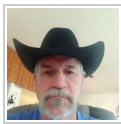


February 11, 2022 at 10:38 AM

MP

“ *To the family, I send my condolences to you all. I knew William for many years. God Bless all of you. My prayers are with you. ❤️*

Mary Ann Pietsch - February 11, 2022 at 10:02 AM



Thank you.

Robert Jurk - February 11, 2022 at 05:28 PM

MI

Thank you ❤️

Michelle - February 12, 2022 at 02:18 AM

MP

“ *Mary Ann Pietsch lit a candle in memory of William George Jurk*



Mary Ann Pietsch - February 11, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of William George Jurk.*



February 11, 2022 at 09:12 AM

PS

“ *William, and his wife Carol, was in our group in the Men's Club in Warda. William was a hard devoted worker and a valued person that we all appreciated. May he Rest In Peace his work on this earth is done. Our love and prayers to Carol and family.*

Paul and Jeanette Schramm - February 11, 2022 at 07:42 AM

MI

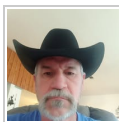
Thank you Jeanette. ❤️

Michelle - February 11, 2022 at 10:24 AM

DF

Carol, my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Doris Fritsche - February 11, 2022 at 10:51 AM



Thank you Paulie and Jeanette

Robert Jurk - February 11, 2022 at 05:26 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Butler lit a candle in memory of William George Jurk



Carolyn Butler - February 10, 2022 at 11:05 PM

CB

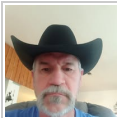
“ Carol, Michele, Robert and Russell, so sorry for your loss. He will be missed by so many. God's blessings to each one of you. I will not be able to make it to the funeral but my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Carolyn Butler - February 10, 2022 at 11:03 PM

MI

Thank you Carolyn. ❤️

Michelle - February 11, 2022 at 10:25 AM



Thank you

Robert Jurk - February 11, 2022 at 05:27 PM