



Celeste Bohning

December 22, 1921 - April 30, 2021

Emma Celeste Whiteside Bohning passed away April 30, 2021 surrounded by her loved ones. Celeste was born in Dallas, TX on December 22, 1921 to Herman F. and Emma Sholden Whiteside. She grew up in El Campo, TX. She graduated from El Campo High School, and attended Texas Women's University in Denton, TX, returning to El Campo before completing her degree. She worked at Camp Hulen in Palacios, TX during WWII. She met her late husband of 59 years, William "Bill" G. Bohning, at that time. They raised their loving family in El Campo. When Celeste was 53 years old, she decided to complete her college degree in education at the University of Houston – Victoria.

Celeste loved being around water. She grew up spending time at the "El Campo Beach Club" on Carancahua Bay near Palacios. The family's bay house was damaged by several hurricanes, but was always rebuilt. Celeste wanted to live on the water, but grew tired of salt water living. She found a great lot on Lake LBJ in Kingsland, TX and built a wonderful home in 1986 where she lived for several years. She then decided to move closer to family in Houston, sold her home on Lake LBJ, and purchased a fabulous home on Lake Conroe where she lived for over 10 years. There she enjoyed bird watching, hunting, fishing, boating and jet skiing. For the past 4 years, Celeste resided at the Hampton at Meadows Place in assisted living, where she enjoyed numerous parties and activities.

Celeste was competitive and enjoyed board and card games. She and her friends played many games, including bridge, Mexican train dominoes, bingo and Rummikub. Celeste enjoyed woodworking and was a true craftsman. She was a problem solver and was able to figure out any challenge which came her way.

Celeste was preceded in death by her parents and husband Bill. She is survived by her son, William "Bim" F. Bohning and wife Desiree of Brea, CA; her daughter Susie Ecklund and husband Dave of Sugar Land; their son David Brueggen and wife Kelly of Houston; and her niece, Connie Hunt of Richmond, TX. She is also survived by Dave's children, Jon Ecklund and wife Fiona Jones of Charlotte, NC; and Nickey Brooks, husband Piero, and children Isabella, Briella and Stella of Missouri City, TX.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo. The funeral service will be celebrated on Thursday, May 6 at 2:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in El Campo. The service will be streamed live on their website - <https://www.firstpresbyterianelcampo.org/>. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery of El Campo.

The family thanks the team at the Hampton for the significant role they played in her life. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association, to the First Presbyterian Church of El Campo, or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – Gulf Coast Region, Houston.

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

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
312 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ We bought her house on Donald Street in El Campo and resided there for over 20 years. It was her unique ingenuity present in the house that drew us to it. She was the sweetest lady ever! She did stop by over the years and and we enjoyed seeing her at Momma (Jewel) Dean’s and Frank and Sis Ramsey’s too. She had many talents and was a great wife and mother.

Our condolences to her family.

Beverly Juranek - May 06, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Celeste Bohning.



May 05, 2021 at 11:34 AM

AN

“ Sending love to all of our beloved Gran's family... She was an incredible woman, a gracious host, and she will be dearly missed.

Anja - May 05, 2021 at 10:52 AM

TB

“ Celeste became my friend thru Bill working with my dad, Ray Allen. My family spent many evenings visiting with them both. Celeste lived life her way and to the fullest. She was unique in all ways and had a host of friends wherever she planted herself. Always a memorable presence in every situation. She has been welcomed into Heaven by the angels and souls gone before. A well-deserved rest now and forever.

Toodie Brady - May 04, 2021 at 11:42 PM

SC

“ Susie and family, I was saddened to hear of your mother's passing and you have my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy. May cherished memories of happier times bring you comfort in the days ahead. I pray your dear mother will rest in peace in the Lord's eternal embrace.



Sandra Cranek - May 04, 2021 at 10:24 AM

SE

Thanks for the wonderful wishes, Sandra.

Susie Ecklund - May 04, 2021 at 09:26 PM

AM

“ Andrea McCann lit a candle in memory of Celeste Bohning



Andrea McCann - May 03, 2021 at 05:48 PM