



Frank Steve Kacal

November 4, 1945 - January 19, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Frank Kacal on January 19, 2026. In his lifetime, he was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives in the El Campo community and beyond.

Frank Steve Kacal was born on November 4, 1945, in El Campo, Texas, to Willie J. (Bill) Kacal and Mary (Dornak) Kacal. He attended St. Philip's Catholic School and proudly graduated as an El Campo Ricebird in 1964.

Hardworking from an early age, Frank began working at his father's service station when he was "big enough to turn the crank on the gas pumps." He served in the Texas National Guard from 1965 to 1971. In 1966, Frank began his career with Central Power & Light Company/AEP, where he worked as a distribution, transmission, and service lineman. After 42 years of dedication and service, he retired in January 2008.

Frank was an exceptional family man. He met the love of his life, Nancy, at Taiton Hall—the same place where his parents, Bill and Mary Kacal, met and where his daughter Jennifer would later meet her husband, Tim Patek. Frank and Nancy were married in Bay City on August 26, 1967, and made their home in El Campo. Together, they raised two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Susan.

From ski trips to national parks to road trips with his grandchildren, traveling with his family were some of Frank's favorite and most cherished memories.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Lions Club, and recently served as President of the Heritage Center. He was a man of faith and a devout member of St. Philip Catholic Church. And he loved keeping up with his classmates from 1964.

Frank is survived by his loving daughter, Susan Stogner, and son-in-law, Mitch; his grandchildren, Hannah and Cameron Patek, who affectionately called him "PawPaw"; his son-in-law, Tim Patek; his sisters, Betty Leopold (Arthur), Julie Kacal Villarreal (Lewis), Mary Hairell (Glen), and Bonnie Guynes (Tommy); his brothers David (Carol) and Danny Kacal; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Mary Kacal; his brothers, Robert, Roland (Ronnie) and Mike Kacal; his devoted wife of 57 years, Nancy Kacal; and his beloved daughter, Jennifer Patek.

Frank was known for his warm personality, quick humor, and willingness to give the shirt off his back to anyone in the El Campo community. His generosity, kindness, and love will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew him. We take peace in knowing he has been reunited with his wife.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 22nd at 6 p.m. and a Rosary at 7 p.m. at Triska Funeral Home. A funeral Mass will be held Friday, January 23rd at 11 a.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in El Campo. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Mitch Stogner, Cameron Patek, Tim Patek, Clint Kacal, John Mahoney, Sean Mahoney, Stan Labay and Ronnie Miller.

Honorary pallbearers will be David Kacal, Danny Kacal, his nieces and nephews and George Matthews.

The family kindly requests donations be made to the Heritage Center or St. Phillips in memory of Frank.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

JAN 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Tribute Wall

JW

“ I will always remember cousin Frank and Nancy showing my wife and my in-laws from the Czech Republic around the cemeteries in El Campo and trading stories about their visits to Prague. I miss them both very much.

Jason Whiteley - January 26 at 07:37 PM

DA

“ Doris Adamcik lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



Doris Adamcik - January 26 at 12:36 AM

MF

“ Uncle frank did wonderful things for us he was a good man and he loves everything in life that he had a good life fly high uncle frank we love you

Melanie falcon - January 24 at 01:18 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - January 24 at 07:53 AM

FT

“ *Frances & Bubba Toman lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Frances & Bubba Toman - January 23 at 10:27 AM



“ *Janet Freeman lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Janet Freeman - January 22 at 01:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Steve Kacal.*



January 22 at 12:19 PM

BW

“ *Our condolences and expression of sympathy go out to the Kacal Family.
Frank is known for his kindness and will be greatly missed. May he rest
in peace.
Bernice & Lynn Wagner*

Bernice Wagner - January 22 at 08:50 AM

CM

“ *Carol Marek lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Carol Marek - January 21 at 10:38 PM

SC

“ *Susan and family, I was so saddened to hear of Frank's passing. I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you at this difficult time. Frank was kind, helpful and lots of fun to be around. I thoroughly enjoyed being with Frank (and Nancy) at the Heritage Center luncheons and he certainly will be missed. I hope memories of happier times will remain with you always. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving comfort and may Frank rest in peace.*



Sandra Cranek - January 21 at 04:18 PM

BP

“ *Betty Polasek lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Betty Polasek - January 21 at 03:12 PM

LK

“ Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



Linda Kram - January 21 at 03:08 PM

LK

So sorry to hear about your loss. Frank was always such a kind person & will be missed. May he Rest In Peace ! 🙏❤️🙏❤️. Linda & Ken

Linda Kram - January 21 at 03:11 PM

JK

I am sorry. I sorry Carol and family.

Janis Kutac. - January 21 at 06:14 PM

VQ

“ So sorry for your loss. Please know your family are in my thoughts & prayers. God bless you, your family, & friends. RIP Frank ☐! He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved him. Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - January 21 at 12:48 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



Vicky Quijas - January 21 at 12:39 PM

KT

“ *Kenneth Trochta lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Kenneth Trochta - January 21 at 10:15 AM

MD

“ *Our condolences to the families Gilbert and Maria Delgado*



Maria Delgado - January 21 at 07:35 AM

CW

“ *My condolences to Frank's family. He was such a friendly and kind man; always took time to talk and visit with me and so many others. May he rest in peace.*



Cindy Witcher - January 20 at 09:53 PM

SH

“ *SheldonKarenHolub lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



SheldonKarenHolub - January 20 at 08:19 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Biskup lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Kathy Biskup - January 20 at 07:46 PM

PD

“ *Pat Dybala lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Pat Dybala - January 20 at 05:27 PM

JL

“ *Jessica Labay lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Jessica Labay - January 20 at 04:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Steve Kacal.*



January 20 at 04:36 PM

LM

“ *Lu Matzke lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Lu Matzke - January 20 at 04:25 PM

JB

“ *Janice Berkovsky lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Janice Berkovsky - January 20 at 04:24 PM

RJ

“ *Ray And Linda Jaksch lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Ray and Linda Jaksch - January 20 at 02:59 PM

TH

“ Frank was a friend, mentor and classmate of mine. He was instrumental in keeping our Ricebird Class of 1964 informed and together. He always stayed active and helped so many people throughout his life. He served his family, his church, his country, his state and his community with outstanding dedication and love. We will miss you brother, but we will see you again - thanks be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Respectfully - Tom & Suzanne Hauser

Tom Hauser - January 20 at 02:13 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



Cindy Riha - January 20 at 12:09 PM

JS

“ Julie Strnadel sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



Julie Strnadel - January 20 at 12:05 PM

AS

“ Allen & Judy Sefcik lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



Allen & Judy Sefcik - January 20 at 11:28 AM

RP

“ Dear Susan and family, We are so sad to hear of your Dad's passing. We know he is with your Mom and Jennifer in heaven, celebrating their being reunited! Daniel always enjoyed working and visiting with Frank at the KC Meetings and the blood drives, he will be sorely missed. You know you have another angel watching over you! 🙏❤️

Rose and Daniel Pasak - January 20 at 11:24 AM

SS

“ Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



Sandra Stary - January 20 at 11:22 AM

KA

“ Summer 1974 a trip to Acapulco with my mom and dad! RIP my dear childhood next door neighbor along with your wife, daughter, my mom and dad. Until we meet again! 🙏🙏🙏



kelly Appling - January 20 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ *Marti Setera lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Marti Setera - January 20 at 10:50 AM

DB

“ *Diane Busby lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal*



Diane Busby - January 20 at 10:12 AM

LR

“ Frank will forever be remembered by Walter and I as the kindest person we have ever met. He and Nancy made us feel like we had known each other all our lives. I am thankful that we found each other, cousin my only regret is that we did not find each other sooner. Until we meet again enjoy the life Jesus has set up for you faithful servant, and have eternal rest in him.



Liz Roesner - January 20 at 10:09 AM

HC

“ Holly Waligura Class lit a candle in memory of Frank Steve Kacal



Holly Waligura Class - January 20 at 09:22 AM

AA

My prayers 🙏 and condolences on the loss of Mr. Frank Kacal to Susan and the family. The few months that I worked for him as a housekeeper were the most wonderful days of my life. We sat down and had our morning coffee. I'm going to miss you Mr. Frank 😭. May he rest in peace and pertual light shine upon him 🙏

Angie Arismendez - January 21 at 12:21 PM