



## Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny

April 2, 1933 - May 29, 2026

### Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny

Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny, 93, of El Campo passed away on May 29, 2026. She was born on April 2, 1933, in Hungerford, Texas, to the late Edwin Mikeska and Rosa Lee Parnecia Mikeska.

Growing up in a farming family, Gladys learned the value of hard work at an early age, and those lessons prepared her well for life ahead. She attended Hungerford and East Bernard schools, where she enjoyed playing volleyball.

Gladys married Alvin Gilbert Cerny on July 6, 1953. When Alvin was drafted into the Army, she moved with him to El Paso, Texas, and Niagara Falls, New York, where the first of their four children was born. When Alvin was later stationed in Greenland, Gladys drove back to Crescent with her three-week-old baby. She lived with Alvin's parents and worked at Security Bank and Trust until his return.

Gladys and Alvin eventually settled in the Crescent area, where they built a life together farming. Gladys played an active role in the family operation by preparing and delivering meals to the field twice daily, tromping cotton trailers, hauling cotton to the gin, and managing all of the farm bookkeeping.

In their younger years, Gladys and Alvin enjoyed hosting family gatherings, barbecuing, playing volleyball, and taking trips to Lake Somerville, Lake Texana, Six Flags, and the beach. They also traveled to Washington and New Mexico to visit lifelong friends they met during Alvin's Army days. There were even a few quick trips to Louisiana for a little gambling and a whole lot of fun.

Gladys loved caring for family and friends through her cooking. There was always an invitation at her table. Her chicken noodle soup and fried chicken were family favorites, and there was usually a special dessert waiting in the refrigerator or on the kitchen counter.

Gladys also began a long-standing Super Bowl Sunday tradition. Early each game day, she would mix several batches of dough, and family members would gather to make sausage kolaches together in time for kickoff. To the family's knowledge, this cherished tradition continued for more than 50 years.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Gladys and Alvin rarely missed the activities of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Whether it was volleyball, football, baseball, softball, dance, drill team, or cheer, they could usually be found in the stands supporting their family.

In retirement, Gladys and Alvin spent many evenings driving through the countryside to check the fields, visit the deer camp, and make trips to Lake Texana and Splashway. Above all else, Gladys treasured being surrounded by her family and hearing about their lives, activities, and accomplishments.

Her greatest joy was the time she spent with those she loved, and the memories she created will be cherished for generations to come.

Gladys is survived by her sons, Lloyd Cerny and wife Diane, Glenn Cerny and wife Brenda, daughter Cindy Mahalitic and husband Anthony, and daughter-in-

law Dianne Shimek Cerny, all of El Campo; grandchildren Laura Dorotik and husband Trent, Kristi Walton and husband Kyle, Kara McClung and husband Michael, Garrett Cerny and wife Kimberly, Jody Cerny and Justin Mican, Troy Cerny, Tyson Brown and wife Beth, Amber Brown, Kyle Chandler and wife Corri, Cory Chandler and wife Hayley, Kaylee Koudela and husband Brian, Trey Mahalitic and wife Keri, Krissy Mahalitic, Jarrod Mahalitic and fiancé Amber Matula, and twenty-seven great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, parents; son, Gary Cerny; granddaughter, Brandy Cerny; great-grandsons, Jaydin Thompson and Devian Bluntson; sister Alice Mikeska Dzierzanowski; and cousin, Mary Helen Guinn.

Gladys was a lifelong member of the Wharton County Youth Fair, volunteering for many years in Home Economics. She was also a member of St. John's Church, St. John's Alter Society and Catholic Daughters of America.

Visitation begins at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at St. John's Catholic Church in New Taiton with the Rosary recited at 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass will follow at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Gabriel Oduro Tawiah officiating and Deacon Pat Kubala assisting. Burial will follow at St. John's Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Garrett Cerny, Kyle Chandler, Cory Chandler, Troy Cerny, Justin Mican, Al Cerny, and Trent Dorotik.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Laura Dorotik, Kristi & Kyle Walton, Kara & Michael McClung, Kaylee & Brian Koudela, Jody Cerny, Trey & Keri Mahalitic, Jarrod Mahalitic & Amber Matula, Kimberly Cerny, Corri Chandler, Hayley Chandler, Tyson & Beth Brown, and Amber Brown.

Memorial donations in memory of Gladys may be made to St. John's Catholic Church or St. John's Cemetery Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Catholic Cemetery

1843 CR 469  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 3.** 9:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church  
1843 Co Rd 469  
El Campo, TX 77437  
(979) 543-6985

## Rosary

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## Funeral Mass

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JUN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Kelly & Justin Staff lit a candle in memory of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny*



Kelly & Justin Staff - June 03 at 01:59 PM

DM

“ *Our condolences to the family. Dennis/Patsy Mader*

Dennis Mader - June 03 at 10:31 AM

JA

“ *John Sedlock & Darlene / Kasie & Austin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny.*



John Sedlock & Darlene / Kasie & Austin - June 02 at 09:18 PM

BC

“ *Ben and Kelly Cervenka purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny.*



Ben and Kelly Cervenka - June 02 at 06:43 PM

JR

“ Sending our prayers and our deepest sympathy to the entire family. We know you will all miss her terribly. She was such a sweet lady.

🙏❤️ Clarence & Judy Rohan



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**Judy Rohan** - June 02 at 05:48 PM

JJ

“ Judy Janecka lit a candle in memory of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny



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**Judy Janecka** - June 02 at 04:01 PM

JJ

Our condolences to the entire family for the loss of your mother. She was a very friendly and thoughtful person. We will cherish her always. Our thoughts are with you. Sincerely, Joe and Judy Janecka

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**Judy Janecka** - June 02 at 04:15 PM

VA

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

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**Visiting Angels** - June 01 at 10:37 PM



“ Anita Roye lit a candle in memory of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny



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Anita Roye - June 01 at 07:56 PM



“ My condolences to the Cerny family. May she rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon her.



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Mary Lou Krenek - June 01 at 06:47 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Please know Cindy & Glenn your family are in my thoughts & prayers. God bless your family & friends. RIP Gladys ☐! She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved her. Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



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Vicky Quijas - June 01 at 03:16 PM



“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny



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Vicky Quijas - June 01 at 02:50 PM

CC

“ Dear Lloyd, Glenn and Cindy,  
My condolences to all of you and your families during this difficult time. I pray you are all surrounded by the love, comfort and peace of Jesus. Your mom was truly special and will never be forgotten!  
Love,  
Cathie Cerny & family



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**Cathie Cerny** - June 01 at 02:29 PM

VR

Condolences to your family. Gladys was such a special person that was very energetic and did love her family and friends. Enjoyed visiting with her at our parties in the Sedlock barn. Can't say enough about that beautiful lady. She was always so warm and 😊 Love  
Joe & Veronica Richards

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**Veronica Richards** - June 03 at 10:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny.



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June 01 at 01:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny.

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June 01 at 01:10 PM

LB

“ Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family. Lester priesmeyer and Deidra Becker



Lester Priesmeyer and Deidra Becker - June 01 at 10:43 AM

DF

“ Debbie F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny.

Debbie F. - June 01 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ The Shattuck Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny.



The Shattuck Family - June 01 at 09:27 AM

JZ

“ Jo Ann Zernicek lit a candle in memory of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny



Jo Ann Zernicek - June 01 at 08:21 AM

DM

“ 🙏❤️☐ *May her soul rest in peace and the angels guide her to paradise!* ❤️☐ 🙏 *Prayers lifted for the family and all who loved her!* 🙏



Daniel and Roxane Marek - May 31 at 10:46 PM

LU

“ *She was the sweetest lady and welcomed everyone with open arms.*



Lynell & Scott Ustynik - May 31 at 10:18 PM

PD

“ *PAT DYBALA lit a candle in memory of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny*



PAT DYBALA - May 31 at 10:04 PM

RM

“ *Raymond and CindyJo Mahalitic purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny.*



Raymond and CindyJo Mahalitic - May 31 at 10:00 PM

RM

“ Raymond and CindyJo Mahalitc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gladys Lorraine Mikeska Cerny.

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**Raymond and CindyJo Mahalitc** - May 31 at 10:00 PM