



Luther Louis Laskie

May 21, 1920 - July 25, 2016

Luther Louis Laskie, 96 years old, of Riverside, Texas, passed away July 25, 2016, at Cornerstone Hospital in Conroe, Texas. Luther was born in Pine Prairie in Walker County to Clarence and Emma Laskie on May 21, 1920. He was the second child of their five children. When his dad became grounds keeper at Sam Houston, the family lived in a house in the Sam Houston Park. His older sister, Gussie, worked in the museum and showed visitors through the historic homes in the park. One day when she needed to go into Huntsville, she asked her younger brother, Luther, to take over her duties while she was gone. It was during that time that First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt with her security personnel visited the park and he had the opportunity to guide her through the park.

Luther later served as timekeeper for the National Youth Administration before enlisting in the Army during World War II on February 9, 1942. Luther was very proud and honored to serve his country and could entertain you for hours with very detailed stories and pictures of his time during his four years of service. He did his basic Army training at Camp Wolters in Mineral Wells, Texas, going through a rigid course of Infantry training before being transferred to in December of 1942 to the Army Air Force at Robbins Field, Georgia, where he received heavy machine gunner and Military Policeman training. After additional overseas preparations, Sgt. Laskie arrived in England in June, 1943, and was assigned to duty at the heavy bombardment Flying

Fortress Eighth Air Force base in Kimbolton, England. As a Military Policeman at this field, he proved capable of handling a large body of men and assigning them to the important post of directing traffic during the times the planes were taking off and returning from a combat mission. He also stood guard for many hours at a time checking incoming and outgoing vehicles at the main gate of the base. His duties also included transporting military prisoners during the war between Scotland and England. On June 7, 1944, he was chosen as part of the body of Military Policemen to guard the Royal Party (King George, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth, and US Army Air Force General James Doolittle) as they toured the base and viewed the inspection of B-17 planes. He was discharged November 6, 1945.

Returning to Huntsville, he was employed at Sam Houston State College in December, 1945, and served under presidents Dr. Harmon Lowman, Dr. Elliott Bowers, and Dr. Frank Leathers. When he retired after 38 years, he was in charge of the new construction on the campus. Together with his father Clarence's 29 years of service to Sam Houston, and his brother Fred's 33 years of service, they had a total of 100 years of dedicated service to Sam Houston State.

On August 11, 1945, he married Louise Catherine Strickland and they made their home in Huntsville and had one daughter, Carolyn Ann Laskie. In 1969, they moved to Riverside, Texas, and developed Pleasure Hill Subdivision, the first subdivision in Walker County on Lake Livingston. He was a great gardener, fisherman, loved catfish cookouts at their home, and enjoyed many waterskiing outings with his daughter. He served as a Riverside City Councilman for 18 years and Mayor for 2 years. He also has been an active member of the First Christian Church in Huntsville for 68 years since December 5, 1948 where he served as a Deacon and on the Church Board for many years.

He is survived by his daughter: Carolyn Ann Laskie of Riverside; brother: Felix Laskie of Riverside; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife: Louise Catherine Laskie; brother: Fred Laskie; sisters: Gussie Denney and Hazel Cain; and his beloved pet dogs: Jimilou, Lucky, and Buddy.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Sam Houston Funeral Home at 1700 Normal Park in Huntsville, Texas 77340. The funeral service will be at the First Christian Church at 1800 Ave. R in Huntsville, Texas 77340, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 28 with Pastor Joel Saucedo officiating. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall at the church beginning at 10 a.m. before the service. Interment will follow in the Riverside Pioneer Cemetery located at Hwy. 19 and Front Street in Riverside, Texas. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice; to the First Christian Church, 1800 Ave. R, Huntsville, Texas 77340; or Rita B. Huff Animal Shelter, 530 Bearkat Blvd., Huntsville, Texas 77340.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Pioneer Cemetery

First street past FM 980 & Hwy 19
Riverside, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfm.com

Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church of Huntsville
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Luther Louis Laskie*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Carolyn, your father will be missed and fondly remembered.
Walter & Louise Griffin*

Louise S. Griffin - July 29, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ *Dear Carolyn, I will always be Moses because that's the name Luther gave me. I am sorry for the loss of this good man but I know he's glad to be moving freely again. May God bless you and give you peace.*

Larry

Larry Cruse - July 28, 2016 at 08:06 AM



“ *In Loving Memory Pendant was purchased for the family of Luther Louis Laskie.*



July 28, 2016 at 12:58 AM

SL

“ We will miss Uncle Luther. No matter how long between Riverside visits, he always welcomed us with open arms like he just saw us yesterday. Carolyn, we are so sorry for your loss. I feel like he is up in Heaven right now teasing Aunt Louise. Love and Prayers, Glenn, Sheryl, Jamie and Joshua Laskie

Sheryl Laskie - July 27, 2016 at 11:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Luther Louis Laskie.



July 27, 2016 at 12:49 PM

GR

“ George and Betty Rone purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Luther Louis Laskie.



George and Betty Rone - July 26, 2016 at 05:36 PM

TR

“ Such good memories of Luther and Louise stopping by Dad and Mom's place at the river to visit. Carolyn, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Teresa

Teresa Rone - July 26, 2016 at 04:44 PM

CJ

“ *Mr. Luther Laskie was one of the nicest people to work with at Sam Houston Univeristy
He was a very responsible person and you could work with him in all ways. He was a
very smart and energetic person and could get things done in the best way possible. He will be greatly missed by all.
Charles M. Lee Jr. Former Assistant Director of Dining Services at Sam Houston State
University. Groveton, Texas*

Charles M. Lee Jr. - July 26, 2016 at 02:24 PM

KL

“ *RIP Uncle Luther!! We will miss that quick wit and hearing those great stories you've shared through the years!! We will never forget!!
I don't think we ever saw you without a smile on your face! We love you always and forever!!
Wayne, Kelly, Joey, and Andrew Laskie*

Kelly Laskie - July 25, 2016 at 10:33 PM

BG

“ *B. J. & JT Gorrell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Luther Louis Laskie.*



B. J. & JT Gorrell - July 25, 2016 at 08:54 PM

DM

“ *David McKee lit a candle in memory of Luther
Louis Laskie*



David McKee - July 25, 2016 at 04:32 PM