



## Evelyn Dornak

August 21, 1927 - January 18, 2022

Evelyn Jane Novak Dornak died peacefully at her home on January 18, 2022.

Evelyn was born August 21, 1927 in Schulenberg, Texas to the late John and Agnes Vanek Novak. After graduating from Crescent High School in 1946 she worked at Dixon Cleaners then moved to Houston to work for the Lumberman's Association. After meeting at a weekend dance and being courted by him, Evelyn married her dear husband James "Jimmie" Dornak in 1949 at St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo and worked as a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

As a fulltime mother of five she was active with her children as a Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den mother, Junior Catholic Daughter Counselor, St. Philip School volunteer. She was an active member of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church; and an active and past officer of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1374, as well as a member of the KJZT, and the VFW Auxiliary. As her children left home she worked at Knebel Pharmacy, worked and "so loved" the children at El Campo Methodist Daycare, and for eleven years volunteered at the Blessing Cup Warehouse in the children's room.

She was an accomplished seamstress, experimental cook, kolache baker, noodle and strudel maker. Her Sunday fried chicken could never be duplicated! Evelyn quilted for each of her children and grandchildren a

personalized quilt, hand-quilting each one. She loved to play cards and games, especially 42 dominoes.

Preceding Evelyn in death were her husband, James"Jimmie" R.

Dornak(1995), James R. Dornak, Jr.(2014), parents, brothers Leon, Victor, and George Novak, and granddaughter Lindsay Marie Kana.

Surviving Evelyn are children Jayme Kana (Francis) of Bossier City, LA, Dana Sternadel (Leonard) of La Grange, TX, John V. Dornak (Eydie) of Palacios, TX, and Angela Dornak of El Campo, 16 grandchildren, Estella (Bret) Granato, Lori (Tom) Benich, Lisa (Luke) Rodgers, Allison Kana, Scott (Susan) Sternadel, Dede Dornak, Kristen (Stephen) Mitchell, Rebecca (Casey) Chandler, Monica Parker, Jeff (Kristy) Dornak, Casey (Guy) Kittel, Meredith (Chandler) Baker, Kyle (Rebeca) Parker, Megan (Andrew) Roberts, Christopher Dornak, and Ashley Dornak, and 24 with one on the way great grandchildren, sisters Martha Hubenak, and Lillie Cervenka, both of El Campo, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Triska Funeral Home on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 2:00pm-6:00pm with face coverings required. There will be a private funeral service Friday, January 21, 2022 with a celebration of Evelyn's life held later in the year. Interment will be in Holy Cross Memorial Cemetery in El Campo.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Evelyn Dornak can be made to: Alzheimer's Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871, Houston Hospice-El Campo Branch, PO Box 1417, El Campo, TX 77437, or Holy Cross Memorial Cemetery Fund, 304 West Church St., El Campo, TX 77437 or donor's choice.

Special thanks to Houston Hospice El Campo Branch and At Your Side Homecare for their wonderful concern and care during the last two years.

Our deepest and heartfelt thanks to our sister, Angela, for her

uncompromising and dedicated care of mother for the last five years that only a loving child could provide a parent. We will be forever grateful to Angela for her personal sacrifices in caring for our mother.

“We shall meet again in a brighter land, where farewell is never spoken; we shall clasp each other hand in hand and the clasp shall not be broken...the flowers of a bright eternal spring shall follow earth’s winter.” Rest in peace, our dear Mother.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **20**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Dear Dornak family, you have my heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time. Your beloved mother was a sweet and kind person and she will be remembered with fondness by many. May God grant you comfort in your grief and may she rest in eternal peace.

Sandra Cranek - January 29, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ Pam L Vesely lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Dornak



Pam L Vesely - January 25, 2022 at 09:22 PM

LM

“ Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy to all of the family.  
Lora and Glenn Mount



lora mount - January 22, 2022 at 08:32 PM

GC

“ GayLynnRickyCerny



Gay Lynn Cerny - January 21, 2022 at 06:13 PM

ID

“ To the Dornak Family and Friends,

*Please accept our sympathy for the loss of your mother,  
Grandmother, Great Grandmother and friends.*

*May God wrap His loving arms around each of you and comfort you  
during these difficult  
times.*

*Aunt Evelyn lived her life with such Grace and always sporting that  
sweet smile.*

*And, in spite of her busy schedule raising her wonderful family  
made time to help her church and community and made an impact  
on all the lives she touched.*

*Also, knowing that your parents are together again should bring  
peace to all who knew them, and just bet they are now "Dancing on  
those streets of Gold".*

*Angela, you are such an Angel and inspiration for providing such  
Tender Loving Care of your mother and you will be greatly blessed  
...you make us proud!*

*Rest in peace Aunt Evelyn as you join your Eternal Father and your  
Heavenly Family!*

*Irene Hickl Dornak and family*

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**Irene Dornak** - January 20, 2022 at 06:34 PM

RM

“ Rose Ann Mitchell lit a candle in memory of  
Evelyn Dornak



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**Rose Ann Mitchell** - January 20, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JD

“ In lieu of flowers, we donated to Houston Hospice Care Center in Aunt Evelyn's name, she will be deeply missed. Angela, thanks a bunch for watching over her all these years. It's been a sad week, besides Aunt Evelyn passing, Irene Dornak's sister, Jeannette passed away Wednesday from the Covid virus, and my niece, Debbie Slayton (my sister Georgiann's daughter) was in the hospital with a blocked kidney, actually its been a bad year so far. Aunt Evelyn was one of my favorite aunts, she was always smiling.

*Jerry & Diana Dornak*

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**Jerry & Diana Dornak** - January 20, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Evelyn Dornak.



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January 20, 2022 at 09:39 AM

LI

“ *So many wonderful memories flooding my mind thinking of this beautiful lady, My sincere condolences to all.*



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**Linda Irby** - January 20, 2022 at 01:24 AM

VA

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. May you find peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Visiting Angels - January 20, 2022 at 12:11 AM

PD

“ Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Dornak



Patricia Dybala - January 19, 2022 at 09:15 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Dornak



Cindy Riha - January 19, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Evelyn Dornak.



January 19, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Evelyn Dornak.* ”



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January 19, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *my sympathies to the family* ”



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**jeraldine socha** - January 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM



“ *Cheryl Roach lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Dornak* ”



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**Cheryl Roach** - January 19, 2022 at 09:55 AM



*Mrs Dornak was such a soft spoken kind person, a beautiful lady. Always loved visiting with her. She was a very wise woman. She was my Girl Scout leader.*

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**Cheryl Roach** - January 19, 2022 at 10:06 AM

SS

“ *Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Dornak*



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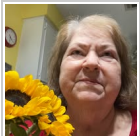
**Sandra Stary** - January 19, 2022 at 09:18 AM

BW

“ *Our deepest sympathy go out to Angela and all of the Dornak family on the loss of your Mother. She was a great lady and best friend. We hope you all find comfort in God, family, and friends to help you through this sad time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Bernice & Larry Wagner, Jr.*

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**Bernice Wagner** - January 19, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Angela and all of the Dornak family. Our deepest Sympathy go out to each of you on the loss of your beloved Mother. Angela, you are truly a child of God and are so blessed to have been able to be at your Mothers side all these years. Our love , hugs and prayers go out to each of you.. Elaine and Chuck Cook*



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**Elaine Cook** - January 18, 2022 at 11:38 PM

CB

“ *Charlene Borak lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Dornak*



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**Charlene Borak** - January 18, 2022 at 10:45 PM

SH

“ *I'm sending all of you my deepest sympathies for your loss of your mother. I have so many wonderful memories of her with Girl Scouts, parent visitations at Moye, and those discussion group meetings at each other's houses. She was such a special lady and now she can Rest In Peace. My love to all of you and your families. Susan Howard*

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**Susan Howard** - January 18, 2022 at 10:11 PM

HN

“ *Henry & Karen Novak purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Evelyn Dornak.*



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**Henry & Karen Novak** - January 18, 2022 at 08:53 PM

LT

“ *Love, Loni Meier and Shannon Thornton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Evelyn Dornak.*



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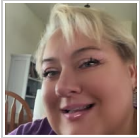
**Love, Loni Meier and Shannon Thornton** - January 18, 2022 at 08:17 PM

RW

“ *Rita Watson lit a candle in memory of Evelyn Dornak*



Rita Watson - January 18, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Angela, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mom I'll be praying for you and your family*



Anna Vesely-Pittman - January 18, 2022 at 05:15 PM

CC

“ *Angela, Dana and all the family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all! I  
pray the peace of God will grant you strength  
as you walk through these sorrowful days.  
Your mother will certainly be missed by many.  
Cathie Cerny*



Cathie Cerny - January 18, 2022 at 05:13 PM

HD

“ *Helen Dolezal sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Dornak*



Helen Dolezal - January 18, 2022 at 04:22 PM

JS

“ *Julie Strnadel sent a virtual gift in memory of Evelyn Dornak*



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**Julie Strnadel** - January 18, 2022 at 03:56 PM