



## Dorothy Marie Novak

March 5, 1929 - September 29, 2017

Dorothy Marie Barnard Novak, 88, of El Campo, Texas, passed away Friday, September 29, 2017 in Port Lavaca, Texas.

Born and raised in El Campo, the daughter of Robert L. Barnard and Emma Blumrick Barnard, she was a resident of El Campo until the last fourteen years of her life. The rest she spent living in Port Lavaca, Texas, closest to her eldest son, Herman, and his family.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Jack, Murrel, and Elbert "Sonny" Barnard; her sisters Lucille Barnard, Ruth Lynch, and Mildred Noska; and her youngest son, Larry C. Novak.

In her earliest years, Dorothy would help her mother and siblings harvest cotton around El Campo to support their family. Of her siblings, Dorothy was the only to graduate from El Campo High School. She invested much of her time and energy into caring for her family. All her siblings were special to her, particularly her youngest brother, Sonny.

Dorothy worked for several years at Gibson's. After working for I.C. in El Campo for many years, she retired at the age of 62. The independent spirit that she cultivated through these experiences is something that she retained throughout her life.

She was exceptionally talented with a needle and thread which she used to create many beautiful heirlooms for various members of her cherished family. She most enjoyed needlepoint, quilting, and crocheting. Always enjoying a challenge, she constantly occupied her time with jigsaw and crossword puzzles, which she continued well into her later years.

Dorothy loved spending time with her family as often as possible. She was only ever a phone call away, and was full of helpful or amusing anecdotes and loving advice for anyone who would listen. Those who had the pleasure of a conversation with her could tell that it was her favorite activity. Being such a pleasant listener only helped make an already incredible grandmother a bit more incredible. She loved to visit with her grandchildren anytime that she was able. All her grandchildren affectionately knew her as “Nanny.”

She is survived by her eldest son, Herman, and wife, Angela; daughter-in-law, Christine Novak; grandchildren, Kelli Power and husband, Jon, Taylor Novak, Erica Wilson and husband, Hudson, and Courtney Novak; great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Emma Power.

Visitation begins 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 3 at Triska Funeral Home with funeral services beginning at 11 a.m. with Rev. Rick DuBroc officiating.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home  
612 Merchant Street  
El Campo, TX 77437-3440  
(979) 543-3681  
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## Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Marie Novak*



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**Kathy Koudela** - October 02, 2017 at 10:10 AM

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“ *Ron, Katherine, Paul, Marion, Robert Noska purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dorothy Marie Novak.*



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**Ron, Katherine, Paul, Marion, Robert Noska** - October 01, 2017 at 07:30 PM