



Alfred Jim Cerny

November 10, 1933 - April 9, 2016

Alfred Jim Cerny, 82, of El Campo, departed from us to be with our LORD and Savior on April 9, 2016, after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's and Dementia.

He was born on

November 10, 1933 in El Campo to Joe Victor and Rosie Louise (Cerny) Cerny.

He married his life-long love, Catherine (Cathie) Ann Vana on April 6, 1957 in St. John Catholic Church. They made El Campo their one and only home.

They teamed up with one another in every aspect of life - raising their two children, farming, working at Wal-Mart in their later years, opening their home for each of their grandsons to stay for a few years and also caring weekly for their great-grandson.

Alfred served in the United States National Guard for 5 years, before getting drafted into the U. S.

Army as a Sergeant. He served for 2 years, with 17 months of that time being spent overseas in

Germany. He spent a large part of his life as a farmer and worked hard to provide for his family.

He was a giant of a man, not in stature, but in his gentleness and the out-pouring of love to his

wife and family. After retiring from the farming industry, he then worked as an independent oil

pumper gauging wells in and around the El Campo community. He later

worked as a greeter for Wal-Mart, offering a smile and conversation to everyone he met. He never met a stranger and was known for his lengthy conversations with anyone who would listen. He had little spare time, but when he did, he enjoyed being outdoors mowing and maintaining a nice, clean yard and spending time with his beloved dogs: Cory, Molly and Walker. He also enjoyed listening to Polka Music. His favorite bands included Joe Patek from Shiner and Leo Majek from Corpus Christi. He was a member of SPJIST and Catholic Life. Alfred's greatest joy was spending time with his wife, his children, his grandsons and his great-grandson, who he lovingly called "Hot Shot". He was a man who loved his family well and there was nothing he wouldn't do for them. He will be remembered as a caring husband, dad and grandpa. He was happiest when he was surrounded by his family. He was a wise man who enjoyed the simple things in life. People were important to him, things were not. Alfred is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Cathie; his son Don Cerny and wife Edna of Stephenville; daughter Jeanne (Staff) Elder and her husband James of Houston; grandsons Travis Staff and wife Amy of Hillje, Justin Staff & companion Kelly Marek of Louise, great-grandson Tanner Staff of Hillje; step-grandchildren Robert Martin of Minnesota, Matthew Cox and wife Krista of Ft. Worth, and Angela Cox and companion Jason Bogle of Ft. Worth;

step-great-grandchildren: Brittany and Katrina Cox of Minnesota, Hayden Haywood and Noah Cox, both of Ft. Worth; his sister-in-law, Gladys Cerny of El Campo; nephews: Pat, Kenneth and Glen Cerny of El Campo and niece, Cynthia Hickl of El Maton. He will be missed by his kind and thoughtful caregivers. Alfred was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Joe L. Cerny, and his step-grandson, Nathan Elder.

Visitation will be Monday, April 11, 2016, at Triska Funeral Home from 2 pm to 7 pm with the family receiving friends from 4 pm to 6 pm. The Funeral Mass will be 11:00 am Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Rother officiating. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Pat Cerny, Glen Cerny, Kenny Cerny, Tray Stavinoha, Travis Staff, Justin Staff and Tanner Staff. Honorary pallbearers are James Elder, Edna Cerny, Amy Staff, Kelly Marek, Marcus Staff, Ronnie and Cindy Hickl, Pedro and Delores Balderas, Lynn and Helen Blankenburg, Gene Benavidez and Dr. George Hanna.

In lieu of flowers, donations of stuffed animals may be donated to the El Campo Police Department or El Campo Fire Department. Donations may also be made to the St. Philip's School Endowment Fund or to Houston Hospice - El Campo.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Family will receive Friends

APR 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Burial

APR 12 (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Mary Lou Miller and Barbara Miller Coleman, of the Joe Miller family, wish to express our condolences at the passing of Alfred Cerny. May the Lord comfort and strengthen you at this difficult time.*

Isaiah 61:3 - To all who mourn...He will give beauty for ashes; joy instead of mourning; praise instead of heaviness...

Mary Lou Miller & Barbara Coleman - April 14, 2016 at 01:37 PM

JE

Thank you, Mary Lou and Barbara, for your kind words. I know my dad greatly enjoyed farming for y'all and visiting with your dad through the years. We certainly have to rely on the LORD's strength to sustain us in the days ahead.

*Blessings to you both,
Jeanne (Cerny) Elder*

Jeanne Elder - April 20, 2016 at 08:21 PM

BN

“ *Donald, Jeanne and Cathie,
I am so saddened by the loss of Alfred. I just recently found out of his passing. I spent so much time with Donald and Jeanne years ago that I felt like Alfred and Cathie were my second set of parent. You have lost a wonderful husband and father but heaven has gained a special person. I know he has left this world but never your hearts and minds. May God be with you always.*
Brian Niemeier

Brian Niemeier - April 12, 2016 at 09:40 PM

JE

Thank you, Brian. Our hearts are saddened by his departure but we have beautiful memories to cling to. He will certainly be missed and always cherished! Don will be leaving back home tomorrow (Thurs). Please feel free to come by Mom's for a visit.

*Kindly,
Jeanne*

Jeanne Elder - April 13, 2016 at 09:01 AM

PN

“ *Cathie, Donald & Jeanne & families,
We were saddened to hear of Alfred's going Home. Y'all were blessed with such a fine husband & father & grandfather. I have so many happy memories of Donald & my Brian being together (and sometimes Jeanne) -- and through Donald I met his wonderful parents -- so happy to have you in my life and to have known Alfred. Prayers for God's comforting arms to give you peace.*

Tim & Pat Naiser

Pat Naiser - April 12, 2016 at 02:23 PM

JE

*Tim and Pat,
So thankful for your thoughts and prayers! We will certainly miss Dad and we know it will be a tough adjustment for Mom. God's grace is and always will be sufficient. Blessings to you and your,
Jeanne*

Jeanne Elder - April 12, 2016 at 09:37 PM

TB

“ *Kathie, so sorry to hear about Alfred. Unfortunately we will not make the service as we are staying up near Dallas until May 4. Alfred was a sweet man and I know his family and friends will miss him terribly. Please accept our condolences.*

Terry & Rusty Butts

Terry Butts - April 11, 2016 at 06:53 PM

JE

Thank you, Terry and Rusty. My dad always spoke highly of Rusty and considered him a great friend. We loved to hear Dad's stories and will certainly miss him.

Jeanne Elder - April 11, 2016 at 09:41 PM

TF

“ *The Bolfing Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Alfred Jim Cerny.*



The Bolfing Family - April 11, 2016 at 01:58 PM

DV

“ *Catherine, Jay and I were so sorry to hear of Alfred's passing. Alfred and you were the first two I got to meet of Jay's family after we married and I looked forward to each visit we made from Houston to see both of you. Alfred was such a sweet and kind man and I am so glad I got to know him. I know he will be missed by many and even though he is our loss here, the angels have gained a wonderful person.*

God bless and you will be in our prayers for comfort and peace.

Donna Vana

Donna Vana - April 11, 2016 at 01:35 PM

JE

Donna, thank you so much for your kind words, thoughts and prayers. Mom and Dad always enjoyed your visits and I'm sure Mom will be so thankful for Uncle Jay's visit during this difficult time. We will miss you!
Love,
Jeanne

Jeanne Elder - April 11, 2016 at 09:47 PM

RB

“ *Cathie and family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Just know others are praying for you and your family during this difficult time. He was such a sweet man. Sincerely - Rita (Herzik) Bolf*

Rita Bolf - April 11, 2016 at 10:10 AM

JE

Thank you, Rita, for your kind words and prayers. So thankful for friends and family at a time like this.
Blessings,
Jeanne

Jeanne Elder - April 11, 2016 at 09:47 PM

MS

“ *So sincerely sorry for your loss. Martin Schimcek*

Martin Schimcek - April 11, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JE

Thank you, Martin. We will certainly miss him!

Jeanne Elder - April 11, 2016 at 09:48 PM

TS

“ *Tray, Connie & Krystana Stavinoha purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Alfred Jim Cerny.*



Tray, Connie & Krystana Stavinoha - April 11, 2016 at 09:19 AM

BM

“ *Cathie so sorry to hear the sad news...He was a wonderful man and one I always made time to chat and visit at Wal Mart. You both have been special friends and I do will miss him...I ask God to be there for you thru these tough times. God bless to you and all your family...I know how much he loved his kids and grand kids...*

Bernie Medford - April 10, 2016 at 09:30 PM

SW

Cathie, I was so sorry to hear of Alfred's passing. I'm so glad I got to know you both. We are on our way home from Italy but I will see you on Tuesday.

Sherrie Witcher - April 11, 2016 at 03:11 AM

JE

*Thank you, Bernie. My mom was so blessed by your kind words. Blessings,
Jeanne (Cathie and Alfred's daughter)*

Jeanne Elder - April 11, 2016 at 09:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alfred Jim Cerny.*



April 10, 2016 at 07:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alfred Jim Cerny.*



April 10, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *May God Bless the family and friends of Alfred at this difficult time. May he rest in Peace.
Sincerely Karen & Sheldon Holub*

sheldon holub - April 10, 2016 at 04:47 PM



*Thank you, Sheldon and Karen for thinking of us! We greatly enjoyed seeing Sheldon tonight at the visitation. Karen, we will keep you and your parents in our prayers.
Blessings,
Jeanne*

Jeanne Elder - April 11, 2016 at 09:53 PM

SH

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