



Gail A. Zaruba

September 24, 1949 - March 3, 2024

Gail A. Zaruba, age 74, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 3, 2024 in Portland, TX, surrounded by her family. She was born in El Campo on September 24, 1949 to the late Louis and Martha (Shimek) Kutac. She was married to her loving husband, Joe Zaruba (Jr.), for 55 years.

She had an uncanny ability to reach people in a deep and positive way that allowed her to collect numerous wonderful life-long friendships. Gail lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures, such as spending time with friends and family, reading books, hanging out on the beach with the RV park crew, and traveling for her Ya-Ya sister getaways.

She is survived by her childhood sweetheart and husband, Joe (Jr.), daughter Cheri, son Robert and daughter-in-law Steph, as well as her three grandchildren, whom she loved and cherished, Kiley, Kaden and Penny. She is also survived by her sister, Donna Janak, of Lake Jackson, without whom our family would be incomplete.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at St. Philip Catholic Church, 304 W Church St., El Campo, with a Rosary recited at 9:30 a.m. Memorial services will follow at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to your favorite hospice

organization or MD Anderson Cancer Research.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 9:00 AM (CT)

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

Rosary

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Memorial Service

MAR 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Maria M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail A. Zaruba.*

Maria M. - March 21, 2024 at 02:12 PM

PF

“ *Pam Fontenot lit a candle in memory of Gail A. Zaruba*



Pam Fontenot - March 19, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gail A. Zaruba.*



March 14, 2024 at 09:21 AM

RC

“ With the internet, I had hoped St Philips would share Gail's Rosary and service online. Maybe one day all churches will have to accommodate geographically distant family with a cell phone, tripod and a few minutes thought. Gail is about 9 months younger than me. My first memories of Gail are probably when we were about 7 and 8 years old. but there were about 22 first cousins then. I have not counted recently. She should have waited and let me go first. I miss those many family events with grandma's large family. Holy days, mass, baptisms, weddings, memorial services, burials, receptions, family reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, just celebrations. Grandma, Grandpa, Martha, Lois, Elenora, Edith, Adeline, the five uncles, many first cousins. My grandkids are some of Grandma's great great grandchildren. It would be good for them to see how it used to be. I am more sad than just because Gail has gone to heaven. I can still pray for her and her family. I do that anyway. Seeing how a family grows and changes was part of getting together -- whatever the reasons. Richard Collins, Houston Texas

Richard Collins - March 14, 2024 at 08:38 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gail A. Zaruba.



March 12, 2024 at 09:17 PM

LT

“ Sending our deepest sympathy to all 🙏 May God's love and help, get all through this sad time! I know she will be missed. Ben and Lena Tupa

Lena Tupa - March 12, 2024 at 08:00 PM

CF

“ Chris Pullin and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gail A. Zaruba.



Chris Pullin and family - March 12, 2024 at 02:42 PM

CF

“ Chris Pullin and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail A. Zaruba.

Chris Pullin and family - March 12, 2024 at 02:42 PM

MF

“ Morrison and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gail A. Zaruba.



Morrison and family - March 12, 2024 at 01:25 PM

MF

“ Morrison and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail A. Zaruba.

Morrison and family - March 12, 2024 at 01:25 PM

WM

“ We will miss Gail, she was a wonderful person and friend. Joe, she loved you so much! She loved her children and grandchildren. Gail was a true friend, always helping others! We have many wonderful memories of cookouts and going to the beach every Wednesday afternoon for date night! Gail never complained, she always thought of others first. She always had a beautiful smile on her beautiful face! Bill and I will miss her, but we know she is flying in heaven with wings! Gail had a deep faith with God. Gail never complained about her pain, she always said, I am doing pretty well. I remember being next door neighbors, at MD Anderson, Joe would wheel her in to chat with me. The visits were great, she always tried to cheer me up! We will miss you Gail! Joe and family, we send prayers and thoughts to you all. Gail will be in our thoughts and heart, she was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. Bill and Maria Mackey



william Mackey - March 12, 2024 at 08:23 AM

TH

“ Tina Herzik purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gail A. Zaruba.



Tina Herzik - March 12, 2024 at 08:18 AM

TH

“ Tina Herzik planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail A. Zaruba.

Tina Herzik - March 12, 2024 at 08:18 AM

SR

“ Scott And Judy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Gail A. Zaruba



Scott and Judy Reynolds - March 10, 2024 at 12:42 PM

SR

“ Scott & Judy Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Gail A. Zaruba



Scott & Judy Reynolds - March 10, 2024 at 12:38 PM

RJ

“ Ray And Linda Jaksch lit a candle in memory of Gail A. Zaruba



Ray and Linda Jaksch - March 09, 2024 at 02:28 PM

JH

“ Julia Hrncir purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Gail A. Zaruba.



Julia Hrncir - March 09, 2024 at 12:14 PM

JH

“ Julia Hrcncir planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gail A. Zaruba.

Julia Hrcncir - March 09, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DW

“ Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Gail A. Zaruba



Diane Williams - March 09, 2024 at 12:12 PM

DW

So sorry for your loss.

Diane Williams - March 09, 2024 at 12:13 PM

JS

“ Judy/Allen Sefcik sent a virtual gift in memory of Gail A. Zaruba



Judy/Allen Sefcik - March 08, 2024 at 11:25 PM

CF

“ Sending our love and deepest sympathies. 💕💕

Cassy Russell & family - March 08, 2024 at 06:40 PM

JF

“ Julie Strnadel & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Gail A. Zaruba



Julie Strnadel & family - March 08, 2024 at 05:41 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Janice Winter sent a virtual gift in memory of Gail A. Zaruba



Jerry & Janice Winter - March 08, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JW

“ Jerry & Janice Winter lit a candle in memory of Gail A. Zaruba



Jerry & Janice Winter - March 08, 2024 at 03:39 PM

HH

“ Harry, Cathy, Brenna and Hannah purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Gail A. Zaruba.



Harry, Cathy, Brenna and Hannah - March 08, 2024 at 12:17 PM