



Willie Erich Schroeder

April 8, 1917 - January 1, 2013

Funeral services for Willie Schroeder, 95 of Giddings, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Giddings with Rev. Robert Tiner officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 4, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 5, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Willie Erich Schroeder was born on April 8, 1917 in Giddings, Texas to Fritz & Augusta Theresia (Bigon) Schroeder. He was baptized on April 22, 1917 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Giddings by Rev. William Mueller and confirmed on April 30, 1933 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Greens Creek, Texas by Rev. Paul C. Eifert. His confirmation verse was Genesis 15:1 "After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." He attended the Good Hope School near Giddings and served in the U.S. Army near the end of World War II. He received his Honorable Discharge on October 13, 1945 having obtained the rank of Private. Willie was united in marriage to Adeline Louise Hobratchk on October 10, 1948 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Warda, Texas by Rev. Paul C. Eifert. He had been employed with Butler Brick Yard in Elgin and Cargil Nutrena in Giddings before retiring as a custodian at Immanuel Lutheran School in Giddings. Willie was a longtime rancher who enjoyed fishing, hunting and trapping. He treasured family gatherings and

loved spending time with the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Willie passed away the morning of Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at his home in Giddings. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fritz & Augusta Schroeder; two sisters, Alma Albrecht and Amanda Lehmann; four brothers, Alvin Schroeder, Ewald Schroeder, Herbert Schroeder and Arnold Schroeder and a great grandson Daeton Lucio. Willie is survived by his wife of 64 years, Adeline Schroeder of Giddings; two sons, Harry & Connie Schroeder of Bastrop and Donald Schroeder of Giddings; twelve grandchildren, Todd Schroeder of Ledbetter, William & Johanna Schroeder of Hempstead, Christine Schroeder & T.K. Vangundy of Dickinson, Jessicaann & Jacob Wells of Cedar Creek, Christopher Schroeder of Bastrop, Jerred Schroeder of Bastrop, Havannah Schroeder of Bastrop, Harlan Schroeder of Bastrop, Chance Schroeder of Bastrop, Cheyenne Schroeder of Bastrop, Brandon Schroeder of Giddings and Victoria Schroeder of Giddings; ten great grandchildren; sister, Elsie Fischer of Giddings; sisters-in-law, Joyce Schroeder of Giddings, Gertrude Hobratschk of Giddings, Annie Mae Kappler of Warda, Gertrude Hobratschk of Kerrville, Carolyn & Clarence Mitschke of Houston and Irene Noack of Giddings; brothers-in-law, Louis Lehmann of Warda, Herman & Eunice Hobratschk of Giddings and Norman & Mildred Berger of Giddings as well as numerous other relatives and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Howard Hobratschk, Robert Hobratschk, Wayne Kappler, Todd Schroeder, William Schroeder, Brandon Schroeder, Jerred Schroeder and Harlan Schroeder. Memorials may be made the Christ Our Cornerstone Fund at Immanuel Lutheran Church or the Lutheran Hour.