



Bernice Keinarth

December 18, 1925 - January 31, 2022

Born on December 18, 1925, the first child of Louis and Lillie Adamcik, Bernice Adamcik Keinarth always considered El Campo to be her home. Her parents, her two younger brothers, Elton and Merrill Adamcik, and her husband Arthur Keinarth preceded Bernice in death.

Art and Bernice met and fell in love on the dance floor of the old Palacios Pavilion during WWII. For almost 60 years they continued to be spectacular dancing partners, moving together and apart with graceful and joyful style and intention, both on the dance floor and throughout daily life. Bernice delighted in the adventure of travel and she and Art took up temporary residence in a variety of places as he pursued his military career. After his death in 2002, Bernice continued to season her long and useful life traveling with family and friends. On January 31, 2022, when her Spirit gently returned home, she was residing in Austin, Texas where she moved in 2015, to be closer to her extended family.

Bernice is survived by her daughter Sharyn Keinarth Reynolds (her husband Gary) of Austin and two sons, Art Keinarth (his wife Sally) of Bastrop and Paul Keinarth (his wife Mary) of Austin. Bernice experienced a sense of deep joy in any connection with her six grandchildren: Matthew and Aaron Reynolds, Payne, Jake and Daniel Keinarth and Kathleen Keinarth Llamas. She also has six great-grandchildren who will surely carry the benefits of her loving interest

and attention into the future.

Never one to be idle, Bernice was always deeply involved in service to the community. She was a 1943 graduate of ECHS and for over eight decades an active volunteer in a many organizations supporting the needs of children, public education, veterans, gardening and public beautification, as well as the development of the Heritage Center and The El Campo Museum.

In her early professional life Bernice worked in retail and later as a bookkeeper and office manager with Growers Marketing Association. While working, volunteering and raising an active family, she dedicated many nights, weekends and summer months to furthering her education. Starting out at Wharton County Junior College and taking courses at several colleges and universities when she and Art would be on temporary duty, Bernice ultimately earned both Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Houston, as well as advanced teaching certifications for Special Education and Public Administration. Her first position in ECISD was as a Teacher's Aid but over 20 years of employment in the District, she retired as the Principal of the Meadow Lane School. Throughout her adult life she lived out her deep and rich family values through membership in the Czech Heritage Society, the Saint Paul's United Methodist Church of El Campo and The University Presbyterian Church in Austin.

The family will return Bernice's body to it's earthly home, where she will be buried alongside her husband and surrounded by her extended family in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in El Campo in a private family burial and the time and place for a public Celebration of her life will be announced at a later time.

The viewing will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday, February 11 at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo. A private graveside service will be held with the immediate

family present. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Matthew Reynolds, Aaron Reynolds, Payne Keinarth, Jake Keinarth, Daniel Keinarth and Kathleen Keinarth Llamas.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Our condolences to the family
Gilbert and Maria Delgado*



Maria Ocanas Delgado - February 10, 2022 at 07:37 AM

LM

“ *Lu Matzke lit a candle in memory of Bernice
Keinarth*



Lu Matzke - February 09, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Bernice Keinarth.*



February 08, 2022 at 12:49 PM

TP

“ *The Payne's purchased the Sweet Tenderness
for the family of Bernice Keinarth.*



The Payne's - February 07, 2022 at 01:04 PM

MB

“ Our years of friendship are so special to me. She and Art were such good folks and we enjoyed our times together. Knowing we will be together soon again in healthy new bodies. The reunion in Heaven will be so full of love with all the souls gone before. You are loved and will be missed my dear friend.

Toodie Brady

Maureen Brady - February 07, 2022 at 01:08 AM

GM

“ Hi, Art (Artie), it's Gary Meek, your friend from high school. I am so sorry to see the news about your Mother. But you are lucky to have had her as long as you did. My Mother was also born in 1925 so they must have graduated from ECHS together. My sympathies but also best wishes to you and your family.

Gary Meek - February 06, 2022 at 01:33 PM

JB

My beautiful Aunt Bea She was an amazing woman who raised some amazing children . She was always there when I needed her With nothing but love I will miss her very much but I'm happy to know that she is up in heaven laughing And dancing with my Uncle Art

Judy Byars - February 11, 2022 at 03:01 PM

BJ

“ Deepest sympathy to the family. You were truly blessed to have Bernice for so long. Treasure the memories while she is at rest. Bernice & my Mom, Annie Mae Gloeckner, corresponded when Bernice moved to Austin.

Bonnie Gloeckner Johnson - February 05, 2022 at 09:11 PM

DH

“ PS--I missed your mother's lively Christmas card this year. She and I touched base at Christmas ever since she moved. I know you all loved having her close by these last years. We definitely missed her in EC.

Love, Dot

Dot and Ellwood Hermansen - February 05, 2022 at 02:22 PM

DH

“ Dearest Sharyn, Artie, Paul and family,
With blessings from above to all of you in the passing of your mother. We, the whole Lucian Kainer Family, send our love to all of you. Know that our hugs embrace your entire family with the utmost of tender love. I suppose the family friendship started years ago when your mother was at the marketing association. Also, knowing that both of our parents loved to dance kept their friendship close as they both belonged to the Strugglers Club if my memory is correct. They had many a breakfast together after those dances.



Our friendship continued as Ellwood and I moved to Avenue K and your mother was living on the street behind us. We visited often at the mailbox and I felt as if I was keeping up with all of you. I think of you all often as Ellwood's barn is out on Blue Creek Road and as I pass your old home, my memories come flooding back. Old friends are some of the very best. All of you take care and know that your mother's and dad's memories live on in many of us. Thanks, also, to your mother for the many years of service she gave to the children in El Campo in our school system. God bless all of you. I hope we get to visit on February 11th. With love, Dot and Ellwood

Dot and Ellwood Hermansen - February 05, 2022 at 01:38 PM

AM

“ My condolences to the family at this difficult time.



Andrea McCann - February 03, 2022 at 07:39 PM

JM

“ Although Bernice has been gone from El Campo a number of years we, as well as many others here in our town, realize that El Campo has lost a genuine and important member of our community. We have fond memories of her and Art both from our public school interaction and from our contact as neighbors on Meadow Creek. We hope that the days and years ahead will be filled with your memories. We know that each one will bring a new smile. Blessings to all,
Jeannette and Leon Macha

Jeannette Macha - February 03, 2022 at 07:11 PM

BS

Blessings & prayers to the family of Bernice. We so enjoyed our Peterka family reunion a few years back where we all met & visited with our extended family. It was amazing how Bernice remembered so much about all our lives. Sharing family pictures was also wonderful. Please know that u all will be in our thoughts & prayers. Love to u all, Jack & Becky Swanson.
PS. See u Feb. 11th. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Becky Swanson - February 05, 2022 at 03:01 PM

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“ *ECHS Class Of 1968 lit a candle in memory of Bernice Keinarth*



ECHS Class of 1968 - February 03, 2022 at 03:30 PM