



Wayne Dennis Zaskoda

August 19, 1950 - December 23, 2018

Wayne Dennis Zaskoda, 68, was born August 19, 1950, to Dennis and Evelyn Parma Zaskoda. Many of his long-time friends knew him as Squeaky, a nickname received during his Little League baseball days.

Anyone who knew Wayne knew of his love for sports and of his all-around athletic ability. He was on the Senior Little League team that advanced to the World Series finals in 1965. Baseball was not his only talent; he received 10 letters in high school sports. His senior year, he was quarterback on the 1968 state finalist football team and helped the El Campo Ricebirds win the 1968 State Championship title in baseball that same year. Wayne planned to attend Texas A&M on a football scholarship, but when offered a professional baseball contract with the Baltimore Orioles, he chose baseball.

After three years with the Orioles, Wayne completed his degree and returned to El Campo to coach. Then, fulfilling any sports fan's dream, became part owner of the Sports Center, following in his father-in-law's footsteps. After the Sports Center closed, he worked at Mark's Machine Co. in sales and, finally, LL&F Construction as a field superintendent until his cancer diagnosis. Wayne fought a long, courageous battle against the disease, always remaining hopeful and positive.

Wayne passed away surrounded by his loving family on December 23, 2018. He will be deeply missed, but we take comfort in knowing that he is free of pain and surrounded by loved ones who went before him.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary Beth Morgan Zaskoda; sons, Scott Zaskoda of Austin and Jeffrey Zaskoda of Dallas; brother, Gary Zaskoda and wife Yvonne of Nevada and many other loved family members and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on December 27, 2018 at St. Philip Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Philip Catholic School in El Campo or the El Campo Little League (PO Box 586 El Campo, TX 77437).

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Events

DEC **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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St. Philip Catholic Church

304 W. Church Street, El Campo, TX, US, 77437

Comments



“ Gaye T Burdeaux lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



gaye t burdeaux - December 28, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ thinking of you mary beth gaye tobola

gaye t burdeaux - December 28, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ The Delomels purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda.



The Delomels - December 28, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ I remember when Mary Beth and Wayne took the Lamaze classes I taught in EC. He was a very kind person. Mary Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. No time is a good time to lose someone you love, but this time of the year is especially difficult. My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to you and your family. May the Lord provide you with comfort and peace as you face the days ahead. Sue (Jackson) Ferrill

Susan Ferrill - December 27, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ So sad to hear the news. I have so many fond memories of baseball as a kid and Squeaky set the bar we all strived for. Mary Beth was a classmate and friend and I hope your loss will ease over time.

A.J. Kulcak - December 27, 2018 at 03:35 PM



“ Gary And Jan Charbula lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Gary and Jan Charbula - December 27, 2018 at 10:46 AM



“ Mary bath so sorry to hear about your husband's passing may rest in peace my deepest condolences to you and your family God bless you

HopieAnderson - December 27, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Elaine Cook - December 27, 2018 at 12:16 AM



“ Val Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Val Hargrove - December 26, 2018 at 10:19 PM



“ I'm so sorry to learn of Wayne's death. I always enjoyed visiting with him at those long-ago family reunions. Mary Beth and sons and Gary and family, may your happy memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. May he rest in peace.

Carolyn Zaskoda - December 26, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ Amazing athlete! Those games! I ran into Squeaky in Bluefield, WV (my mother's birthplace), in the summer of 1969. He was shaggin balls in the outfield with the Orioles farm team. I yelled "Squeaky!" He then kinda moseyed over, surprised to see me there. Then asked me not to call him "Squeaky" in front of the other players. Haha. I'll never forget him or the inspiration he was to me and certainly to countless others.

Chip Hutson
Big Island, Hawaii

chip hutson - December 26, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda.



December 26, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ Mary Beth and sons, so deeply sorry for your loss. Praying for peace and strength for all of you during this difficult time. Janie Roehl

Janie Roehl - December 25, 2018 at 09:09 PM



“ Mary Beth And Family, Prayers for strength, comfort and peace my friend.

Mike Steele

mike steele - December 25, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Squeaky's passing, he and I played in El Campo Sr. Little League and i have many fond memories of those days. I particularly remember a homerun he hit over the lights in left-center field fence in that park in El Campo, which as I recall was quite deep. My prayers to Mary Beth and family as I know he is there in heaven watching all the games. Best Regard,
Jackie Wheelless
Ph. 281.889.6034

Have not returned to EC in quite sometime, but will attempt to be there on 50th class of '69 reunion this coming year.

Jackie (Jack) Wheelless - December 25, 2018 at 09:41 AM



“ Oh no, Mary Beth and family, so sorry. May God bring you peace and comfort. I'm sure we will all meet again in the great by and by. Love you!

Karen Bownds Miller - December 25, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ My heart goes out to Wayne's family. How wonderful though to have known him,,,and as for his sons, wouldn't it be great if all sons had a dad so athletic?! He was well above average in sports. Way above! MaryBeth, the memories that so many have of Wayne would take hours if all were told. I was fortunate to have a business a few doors down from him in Edna. Not many had the privilege of hearing stories from Johnny Nordin and Wayne. They knew something about any sport mentioned! Not only sports but a smile and a laugh from both of them that I will never forget. During this time of sadness, I can also find joy to not only know he is in heaven but the bench is being cleared out for one star athlete and man. God has plans for him for certain! For those that know for certain that they are going to heaven, get ready, there is sure to be games for the stars. That will be a game you will not want to miss. “Squeaky will be playing in it for sure.

David Thigpen - December 25, 2018 at 05:44 PM



“ I'm so sad to learn of Wayne's passing. - Such a fine man.. He will be missed.

Norma - December 26, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ Our sympathy for you and your families.
Dan and Fran Kyle

Frances A Kyle - December 26, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ Mary Beth I was saddened to hear of Wayne's death. He was someone that I think most people looked up to; He was a fine man.

Martin Strarup - December 28, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ Ricky Rohde lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Ricky Rohde - December 25, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ Imelda Kubena Loos lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Imelda Kubena Loos - December 25, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ Rest in peace, Squeaky.

Mike Lowrie - December 25, 2018 at 05:03 AM



“ Brett Nordeen lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Brett Nordeen - December 25, 2018 at 02:32 AM



“ Linda Kram sent a virtual gift in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Linda Kram - December 25, 2018 at 12:56 AM



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Linda Kram - December 24, 2018 at 11:48 PM



“ We were so sad to hear the sad news of your lose of Wayne. He was such such a wonderful person. He will be missed by so many people. Take care of yourself! Sending lots of love and hugs for you. Love, Linda and Ken

Linda Kram - December 25, 2018 at 01:01 AM



“ I knew Wayne way back when I was young and his mom made our dresses. He was a great guy and he will be missed! Deepest sympathy Mary Beth and family. In my thoughts and prayers!

Sharon Malek - December 24, 2018 at 10:14 PM



“ Sharon Malek lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Sharon Malek - December 24, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ Rosalie Knebel lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Rosalie Knebel - December 24, 2018 at 09:13 PM



“ Rest In Peace, Wayne! Condolences to your family and loved ones,

Barbara Bures Parker - December 24, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, hope that Jack and Wayne are reliving Ricebird baseball in heaven. Stepha Conrad

Stepha Conrad - December 24, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Cindy Riha - December 24, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ My daddy and Wayne’s dad, were very close friends. I grew up hearing about Wayne & his success playing little league baseball in El Campo, long before I even knew who he was. Squeaky Zaskoda, always became the subject of conversation when my dad got home from work. Sending prayers of comfort to Mary Beth and family.

Linda Ingle - December 24, 2018 at 06:10 PM



“ Mr Zaskoda was our back fence neighbor growing up. I have nothing but great memories of Mr Zaskoda. I remember planting the oak tree in the corner of my Mom & Dad’s yard with him (he & Mrs Zaskoda gave it to us as a house warming present when we moved in). I remember running routes for he and dad in the back yard. Riding on the back of his golf cart at the country club, Saturday mornings at The Sports Center, and many more. I also remember that Mr Zaskoda and dad used throw a baseball ball across the yard and bet how long my brother and I could ride our Labrador as he raced to fetch it.

Growing up, you heard people talk about the athlete Wayne was. In junior high, our coaches would reference him- even though nearly 30 years had passed! In every “Who are the best Ricebirds of all time” conversation, Wayne Zaskoda was at the top of the list.

Prayers for Mrs Zaskoda and the family. Good man gone too soon.

James Russell - December 24, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ My prayers go out to you and your family.
Sandra Hensley Diehl

Sandra Diehl - December 24, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Wayne Dennis Zaskoda



Patricia Dybala - December 24, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ Besides being the person with the most natural ability I have ever known
Wayne was one of the nicest people I have ever met
RIP Wayne

Jerry Naiser - December 24, 2018 at 04:36 PM