



## Bruce Oliver Cornelson

June 3, 1929 - October 10, 2018

Bruce Oliver Cornelson, 89, of El Campo, passed away on October 10, 2018. He was born on June 3, 1929 to the late Fenton "Red" Cornelson and Olga Stienmann Cornelson. He married Annabell Trochta on May 12, 1952. Bruce entered the United States Air Force in 1948 and he served 6 years. He was stationed at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska for 2 ½ years with the balance of his tour in South Carolina and at Ellington AFB in Houston, TX. He studied accounting while in the service and served as Wing Sergeant Major before discharge with the rank of Tech Sergeant. He returned to El Campo in 1954 and took a job with Texas West Indies Company (TWI) and El Campo Rice Milling Company (ELCO). He spent the next thirty-seven years as their Chief Accountant and Corporate Executive until his retirement in December 1991. Bruce enjoyed El Campo Ricebird Football and every Friday night during Football season you could find him at the games. He has had the same football seats since 1954. His grandsons Chris and Kyle Kerzee both played football for El Campo and he never missed a game. Bruce also enjoyed spending time at the bay at his bay house with family and friends. He loved to fish and spend time in his wood shop at home. If you needed anything fixed you could always call on Bruce.

He is survived by his wife Annabell Trochta Cornelson of El Campo; daughters Linda Kerzee and husband Richard of El Campo; Debbie Duncan and husband George of Sugarland; son Wade Cornelson and wife Cheryl of El

Campo; grandchildren, Chris Kerzee of El Campo; Kyle Kerzee of College Station/Washington DC; Dalton Cornelson of El Campo; special companion, Sadie the Pomeranian and honorary daughter Paula Mazoch.

Visitation will begin on Friday October 12, 2018 from 4:00pm-7:00pm at Triska Funeral Home. A Rosary will be recited on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 1:30pm at St. Philip Catholic Church with a funeral Mass following at 2:00pm with Rev. Michael Rother officiating. Burial will follow at the Holy Cross Memorial Park with military honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post 351.

Pallbearers will be Chris Kerzee, Kyle Kerzee, Dalton Cornelson, Coy Radley, Clay Altenhoff and Brylan Crivellari.

The family of Bruce Cornelson expresses heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Houston Hospice of El Campo. The care he received was more than we could ever have anticipated and we will forever be grateful. Thank you again and you will also hold a very special place in our hearts.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Philip Catholic School.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **12.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

OCT **13.** 1:30 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

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OCT **13**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Enjoyed working with Bruce and Pete Miller when I married and moved to El Campo in 1963. Senator Culp Krueger got me the job at TWI when he found out I was marrying and moving here.. Bruce and Annabell were good friends for many years, and the Kerzees became special when they moved next door to us. Bruce was so proud of Annabell and all his family. Wanda Rapp

Wanda P Rapp - October 11, 2018 at 05:08 PM

KP

“ Kari Peikert lit a candle in memory of Bruce Oliver Cornelson



kari peikert - October 11, 2018 at 03:44 PM

KP

Bruce was a good guy  
Going to miss seeing him around town

kari peikert - October 11, 2018 at 03:47 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Bruce Oliver Cornelson.



October 11, 2018 at 01:48 PM