



## Bernadette Ann Svajda

August 19, 1933 - November 1, 2017

Bernadette Ann Jurecek Svajda, 84, of El Campo, passed away from this life to be with her Lord on November 1, 2017, after a lengthy illness. She was born August 19, 1933 in Sealy, TX to Joseph and Josephine Bures Jurecek. Bernadette completed grade school at Immaculate Conception Catholic School and graduated from Sealy High School. At the age of 21, after a 6 month courtship, she married the love of her life, Virgil Svajda, on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1953 in Sealy. They made their lifelong home in El Campo, where Bernadette lovingly served her family, church, and community. Her hobbies included gardening with her husband, baking, cake decorating, and crafts - but the most appreciated by her family were her skills in the kitchen and the way she perfected the cheese roll. She was a faithful member of St. Philip Catholic Church and Catholic Daughters of America. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Donna Kaspar and husband Thomas of El Campo and Ginger Butler and husband Christian of Houston; son, Mark Svajda of Houston; grandchildren, Christopher Tzitzis of Houston and Carolyn Butler of Boise, Idaho and her loving pet cat, Tiger. Bernadette was preceded in death by her parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vladimer and Mary Svajda; brother, Henry Jurecek and brother and sister-in-law, Ladgie and Jean Svajda. The family would like to give special thanks to Bernadette's caregiver, Belinda Elledge, the doctors, nurses and staff at El Campo Memorial Hospital and at the SPJST nursing home, and Father Clem in Hillje, Texas.

Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday, November 5 at Triska Funeral Home with a Rosary recited at 5 p.m. Funeral Mass begins 10 a.m. Monday, November 6 at St. Philip Catholic Church. Entombment will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Kaspar, Christian Butler, Christopher Tzitzis, Ricardo Sosa, Bobby Hayes, and Bill Goerig. Honorary pallbearers are Michael Svajda, Frank Bubela, and Ted Hajovsky.

Memorial donations in memory of Bernadette may be made to St. Philip School or St. Philip Catholic Church.

Condolences for the family may be left online at [www.triskafuneralhome.com](http://www.triskafuneralhome.com)  
Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Memorial Park

1617 South Mechanic Street  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-3770

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

NOV 5. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

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NOV 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda & Ken Kram lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Svajda*



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**Linda & Ken Kram** - January 04, 2018 at 05:48 AM

 Linda Kram

“ *Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Svajda*



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**Linda Kram** - January 04, 2018 at 05:46 AM

SB

“ *Our deepest condolences to you all on the loss of Bernadette. She was a wonderful, sweet person. We enjoyed the great company of Virgil and Bernadette every time we saw them. May the Lord keep you strong though this time in your lives, you are all in our prayers. Sandra Bickett, Frank Bernal and Irene Petter.*



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**Sandra Bickett** - November 07, 2017 at 02:31 PM

DS

“ Virgil, Donna, Ginger, Mark and families,

*The whole Sevcik family sends our most sincere sympathy for your loss. We will always remember all of the 4th of July barbeques and the many stories our parents told of gatherings, outings, gardening and a wide range of do-it-yourself projects with the Svajda's. Bernadette always remembered my birthday since we were both born on nearly the same day of the month. Take care.*

*Don Sevcik*

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**Don Sevcik** - November 06, 2017 at 05:53 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear about Bernadette. She was a Friend of my parents and family for many years. An expert cook and a sweet person. I know you all will miss her but I am sure she is having coffee right now with Mom and Dad!

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**Marilyn and Darrell Heine** - November 06, 2017 at 05:07 PM

SP

“ Mr. Svajda, Donna, Ginger & Mark,  
So sorry to hear about your loss, such a wonderful person. She was a joy to know, friendly and always smiling. I know you will miss her dearly, may you hold her memories in your hearts forever.

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**Susie & AJ Priesmeyer** - November 06, 2017 at 10:33 AM

PM

“ *My deepest sympathy to you all. Bernadette was one of my favorite ladies to visit with at the Svajda reunions, always looked forward to seeing her and Virgil and loved her cheese rolls (which I was lucky enough to get her secret recipe). Wish we would have known about her passing sooner. Love and hugs to all.*

*Pat & Lori Motl, East Bernard*

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**Pat & Lori Motl** - November 06, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernadette Ann Svajda.*



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November 05, 2017 at 05:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bernadette Ann Svajda.*



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November 04, 2017 at 03:52 PM

TL

“ *Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God. (Matthew 5:8). You so loved your friends and family! You will really be missed. God Bless You!!! Mary Ann & Charles*

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**Tlucek** - November 04, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Diana Huvar lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Svajda*



**Diana Huvar** - November 04, 2017 at 01:38 AM



*DEAR SVAJDA FAMILY PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE IN THE PASSING OF MRS, SVAJDA GOD JUST ADDED ANOTHER ANGEL IN HEAVEN. SHE WAS A SPECIAL LADY AND NEIGHBOR WHO ALWAYS HAD A SMILE AND KIND WORD FOR EVERYONE. MAY SHE SLEEP WITH THE ANGELS AND REST IN THE ARMS OF OUR LORD. WITH LOVE THE HUVAR FAMILY*

**Diana Huvar** - November 04, 2017 at 01:53 AM

BM

“ *Bernadette & Butch Medford lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Svajda*



**Bernadette & Butch Medford** - November 03, 2017 at 10:22 PM

BE

*Virgil we want to say how sorry we were to hear the sad news about Bernadette . You guys were both so special in our lives and love you both. May God wrap around your shoulders and be there both for you and all your family. God's blessings always..Butch and Bernadette*

**Bernadette** - November 03, 2017 at 10:25 PM

TB

*Mr Svajda, please know you and the girls are lifted up in prayers for your comfort and healing. Love Toodie and Bobby Brady*

**Toodie Brady** - November 05, 2017 at 06:42 PM

JR

“ *Mr. Svajda and girls, so very sorry to hear of Bernadett's passing. She was a special lady in every way. Praying for you all.*

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**Janie Roehl** - November 03, 2017 at 07:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bernadette Ann Svajda.*



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November 03, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernadette Ann Svajda.*



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November 03, 2017 at 04:39 PM

RP

“ *Russell, Rosemary, Natalie and Nicholas Pizzuto purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Bernadette Ann Svajda.*



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**Russell, Rosemary, Natalie and Nicholas Pizzuto** - November 03, 2017 at 01:27 PM

SP

“ Shirley Venglar Popp lit a candle in memory of Bernadette Ann Svajda



Shirley Venglar Popp - November 03, 2017 at 12:51 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernadette Ann Svajda.



November 03, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Bernadette Ann Svajda.



November 03, 2017 at 10:37 AM

GD

“ Dear Virgil and children. I have just seen on my IPad the loss of your precious Bernadette and am heartbroken for you and El Campo for the loss. So very sorry, she was my friend for many years.

May God comfort you and be by your side. It will not be easy, but you will get through the process. It's been five months since I lost Bill and I'm adjusting as you will do.

I send my love and condolences to each of you.

Gloria Dowden

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**Gloria Dowden** - November 03, 2017 at 10:21 AM

BG

“ What a wonderful lady! Our prayers our with the whole family!

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**Bill and Cynthia Goerig** - November 02, 2017 at 06:24 PM

MS

It was so good to see you two last night. Thank you for being such great friends. She loved y'all.

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**Mark Svajda** - November 03, 2017 at 05:15 PM

MM

“ So sorry to hear about your bride. She (and you) are in my prayers.



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**Mike Meisner** - November 02, 2017 at 06:22 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of  
Bernadette Ann Svajda*



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**Patricia Dybala** - November 02, 2017 at 05:34 PM