



## Bruce Rothbauer

November 7, 1959 - March 27, 2023

Bruce Allen Rothbauer, 63, of El Campo, passed away March 27, 2023. He was born on November 7, 1959 in Hallettsville to the late Eugene “Gene” and Lexie Etlinger Rothbauer. During high school he was a four-year letterman in football with the nickname “Tank.” In football you knew he had a bad day if he had grass stains on his back. He was a sales representative for Coca Cola for 30 years until he started his own business, BB&C Trucking. He was on the Rebel softball team and played as long as his knees and shoulders would let him. Bruce was a very devoted family man and would do anything for his loved ones. He was always willing to help and never said no. He helped his father, Gene, with the Knights of Columbus Hall. He enjoyed working, cooking, fishing, hunting and tubing on Lake Texana. Bruce never had bad word to say about anything or anybody. He always had a smile on his face, even during the tough times. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Koncaba Rothbauer of El Campo; son, Clinton Rothbauer of El Campo; step-sons, Brad Bethke (DeNeal) of Inez and Dwayne Bethke (Donna) of Jackson, FL; grandchildren, Alek Bethke, Jordan Bethke, River Bethke, Raina Bethke, Landry Payne, and Brett Payne; sister, Gina Rothbauer of El Campo and brother, Neil Rothbauer of El Campo. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be on Friday, March 31, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. at Triska Funeral

Home. A Rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 1, 2023 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church with a funeral Mass following at 10 a.m.

Pallbearers will be Marvin Long, Darrel Rothbauer, Dean Orts, Warren Henneke, Billy Drapela, Karl Orts, Marchel Cunningham, and Mark Appling.

Honorary pallbearers will be Andrew Rothbauer and Bruce Maulding.

Memorial donations in memory of Bruce may be made to El Campo Volunteer Fire Department.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

APR 1. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Andrew's Catholic Church  
270 St. Andrew's St  
El Campo, TX 77437

## Funeral Mass

APR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew's Catholic Church  
270 St. Andrew's St  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Martin Strarup lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer*



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**Martin Strarup** - April 04, 2023 at 12:28 PM

LG

“ *My heart breaks for you and the boys, Rosemary. I know the angels wrapped their beautiful wings around Bruce and flew him home. My thoughts, prayers and love go out to you and the boys.  
Lots of love,  
Linda Gauthier and family*

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**Linda Gauthier** - April 02, 2023 at 01:34 PM

MS

“ *Bruce always had a great smile and a great sense of humor. He was a kind and hardworking person. I will truly miss him. Sending hugs and prayers to all his family and friends. God Bless.*

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**Martin Schimcek** - April 02, 2023 at 11:52 AM

DC

“ *Dora Castro lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer*



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**Dora Castro** - April 02, 2023 at 12:35 AM

KK

“ Rosemary, I am so saddened for your loss of Bruce. I've known him since school days, and he always had a smile. My heart is hurting for you. May the comfort of God be with you and your family ♡

Karen Kight - March 31, 2023 at 09:08 AM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Cindy Riha - March 30, 2023 at 11:33 PM

RR

Thank You 🙏

Rose Rothbauer - April 06, 2023 at 08:16 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bruce Rothbauer.



March 30, 2023 at 08:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Rothbauer.



March 30, 2023 at 07:21 PM

PT

“ Pat Taylor lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Pat Taylor - March 30, 2023 at 12:27 PM

RR

Thank You 🙏

Rose Rothbauer - April 06, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce Rothbauer.



March 29, 2023 at 09:18 PM

PH

“ Peggy Halamicek lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Peggy Halamicek - March 29, 2023 at 03:45 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Vicky Quijas - March 29, 2023 at 11:56 AM

VQ

“ So sorry for your loss! Please know Gina your family are in my thoughts & prayers! 🙏🙏🙏🙏  
God bless you & your loved ones! RIP Bruce!  
He will be missed by everyone who knew & loved him! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - March 29, 2023 at 11:56 AM

CZ

“ Carol Z.Tomlinson lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Carol Z.Tomlinson - March 29, 2023 at 11:22 AM

MM

“ I am so sorry for the untimely loss of Bruce. I have known Bruce since he was a little boy. I grew up with his mother Lexie and the entire Etlinger family in Moulton. I will cherish the times we had together in Moulton. I remember him coming to visit his grandparents in Moulton always had a smile on his face. I'm sure his mom Lexie and dad Gene were waiting for him in heaven with open arms. May god bring his blessings upon the entire family.

Michael Biehunko..... Victoria/San Mar - March 29, 2023 at 11:19 AM

SB

“ Steve Bartek lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Steve Bartek - March 29, 2023 at 10:11 AM

DF

“ Tony and I are so sorry for your loss, Rosemary. Please know that I am thinking and praying for you and your family. Love from us, Tony and Darlene 💕💕

Darlene (cousin) and Tony Flores - March 28, 2023 at 10:23 PM

LE

“ With deepest sympathy, prayers for the whole family 🙏 Ben and Lena Tupa

lena - March 28, 2023 at 09:11 PM

GY

“ I am saddened by the loss of Bruce. We worked together for a while and he was always ready to lend a helping hand if needed. My deepest sympathy to the family. May God give you strength.

Gary Yackel - March 28, 2023 at 08:53 PM

GY

“ Gary Yackel lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Gary Yackel - March 28, 2023 at 08:49 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wigginton lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer*



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**Barbara Wigginton** - March 28, 2023 at 08:18 PM

MC

“ *Rosemary,*

*I was so saddened to hear of Bruce's passing. Know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏*

*Sincerely,  
Mary Chambless*

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**Mary Chambless** - March 28, 2023 at 06:33 PM

DB

“ *Diane Busby lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer*



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**Diane Busby** - March 28, 2023 at 06:16 PM

RW

“ *Rose Wisenbaker lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer*



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**Rose Wisenbaker** - March 28, 2023 at 05:31 PM

DM

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Bruce will be missed he had a contagious smile and a caring heart. May you rest in piece my friend.  
Debbie Matcheski



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**Debra J Matcheski** - March 28, 2023 at 05:18 PM

BP

“ My sympathy to Rosemary & her family on your loss of Bruce. Sending prayers, words of comfort & love to all.

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**Betty Pohler** - March 28, 2023 at 05:16 PM

DD

“ Diane Dluhos lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



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**Diane Dluhos** - March 28, 2023 at 04:57 PM

SS

“ Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



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**Sandra Stary** - March 28, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SP

“ Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Shirley Popp - March 28, 2023 at 04:41 PM

KK

“ Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Kathy Koudela - March 28, 2023 at 04:28 PM

KK

“ So sad to have lost another one of our 1978 classmates, but God gained a real linebacker in his garden. Bruce was a very likeable person and always full of spunk. Our class has lost a great guy. Bruce let your wings soar up above. Our thoughts are prayers are with you Rose and your family.

Kathy Koudela - March 28, 2023 at 04:27 PM

TW

“ Trey And Lauren White lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer



Trey and Lauren White - March 28, 2023 at 04:17 PM

DS

“ *David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer*



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**David & Charlene Linhart Smith** - March 28, 2023 at 03:55 PM

GV

“ *Gary Voelkel lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer*



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**Gary Voelkel** - March 28, 2023 at 02:47 PM

AM

“ *My condolences to the family at this difficult time.*



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**Andrea McCann** - March 28, 2023 at 02:07 PM

LS

“ *Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Bruce Rothbauer*



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**Liz Staff** - March 28, 2023 at 01:40 PM