



Frank Sablatura

October 27, 1930 - September 12, 2019

Frank Paul Sablatura, 88, of El Campo, passed away September 12, 2019. He was born on October 27, 1930 in Ganado to the late Paul and Angelina Vesely Sablatura. Frank was the owner of a lumber yard in Louise, Texas starting at the age of 17 years old until he was drafted into military service. He served in the U.S. Army Military Police from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War Conflict. Frank was a manager for Burton Lumber Company for several years until he started working for Texas Gulf Sulphur in 1964 as a carpenter and locksmith. He retired from Texas Gulf Sulphur in 1986 to work full time at his own business, Frank P. Sablatura Key & Lock Service, which he had started in 1982. He continued making keys until 2017. Most people in El Campo knew Frank as the “key man”. He would fix your locks, make your keys and talk your ear off.

Frank was a member of St. Philip Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 2490, American Legion Post 251, KJT Catholic Union of Texas, Texas Locksmith Association and Greater Houston Locksmith Association.

He is survived by his daughters, Teresa Peters (Robert Litton) of Lake Jackson and Mary Jane Hobbs (Ronnie) of Wharton; son, David F. Sablatura (Lori) of El Campo; sister, Alice Wright (Carl) of Ganado; grandchildren, Jackie Padilla (Jorge), Stephanie Cardona (Joe), Lindsey Sablatura, Abbey Clark (Marvin), Jessica Barker (Jeremy), Joshua Sablatura (Colleen), Austin Hobbs

and eight great-grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Irene Rab Sablatura and brother, Adolph Sablatura.

Visitation begins 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 18 at Triska Funeral Home with a KC Rosary at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass begins 2 p.m. Thursday, September 19 at St. Philip Catholic Church with the Rev. Oscar Kofi-Amo officiating.

Burial with military honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251 will follow at St. Procopius Cemetery in Louise.

Pallbearers will be Joshua Sablatura, Jorge Padilla, Joe Cardona, Kenneth Rab, Frank Kacal and Leonard Sternadel.

Memorial donations in memory of Frank may be made to St. Philip Catholic Church, St. Andrew Catholic Church or St. Philip School.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Procopius Catholic Cemetery

1693 CR 319, Louise Tx, 77455
Louise, TX 77455

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

SEP 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
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Funeral Mass

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MC

“ When I was a young girl, I would spend nighst with Alice (his sister) in Louise. Frankie was always so nice to me. He was always smiling. At our cousin's reunions each year, Frankie was ilke a beam of light for all of us. He loved life, and he loved people. He was a wonderful person, and a special cousin. Marian Sablatura Cross

Marian Sablatura Cross - October 25, 2019 at 06:11 PM

SH

“ My father Ray Duyka worked as a carpenter at Texas Gulf until he had a medical retirement. I am sure they had many memories of working together. My Aunt Tillie married Charlie Sablatura and lived in Pierce, they had the Trading Post in ElCampo. I Imagine there is some relations there. My thought are with you.

Susan Harrison - September 23, 2019 at 11:05 AM

AM

“ I will always remember Mr. Sablatura as "Frank Not Sinatra" which is how he introduced himself to my parents when I was in high school. He was a gentleman and will surely be missed. My condolences to the family.



Andrea McCann - September 19, 2019 at 11:21 AM



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



September 18, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to Frank's family. He was just an expert locksmith a really good person and a friend.*



I will miss him as will most everyone who knew him.

Martin Strarup - September 17, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *My sympathy to the family of Frank Sablatura and includes the family of his sister Alice Wright. May he rest in peace.*

Frances Vesely - September 16, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ *Jack and I never went over to get a key made, or some other reason, if we didn't have a couple of hours to visit. Mr. Sablatura was the ultimate story teller. If he didn't know the answer, he would think about it a while, and THEN he would start talking and wind up with the answer. Such an honorable man, and just a good man. Glad we knew him, and his wife and family. Our thoughts are with you.*

Jack and Wanda Rapp

Wanda Rapp - September 14, 2019 at 04:17 PM

SP

“ We are so sorry for your loss. God has His son back now, may he rest in peace.

Love to all,

Scooter and Sherry Pietsch

Sherry Pietsch - September 14, 2019 at 10:36 AM

PV

“ Pam Vesely lit a candle in memory of Frank Sablatura



Pam Vesely - September 14, 2019 at 02:48 AM

CW

“ Dear Sablatura family,
Our deepest sympathy to you all in the loss of your dad. He was a wonderful friend and neighbor to us and my parents. No doubt he is unlocking all the doors in heaven so each of our loved ones and friends can see each other again. Our love to you all

Larry and Carol Wied

Carol K Wied - September 13, 2019 at 10:38 PM

PD

“ Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Frank Sablatura



Patricia Dybala - September 13, 2019 at 03:34 PM

PH

“ *David and Lori and all the family please know our prayers are with you during this hard time. I know he is so happy to be with Irene and his other family and friends now. May he Rest in Peace.*



Pat A Hogan - September 13, 2019 at 03:24 PM