



George Leroy Paddie

March 8, 1926 - November 23, 2019

George Leroy Paddie age 93 of San Antonio passed away in his sleep on Saturday, November 23, 2019. Leroy was born and raised in Gorum, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Dorothy (Castillo) Paddie. Leroy is survived by his daughter, Lisa Ann Rodriguez and Roland G Leifeste; his brother, Louis C. Paddie of Louisiana; numerous nephews and nieces.

IN MR. PADDIE'S OWN WORDS:

"Some Things I have done in the past 90 years.

I've lived a lot in my time. I went to school, quit school in the 8th grade and worked in the field. I plowed, spread, fertilized, planted cotton, corn, peas, potatoes, sugar cane and worked in the garden. I chopped cotton, hoed corn and peas, potatoes, and sugar cane. I served as an altar boy in the Catholic Church. I picked cotton, pulled corn, shelled corn, picked dry peas, dug potatoes, stripped cane, picked fruit, peaches and pears, cut and bailed hay, milked cows, churned to make butter. I killed hogs, cleaned hog guts, fried out cracklings, lye corn to make tamales, butchered beef, parched and grounded coffee beans, picked and grounded red peppers, split boards, helped cover houses, robbed bee hives and bee trees I also cut and split stove wood, cut wood for the chimney, hauled pine with wagon and team, rode horses, split post and rails for building fences, helped build a barn, dug ditches, worked on

Ward 8 roads and bridges, dug graves in the cemetery, tore down old houses, helped DOB a chimney, helped my brother-in-law, Ivy build a house, painted houses, hunted birds, deer, coon, possums, armadillos, rabbits and squirrels. I also muddied up lakes and bar-pits to get fish, cut logs, made crossties, hauled crossties, skid crossties with horses and mules, trimmed trees, cleared land, stretched net wire and bob wire, thrashed pecan trees and picked up pecans, worked on tractors and lawn mowers, cut grass, worked on cars and diesel engines. Drove fast cars and got my share of speeding tickets, been in jail, worked on plumbing, washing machines and dryers, dug water wells, cleaned out water wells, picked moss from trees to make mattresses, strung electrical wire, installed lights, switches and ceiling fans. Drank beer, cane beer, beer with a priest (Father Roth), drank home-brew with Ambrose Basco, smoked cigarettes, cigars and corn silk, drank whiskey, wine, gin, rum, tequila, vodka and brandy. I served in the US Navy on Repair Docks, Destroyers, Patrol Craft, Patrol Craft Escort and a Navy Tanker, operated Landing Craft, Boats and Barges; aboard the USS ABSD-2 when torpedoed by the Japanese. I carried US Mail on horse-back and in a Model "A" Ford. In one year I fixed about 10 flat tires on that Model "A". I sailed the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, the North and Mediterranean Seas and the Gulf of Mexico. I rode out storms in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, the North and Mediterranean Seas and in the Gulf of Mexico. I visited foreign countries and places: England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Turkey, Portugal, Spain, Rock of Gibraltar, Cuba, Jamaica, Libya, Panama, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Africa and Lebanon. I worked Civil Service at Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas, worked on propeller driven fighter and bomber aircraft, worked on jet fighter, bomber and transport aircraft. I traveled to different Air Force Bases in the United States to work on jet aircraft. I retired from Civil Service after 35 years, 3 months and 14 days. I've been to all fifty states except Alaska. I survived 4 operations: Tonsils, Hernia, Left Vocal Cord and Gall Bladder. I also survived Cancer when I was 50 years old. I picked blackberries, dewberries, huckleberries and wild grapes. I canned fruit and

vegetables in cans and jars. I caught and boiled crawfish, caught bullfrogs with frog grabs, giggered catfish in the Bayou Pierre Creek. I ran fox at night with dogs, hunted birds at night with a pine torch and a blow gun. I went to country dances at somebody's house, played music at the dance with Freeman Troquille, danced in a square set, tried to climb a greased pole and ran in a sack race at the Gorum Community Fair, went to rodeos, went to box suppers at the Gorum School, went to the Louisiana Hay Ride in Shreveport, went to the Grand Ole Opry in Tennessee. I rode Greyhound and Trailway buses and passenger trains. I hitchhiked a ride on the highway. I swam and took a bath in the Bayou Pierre Creek and learned to swim in the old lake back of our house with a syrup buckets in a grass sack. I went to the Catholic Church every Sunday, got married and travelled in jet airplanes. Barbecued goat meat, beef and pork. I made tamales with armadillo meat. I served in the Naval Reserve Air Squadron in Dallas, Texas. I drank beer in most of the beer joints in San Antonio, Texas. Popped fire crackers, donated blood to hospitals, and chewed pine gum from pine trees. I made a snow man and made ice cream with snow, cow milk and vanilla cake flavor. I helped "Mamma" make cakes and pies and helped "Daddy" break wild horses and mules. I washed dishes, washed clothes, made popcorn balls, parched peanuts and made peanut candy, boiled cane syrup and made pulled candy. I gambled in Las Vegas, played poker, checkers and dominoes, scrubbed floors in the old house with lye and water. I was baptized in the Catholic Church, made First Communion and was Confirmed. I dyed Easter eggs, carried drinking water in bucket from a spring a quarter mile from our house. I went to Baptist preaching under a brush arbor and I visited sick people in hospitals. Now at age 90 I am getting a little tired"

Signed: George L. Paddie Dated: March 8, 2016

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401

Cherry Ridge Drive. The Funeral Mass will begin at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 700 Dewhurst. Interment will follow at San Fernando Cemetery III.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando III

1735 Cupples Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78226

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Rosary

DEC 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

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3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
700 Dewhurst
San Antonio, TX 78213
(210) 342-0281

Tribute Wall

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“ We are so saddened by the loss of Uncle Leroy. He will be in our hearts forever.

Love, Pat and Patricia Kerry

Pat, Patricia Kerry - December 03, 2019 at 07:03 PM

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“ We will miss Uncle Leroy very much at our family reunions. God has another angel. He's in Heaven with family now.

Mike and Linda Sluiter - December 03, 2019 at 11:18 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of George Leroy Paddie.*



December 02, 2019 at 11:51 AM