



## Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina

January 20, 1934 - June 1, 2025

Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina, 91, of Garwood, Texas, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones, on June 1, 2025. She was born at home on January 20, 1934 to Henry and Hedwig (Hattie) Kosler Staff.

Bernice attended St. Mary's Parochial School in Nada, Texas and graduated from El Campo High School where she excelled in various sports and received the coveted Babe Ruth Award. After high school she was employed by Bishkin's in El Campo, Texas and then married her soulmate Anthony Henry Virgil Kallina at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Nada, Texas on April 28, 1953. They enjoyed 72 wonderful years of marriage and shared a special bond of love that could be witnessed and felt by others.

Bernice was honored with many titles; Sunshine, Honey, Granny, Granny-O, Aunt B and devoted friend. She was active in and held various offices in The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #1595 and the Christian Mothers Society. For many years, Bernice was a volunteer coach for the girl's baseball and volleyball teams at St. Mary's Parochial School. She came from a musical family and was blessed with a beautiful voice that she shared as member of the Church Adult Choir. She even volunteered her family to sing for Easter and Christmas Masses.

Bernice was a fabulous cook and loved to get together with family and friends

for special meals and “Long conversations”!

Bernice could be seen along with her husband, Anthony, at practically every event her children and grandchildren participated in; from baseball and volleyball games, school plays, concerts, pageants, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and Texas Aggie Football games, where she hosted many families, friends and students to warm meals and thought-provoking conversations. She attended all Religious Celebrations from Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations and Marriages. Bernice was a woman of unwavering faith, counsel and a friend to all and a stranger to none.

Survivors include her husband Anthony Henry Virgil Kallina; children, Janice (Jan) Marek and husband Dennis of Sugar Land, Brenda Berger and husband Douglas of Port O’Connor, and Thomas (Tom) Kallina and wife Sally of Garwood; grandchildren, Neysha Marek Frontera and husband Stephen, Ashley Berger Velasquez and husband Dr. Alejandro Velasquez, Garrett Marek and wife Jessica, Keith Kallina, Kelsey Berger Bailey and husband Austen, Dr. Kayli Kallina and husband Dr. Felipe Lopez, Brian Kallina and wife Mehrnoosh, Brandon Berger and Cameron Berger; great-grandchildren, Anthony and Derek Frontera, Christian and Elena Claire Kallina, Gabriel Bailey and Miguel Kallina-Lopez; siblings Dolores (Dolly) Swoboda, Margaret (Maug) Anderson and Cecelia (Cel) Krenek and numerous extended family and friends.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; children, Anthony Virgil Kallina, Jr., Infant Baby Daughter and Robert Alan Kallina; granddaughter Kara LeAnne Kallina; siblings Regina Ohnheiser, Walter Staff, Gertrude Wied and Mary Ann Koudela.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Nada, Texas. A CDA Rosary will

be recited at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Funeral Mass at 2:00 p.m., with Reverend Fr. Peter Yeboah-Amanfo officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Bernice's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the remarkable caregivers who touched Bernice's life with loving compassion, unwavering dedication, and genuine kindness. Your care and presence meant the world to them.

Memorials may be made to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (St. Mary's Church, P.O. Box 97, Nada, Texas, 77460) or Garwood Volunteer Fire Department (P.O. Box 131, Garwood, Texas, 77442).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Nada, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
1261 Old Nada Rd  
Nada, TX 77460  
(979) 758-3218

## Rosary

JUN 6. 1:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

JUN 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Tom, Jan, Brenda and all the Kallina family, I was so saddened to hear of your beautiful mother's passing. You have my heartfelt sympathy at this time. Your mother was a devout woman of faith and an excellent example for the young women in your parish and community. I hope memories of happier times spent together will remain with you always. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving comfort. Rest in peace, Mrs. Kallina



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**Sandra Cranek** - June 05, 2025 at 01:39 PM

CB

“ Crains and Ballards purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.



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**Crains and Ballards** - June 05, 2025 at 01:35 PM

CS

“ Curtis and Mary Schlauch purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.



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**Curtis and Mary Schlauch** - June 05, 2025 at 12:09 PM

TF

“ Tate Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.



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**Tate Family** - June 05, 2025 at 10:38 AM

TF

“ Tate Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.

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**Tate Family** - June 05, 2025 at 10:38 AM

LF

“ Love, Cheryl Walker family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.



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**Love, Cheryl Walker family** - June 04, 2025 at 10:33 PM

LF

“ Love, Cheryl Walker family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.

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**Love, Cheryl Walker family** - June 04, 2025 at 10:33 PM

RM

“ Rose Ann Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



Rose Ann Mitchell - June 04, 2025 at 12:04 PM

DS

“ Debbie & Bryan Serpas lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



Debbie & Bryan Serpas - June 04, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.



June 04, 2025 at 10:48 AM

KH

“ Kathy & Larry Hlavaty lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



Kathy & Larry Hlavaty - June 03, 2025 at 10:29 PM

TB

“ Sending hugs & prayers to the families. Such a beautiful & sweet Lady.



Tommy & Monica Bram - June 03, 2025 at 07:28 PM

VQ

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



Vicky Quijas - June 03, 2025 at 05:57 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



Vicky Quijas - June 03, 2025 at 05:51 PM

LS

“ Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



Liz Staff - June 03, 2025 at 05:13 PM

DN

“ *Debbie Green Nelson lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina*



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**Debbie Green Nelson** - June 03, 2025 at 04:58 PM

FZ

“ *Frances Zeig purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.*



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**Frances Zeig** - June 03, 2025 at 04:54 PM

FZ

“ *Frances Zeig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.*

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**Frances Zeig** - June 03, 2025 at 04:54 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina*



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**Patricia Dybala** - June 03, 2025 at 04:02 PM

DF

“ Dorothy Saha family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.



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**Dorothy Saha family** - June 03, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.



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June 03, 2025 at 02:26 PM

SS

“ Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



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**Sandra Stary** - June 03, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.



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June 03, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina.

June 03, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



kathryn krpec - June 03, 2025 at 07:12 AM



“ Janet Freeman lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



Janet Freeman - June 02, 2025 at 07:12 PM



“ Riha, Garrett, Wenske, Leopold Family lit a candle in memory of Bernice Rosalia Staff Kallina



Riha, Garrett, Wenske, Leopold Family - June 02, 2025 at 01:52 PM