

The Giddings News

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**Gilbert Mittasch, 16, Loses Life
In Truck Accident Saturday**

**Willie Mittasch, Carl
Kalbas Hurt in Wreck**

One Lee County youth was fatally injured and two others sustained serious injuries in an auto accident in East Giddings near the Witte Buick Co. Saturday afternoon.

Gilbert Mittasch, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mittasch of Route 1, Giddings, died Saturday night of injuries received when the pick-up truck in which he and the other two boys, his brother Willie and Carl Kalbas of Serbin, were riding ran out of control and crashed head-on into a tree. The three youths were taken to Lee Memorial Hospital where young Mittasch died several hours later.

Hospital authorities announced that Kalbas, driver of the truck, sustained a fractured leg. Willie Mittasch was moved to his home Tuesday, while Carl Kalbas was reported Thursday morning to be progressing favorably.

Funeral services for Gilbert Mittasch were conducted at Immanuel Lutheran Church Tuesday afternoon with the Rev. Max Studtmann, pastor, officiating. Interment was in City Cemetery.

Gilbert Mittasch was born on May 22, 1933, near Giddings, to Mr. and Mrs. John Mittasch. He was baptized by the Rev. G. W. Fischer on June 4, 1933. His elementary education was received at Immanuel Lutheran School. He was confirmed on March 30, 1947, in Immanuel Lutheran Church. He died at Lee Memorial Hospital Saturday at 8:45 p. m. at the age of 16 years, 9 months, and 19 days.

Survivors include his mother and father; four brothers, Herman, Herbert, and Willie of Giddings, and John Jr. of Houston; a sister, Mrs. Alton Namken of Giddings; three uncles and seven aunts.

Pallbearers included Clarence Medack, Robert Namken, Roy Kruemcke, Gilbert Brade, Anton Fischer, and Clarence Gerlock.