



Gertrude Theresa Vajdos Brezina

October 27, 1919 - October 11, 2011

Gertrude Theresa Vajdos Brezina, also known as "Gertie, Mom, Grandma, and Gigi", passed away on October 11, 2011 in her home in Louise. She was born on October 27, 1919 in a house in Hobson to the late August Ignac, Sr. and Ida Marie Kunz Vajdos.

She grew up at Sandy's Corner and attended Lost Prong Schools through the 8th grade. After a year and a half sabbatical taken to care for an adopted child of a family in El Campo, Gertie returned to Louise High School to complete her education and graduated Valedictorian.

That summer, Monsignor Kaspar, an old family friend, was en route to visit relatives in Pennsylvania. Monsignor Kaspar was accompanied by Grandma Brezina and her son, Eligius "Breezy" Michael Brezina. Msgr. Kaspar stopped by to say hello to his good friends, Gus and Ida Vajdos; and little did Gertie know that she had just met her future husband. Not long after, Gertie left home to attend business school in Corpus Christi. It was there that she and Breezy began dating. They were married on July 2, 1940 at Saint Andrews Catholic Church in Hillje.

Breezy always wanted his own baseball team, but his untimely death on August 12, 1953, left Gertie with seven sons and one daughter: Robert Paul, August Vincent, Cassian Bernard, Gregory, Nancy Louise, Mark Joseph, Stephen Denis, and Eligius Michael, Jr. The children ranged in age from 12

years to 9 months. After Breezy's death, Gertie made the commitment to keep her family together and to raise the children that God had given her. And because of her deep faith and trust in God, she kept that commitment. Gertie passed this faith and strong family values on to her children.

Gertie was always mindful of the needs of others in her community and her church. She was a faithful and devout member of St. Procopius Catholic Church, served on the Church Council, and was Secretary/Treasurer of St. Cecelia's KJZT Society for over 30 years. Her family (a source of pride and joy) and her faith were of utmost importance to her life. She worked with the CCE program and provided First Communion kits for those children whose parents could not afford them.

For most of the years her children were in school, Gertie was employed as cafeteria manager/dietitian for Louse ISD. In the summer months, she worked in the office of the Louise Cotton Gin. For 20 years afterward, and until her retirement, she was Office Manager-Bookkeeper for the Mauritz Company. Gertrude Vajdos Brezina was preceded in death by her husband, Eligius M. Brezina, Sr., son, Eligius M. Brezina Jr., parents, August and Ida K. Vajdos, brothers, Stanley and Robert Vajdos, sisters, Margaret Doucet and Rosalie Bezdek and grandson, Kenneth Cassian Brezina. She is survived by her 7 children and their spouses, 20 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren, a brother Gus Vajdos, and a sister Florence Hradecky.

Gertie will be long remembered by all who knew her for her unfailing faith in God which gave her strength, courage, and perseverance. She will also be remembered for her mile-high pies and upside down cinnamon rolls. She is irreplaceable and will be greatly missed, but she leaves a legacy of a life well lived and treasure-trove of cherished memories to her loved ones. "Her children rise up and call her blessed. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:28.

Visitation will begin on Friday at 12:00PM at Triska Funeral Home with a

rosary being held at 7:00PM. Funeral services will be on Saturday at 10:00AM at St. Procopius Catholic Church in Louise with Rev. Clement Quainoo officiating. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren and honorary pallbearers will be her great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Brezina Scholarship L.I.S.D., P.O. Box 97, Louise, Tx 77455.

A special thanks to Silvia Rocha for her devoted dedication to caring for mom and also caretakers Ella Mae Knebel and Connie Collins.