



Albertha Marie Dettling

July 8, 1928 - March 29, 2023

Albertha Marie Dettling of El Campo, Texas passed away March 29, 2023 at the age of 94. After fifty-six years she is reunited with her husband Mike in Heaven. She was born on July 8, 1928 to the late Frank J and Anna Schramm Staff Erdelt.

She met Mike Dettling and they were married on June 17, 1947 in Nada, Texas. Albertha and Mike were married nineteen years until his passing in March 1967.

In her early years she worked for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Along with her husband they owned and operated Dettling Maintainer Service. After Mike's passing Albertha maintained ownership of the business and her son Chris was the operator. She worked for Randall's for many years as the manager of the Floral Department. After her retirement with Randall's she worked for The Flower Shoppe in Wharton.

She was a life-long member of St. Philip Catholic Church, St. Philip Choir and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1374.

Albertha was gifted with many talents, baking wedding cakes, singing soloist for many local weddings, seamstress but her greatest passion was creating beautiful floral arrangements. There was nothing more than she loved than

being with her family and Christmas was her favorite time. She was grateful for everything she had. She would always say “I am the most blessed mother of all”.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Rose Staff of Nada; daughters, Linda Rees of San Antonio, Catherine Vacek and husband Mike of Austin, Sherry Hoffman and husband Darby of Nada; sons, Chris Dettling and wife Susan of El Campo, Carl Dettling of El Campo, Russell Dettling and wife Barbara of El Campo; twelve grandchildren, John Rees III and fiancée Izabella Niezborala, Ryan Vacek and wife Heather, Lauren Rees and husband Tim Lambert, Amy Perez and wife Vanessa, Craig Rees, Curtis Vacek and wife Valerie, Jenna Cogdell and husband Cooper, Neal Dettling and wife Brittany, Katie Hoffman and fiancée Brent Gold, Jordan Dettling, Matt Hoffman and wife Kadee, and Zachery Dettling; ten great-grandchildren; Julia and Kristian Juarez, Brady, Maddy and Fletcher Vacek, Ellie and Owen Lewis, Cole and Miles Cogdell, June Birdie Vacek; soon to arrive great-grandson, Cameron Alan Hoffman.

Albertha was preceded in death by her parents; step-father Ed Erdelt; husband, Mike Dettling; grandson, Matthew Russell Dettling; brother, Leonard Staff; sisters, Betty Urbanovsky and husband Vic, Kathleen Schindler and husband Alfred; step-sister Angela Erdelt Malek and husband Edward; son-in-law, John Rees Jr. II.

We are grateful to all who have lovingly cared for her at SPJST Senior Living Home in Hillje.

Visitation begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2 at Triska Funeral Home with a CDA Rosary recited at 5 p.m. Funeral Mass begins at 2 p.m. Monday, April 3 at St. Philip Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are John Rees III, Ryan Vacek, Craig Rees, Curtis Vacek, Neal

Dettling, Jordan Dettling, Matt Hoffman and Zachery Dettling.

Memorial donations in memory of Albertha can be made to St. Philip School.

Arrangements are under the direction of Triska Funeral Home, El Campo.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Rosary

APR 2. 5:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
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Funeral Mass

APR 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Burial

APR 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Memorial Park
1617 South Mechanic Street
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-3770

Tribute Wall

MV

“*Birdie was so special to so many who knew her. She will be very missed. Her creativity with floral arrangements was most unusual. She was so willing to help with her talents. The most important memory of her was her love for Christ and she showed his love to all. Her family rises up and call her blessed. She my not be here on this earth physically, but she is in such a more wonderful place with Christ. May the Lord Jesus Christ wrap his loving arms around each of you and keep you in his love.*

Mary Vacek - April 04, 2023 at 11:00 AM

MK

“*Dear Albertha’s Family, please accept our prayers & heartfelt sympathy. Love,
Hubert & Mary Jane Kaiser*

Mary Jane Kaiser - April 03, 2023 at 12:10 PM

LB

“*Lacy Border lit a candle in memory of
Albertha Marie Dettling*



Lacy Border - April 02, 2023 at 05:34 PM

LB

Birdie will be missed dearly. I worked with her at the Flower Shoppe in Wharton. We stayed in touch. She was always full of stories of her travels and her family. She had a heart of gold. My you have peace and comfort during this time. Thank you for sharing her with me.

Lacy Border - April 02, 2023 at 05:36 PM

CR

“ *Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Cindy Riha - March 30, 2023 at 11:31 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Albertha Marie Dettling.*



March 30, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Albertha Marie Dettling.*



March 30, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Albertha Marie Dettling.*



March 30, 2023 at 04:43 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family at this difficult time.*



Andrea McCann - March 30, 2023 at 02:05 PM

PH

“ *Peggy Halamicek lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Peggy Halamicek - March 30, 2023 at 01:53 PM

PT

“ *Pat Taylor lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Pat Taylor - March 30, 2023 at 12:30 PM

VQ

“ *Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Vicky Quijas - March 30, 2023 at 11:56 AM

VQ

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all that God will Comfort you in your loss! 🙏🙏🙏🙏 God bless you & your loved ones! RIP Albertha! She will will be missed by all that knew & loved her!
Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - March 30, 2023 at 11:54 AM

JF

“ Julie Strnadel & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling



Julie Strnadel & Family - March 30, 2023 at 11:22 AM

BP

“ Betty Polasek lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling



Betty Polasek - March 30, 2023 at 10:23 AM

KK

“ Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling



kathryn Krpec - March 30, 2023 at 08:13 AM

RK

“ *Rosalie Knebel lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Rosalie Knebel - March 30, 2023 at 02:03 AM

RK

Albertha will be missed by many. Praying for the family, may they receive peace and love from Father God.

Rosalie Knebel - March 30, 2023 at 02:10 AM

LR

You've been such a wonderful friend to mother. Love you

Linda Rees - March 30, 2023 at 01:47 PM

CB

“ *Charlene Kulcak Borak lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Charlene Kulcak Borak - March 30, 2023 at 01:00 AM

LS

“ *Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Liz Staff - March 29, 2023 at 08:19 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Kathy Koudela - March 29, 2023 at 08:07 PM

EC

“ *Elaine Mach Cook lit a candle in memory of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Elaine Mach Cook - March 29, 2023 at 07:54 PM

SC

“ *Dear Dettling family, I offer you my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time. Mrs. Dettling was my mother's dear, dear friend since they were teenagers...a long, long time. Our family loved your mother very much as we have known her all our lives. She was a wonderful person with many talents and a very keen sense of humor. I looked forward to taking my mother to visit her as she was very entertaining and could chat forever. She was an inspiration to me as she was a devout Catholic woman. I know you will miss her very much and I pray the Lord will grant you His loving comfort in the days to come. May perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace. Bless you.*



Sandra Cranek - March 29, 2023 at 07:41 PM

LR

*Thank you Sandra
They were the best of friends
We all loved your mother
Great memories
Linda*

Linda Rees - March 30, 2023 at 01:45 PM

JW

“ *Jerry. & Janice Winter lit a candle in memory
of Albertha Marie Dettling*



Jerry. & Janice Winter - March 29, 2023 at 06:58 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of
Albertha Marie Dettling*



Patricia Dybala - March 29, 2023 at 06:56 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of
Albertha Marie Dettling*



Sandra Stary - March 29, 2023 at 06:19 PM

HC

“ *Holly Waligura Class lit a candle in memory of
Albertha Marie Dettling*



Holly Waligura Class - March 29, 2023 at 06:01 PM