



Gladys Rod

November 26, 1930 - May 23, 2019

Gladys Musil Rod peacefully departed this world on May 23, 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

Gladys was born on November 26, 1930 to Ettie Slovacek and Frank J. Musil, Sr. in Stamford, Texas. Her father was an immigrant from Czechoslovakia. She graduated from Stamford High School in 1948, and attended the University of Texas at Austin where she majored in Home Economics. In college, she met the love of her life, Gilbert Frank Rod, while both were members of the Czech Club. The couple was married on June 8, 1950, and they were blessed with seven children. She often bragged that all of her children graduated from St. Philip Catholic School, and that one year she had a child in every grade there but the second.

While her children were growing up, Gladys enjoyed sewing clothes for her small daughters, working the concession stand at Little League games, volunteering in PTC projects at St. Philip's School, and cooking and caring for her large family. After her children were grown, she enjoyed her time with the Catholic Daughters of America, the Czech Heritage Society of Wharton County, and singing with the Czech Heritage Singers and the St. Philip's Church Lazarus Choir. She also enjoyed a trip to Czechoslovakia with her sisters, writing her own family history stories, and mowing and picking up twigs and pecans in her yard in the heat of the day.

She is survived by her son Wayne and his wife Carol of Cincinnati, Ohio; daughter Phyllis Mokry and her husband Ben of Jackson, Mississippi; son Douglas and his wife Kerri of Arlington, Texas; son John and his wife Marcha of Archdale, North Carolina; daughter Cynthia Paugh and her friend Steve Woodruff of Houston, Texas; and daughter Julie Strnadel of El Campo, Texas; 21 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, her sister Lillie Musil Nichols of Arlington, Texas, and her brother Leon of Rogers, Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her daughter, Carol; her son-in-law, Bobby Strnadel; her grandson, Jason Paugh; her brothers, Emory, Joseph, and Frank Musil; and her sisters, Ettie Musil Jesko and Ruby Musil.

Gladys was very proud of her Czech heritage, the Stamford Hatchery (her family's business), and her ability to recycle and reuse items before the trend became popular. Her children and grandchildren will always remember her Thanksgiving dressing, Jello salad, pecan bars, "squishy" sandwiches, fried oysters, fried okra, and fried biscuit donuts, her life lessons, her warm smile, and her quick wit and infectious laugh.

Visitation will be from 5-7pm on Friday, May 24 at Triska Funeral Home. Services for Gladys Rod will be held on Saturday, May 25 at St. Philip Catholic Church, with a Rosary at 9:30am followed by the Funeral Mass at 10am. Interment will be at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Dan Constanza, Tim Mokry, Brent Paugh, Daniel Rod, Nicholas Rod, and Robby Strnadel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Philip's Catholic School, El Campo Little League, or Houston Hospice.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Meridian Assisted Living, Garden Villa Health Care Center, and El Campo Memorial Hospital for the wonderful care and love they showed our mother during her stay in their facilities.

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

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAY **25.** 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Gladys was a lovely person I got to know at the Wharton County Czech Heritage Chapter meetings & various events. My mother, Annie Mae Wilbeck Gloeckner, went to school with Gladys' husband & brothers-in-law in the Pierce area. She was always a very pleasant person with a fantastic sense of humor & will be dearly missed by the Czech Chapter and in the community. Bonnie Gloeckner Johnson

Bonnie Gloeckner Johnson - May 26, 2019 at 07:21 PM

WR

“ Julie, so sorry to hear about your mother's passing, but we know she has gone to a better place, where there is no pain. Our thoughts, prayers, and love are with you and yours.

Jack and Wanda Rapp

Wanda Rapp - May 25, 2019 at 08:21 AM

HW

“ Among many other stories shared by Cynthia, we have a fond memory, via video, of seeing Gladys singing a country song along with Alexa in her room at the assisted care facility in El Campo. Over the last few years we felt like we got to know her via stories and photos shared by Cynthia and Steve. I especially enjoyed the pride she showed of her Czech heritage. It is sad to lose her but heart-warming to recall all of the good memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family - love, Hal and Mallorie

Hal and Mallorie Wilkerson - May 25, 2019 at 08:01 AM

AL

“ Condolences to the family. This sweet lady will truly be missed



Alissa - May 24, 2019 at 05:40 PM

SH

“ Julie, we are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May your faith keep you and your family strong in the days to follow...

Hugh and Sheila Hoffman

Sheila Skkow Hoffman - May 24, 2019 at 04:25 PM

KA

“ We had the honor of meeting Grandma Rod in March 2015 as we planned Amanda and Dan's wedding and to share that special day with her the following October. During our visit we walked with her to mass at St Philip's, learned about/ate kolaches for the first time and she inspected and approved Charlie's new cowboy boots and belt. Her family can be proud and grateful to have had this wonderful woman as their matriarch. We are thinking of you all at this difficult time. Charlie, Kathy and Karen Constanza

Kathy Constanza (mother in law of Amanda) - May 24, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gladys Rod.



May 24, 2019 at 02:15 PM

TT

“ *The JS Musil Family. Linda, Betty, Joe and Terry purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Gladys Rod.*



The JS Musil Family. Linda, Betty, Joe and Terry - May 24, 2019 at 01:17 PM

AP

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a wonderful person and we know she will be missed by all. May her memories be with you all forever.*

AJ & Susie Priesmeyer - May 24, 2019 at 12:17 PM