



## Bruce Edgar Marek

May 30, 1949 - March 11, 2015

Bruce Edgar Marek, 91, of Pierce passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Avalon Place-Wharton. He was born January 16, 1924 in Pierce to Blahus and Viola Wilbeck Marek. Bruce was united in marriage to Josephine Cowden on May 30, 1949 in El Paso. They were married for 46 years. He then married Mary Biediger Helm on March 2, 1996 in El Campo. Bruce was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in El Campo.

Bruce was a faithful steward of the family farm that he and his brother Roland farmed for over 50 years. He loved his family and community and served on various committees such as the El Campo school board and church council. He was a remarkably talented story teller, and enjoyed singing and playing his guitar.

He was an avid collector of Smith & Wesson handguns, and was a member of the Smith & Wesson Collectors Association. Bruce became an excellent rifle and pistol marksman as he enjoyed shooting and reloading ammunition to attain that precision load.

Mr. Marek is survived by his wife Mary, and children Janice and Gary Gensler, Joy and Steve Cobb and their children Naomi, Abby, Kevin and Zac, Joni and Tim Powers and their children Hannah and Kate, Ron and Janet Helm and niece Marcia Palt and husband Raymond.

He was preceded in death by his wife Josephine Cowden Marek, his parents, brother Roland and sister Isabell Kaltwasser.

The family will receive visitors from 5 -7 pm Friday, March 13, 2015 at Triska

Funeral Home. Following a private burial, a memorial service will be held at Saturday, March 14th at 1 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, El Campo.

Memorial donations may be made to Houston Hospice-El Campo, P.O. Box 1417, El Campo, TX 77437 or Christ Lutheran Church, 1401 Avenue I, El Campo, TX 77437.

Condolences may be shared with the family online at [www.triskafuneralhome.com](http://www.triskafuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Previous Events

## Family Will Receive Visitors

MAR 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church  
1401 Ave I  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Old Bruce Marek sure loved guns,  
And he had him one or two.  
Every time I came to visit,  
He'd show me just a few.*

*He'd tell the story of each gun,  
A smile upon his lips;  
And he loved to show the weapons  
For which he made the grips!*

*He had bullets for them all,  
And could re-load most any shell.  
He loved to hunt, and fish, and shoot,  
And the stories he could tell!*

*Like the time that he and Andrew  
Went hunting, just those two.  
They bagged their limit with one shot,  
And that was quite a few!*

*Handy with a pocket knife,  
Bruce created many things.  
The coolest of them all for me  
Are the interlocking rings.*

*He was also a musician,  
But really, in the end,  
I was simply pleased that he  
Considered me his friend.*

*I'll miss him.....our condolences to his family.....Wendell  
McAskill*

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Wendell McAskill - March 19, 2015 at 03:01 PM

TH

“ *Janice....you have my deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. May the good Lord keep you strong in the days to come....*  
*Theresa M.*



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**Theresa** - March 19, 2015 at 08:23 AM

MA

“ *Marla lit a candle in memory of Bruce Edgar Marek*



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**Marla** - March 17, 2015 at 01:35 PM

MA

“ *My condolences to you and your family~~~~*



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**Marla** - March 17, 2015 at 01:35 PM

VG

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family Janice. You are in my prayers.*

*Veronica Garcia*

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**Veronica Garcia** - March 17, 2015 at 10:50 AM

IR

“ *My condolences to the family of Mr. Bruce Marek. He was a very kind and caring man. He was a board member at Nightingale hospital and I had the pleasure of working with him back in the mid 70's. I remember him as being soft spoken and very nice. May he rest in peace.*  
*Irma Rocha*

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**Irma Rocha** - March 15, 2015 at 07:55 PM

SM

“ *Will miss Mr. Bruce. He always had a joke to tell!*

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**Sharon Mersmann** - March 13, 2015 at 10:11 AM

MS

“ I sure am sorry to hear that Bruce has passed away. Back in the 80's we spent a lot of time together with our friends at gun shows and at the pistol range.

*I spent many hours with Bruce going over different S&W revolvers and the stories behind them and he taught me a lot about the history behind each one.*

*Funny story, at the big Houston gun show in 1984 Bruce saw a S&W that he wanted to buy that had no price on it so he asked the seller how much he wanted for it. The seller looked at Bruce who was dressed in his First National Bank cap, khaki pants and plain shirt and said "Old timer if you have to ask the price you probably can't afford it." Bruce just smiled, thanked the man and said "Well you're probably right." and then we all walked off. Clarence Ivy, Ray Cornelson and I just chuckled about how the guy had just lost a sale.*

*A few rows later Bruce handed me a wad of \$100.00 bills and told me to go back to the table and buy the revolver but not to spend more than \$500.00 for it. So I did as I was told and asked the seller if he would take \$300.00 for the revolver but he balked and said no but that he would take \$400.00 so I bought it.*

*I took the revolver to Bruce and gave it and his change to him and asked him why he would want to do business with the guy after he was so rude to him. Bruce replied , "Martin, never let your emotions make business decisions for you, besides that revolver is worth \$800 bucks so I got him for \$400."*

*Godspeed Bruce and thank you for the lessons and the education.*

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**Martin Strarup** - March 13, 2015 at 08:06 AM



*Janice, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Jill Thigpen Hudgins*

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**Jill Hudgins** - March 17, 2015 at 10:38 AM



*May he and his brother rest in peace. My family work for the two brothers back in the early 50's.. very kind. My mom and I saw Bruce's brother in the 90's..while traveling to Houston. I was born on their farm in 1955. The Marek brothers were very kind folks. My parents have great memories. May the Lord bless you and your family.*

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**Maria Delgado** - March 04, 2017 at 02:16 AM