

# Roscoe Adolf Basse

October 18, 1928 - January 2, 2021

Roscoe Adolf Basse passed away on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021, at the age of 92 years.

He was born in Gillespie County, in the Pecan Creek area, on Oct. 18, 1928, to Gustav A. and Cora Evers Basse. Roscoe was a great-grandson of Henry S.W. Basse, the first pastor in Gillespie County.

Roscoe is survived by his wife of 68 years, Dorothy Luckenbach Basse; daughters and spouses, Cora Lynn and William C. (Bill) Wilson, and Susan and Gary S. Farmer.

He is also survived by six grandchildren and spouses: Elizabeth and Jeff Butler, Meredith and Andrew Moncrief, Megan and William Wilson Jr., Lauren and Thompson Purvis IV, Caroline and Matthew Reckling and Katherine and Nathan Thornhill. He is survived by seven great-grandchildren and one sister, Irene (Mrs. John) Crutcher.

Roscoe is preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Hertha and Western Luckenbach. Also, brothers and sisters-in-law: Nellie and Elmer Luckenbach, Irene and Weston Luckenbach, and John Crutcher.

Roscoe grew up in the Pecan Creek area and attended the Pecan Creek School through the 8th grade. He graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1947 and Draughon's Business College in San Antonio.

As a young boy growing up on a ranch, Roscoe enjoyed horses, hunting, trapping and ranching while helping his father. An exciting adventure in his youth was a family trip to Dallas for the 1936 Centennial of Texas. Tragedy struck his family in 1944 when he lost his mother, Cora, to cancer. He was forever grateful to his Evers and Basse aunts and uncles for their loving care and support during this difficult time.

During speech class in high school, Roscoe met Dorothy for the very first time. Their first date was a field trip to attend a Shakespeare play in Austin. They were married in 1952 and settled in the Albert community where Roscoe began farming and ranching.

In 1954, Roscoe was unexpectedly drafted into the U.S. Army. After basic training, he was stationed at Fort Lawton in Seattle, Washington. While in the Army, he was selected to work in the Nike anti-aircraft missile and radar division.

After honorably completing his military duty in 1957, Roscoe and Dorothy returned home to Texas, continuing to farm and ranch.

Through the years Roscoe was very involved in the community serving in the following organizations: Holy Ghost Lutheran Church Council President, Stonewall School Board President, Central Texas Electric Co-Op Director and Treasurer, Gillespie County Soil and Water Conservation District, Albert Community Club Treasurer, Gillespie Farm Bureau Board and Stonewall Mutual Insurance Director.

Roscoe loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter. He loved deer hunting on his ranch, hunting at his West Texas deer lease and elk hunting in Colorado. He also enjoyed traveling and spending time with his "Class of 47" group and was involved with the Fredericksburg Montabaur Sister City organization, taking several trips to Germany. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather supporting his children and grandchildren attending many of their events through the years.

The family would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff and caregivers at Knopp Nursing Home No. 1.

Serving as pallbearers: William C. Wilson, Jr., Andrew Moncrief, Jeff Butler, Matthew Reckling, Nathan Thornhill, Thompson Purvis IV, David Crutcher and Alan Crutcher.

Graveside services and interment were held Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 3 p.m., at Der Stadt Friedhof cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Hill Country Memorial Hospital or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of  
Schaetter Funeral Home of Fredericksburg.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent  
at [www.schaetter.com](http://www.schaetter.com).

