



Grace Elise Wuthrich

April 27, 1964 - April 12, 2018

Grace Elise Wuthrich, 53, of Pierce, TX, passed away Thursday, 12 April, 2018. She was born 27 April, 1964 in Wharton, to Edward Emil and Geraldine Rae Wuthrich. She graduated high school in El Campo and went on to complete her Bachelor of Science degree at Texas A&M.

She is survived by her beloved family, son Karsten Falke and daughter Elsa Jopling, both of Pierce, her mother, Geraldine Wuthrich, sisters and brothers-in-law, Melissa and Robert Baker of Pierce, Carol and Kelly Teague of Bay City, Rachel and Tim Brown of Maypearl, and her 6 nephews and nieces, Robert and Laura Baker, Erin and William Teague, and Brantley and Ainsley Brown. Grace was preceded in death by her father, Edward Wuthrich.

Grace was a teacher at Bay City High School, instructing in Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy and Robotics.

Grace expressed her life-long love of horses through education and training of both the horses and their riders. She further demonstrated her talents through frequent horse showings and competitions in expos across the southwest. Throughout their childhoods, Grace fostered this same love and appreciation of animals and farm life in her children, nephews and nieces, teaching them about kindness towards and respect for the animals and their husbandry.

Throughout her teaching career in Boling, Calhoun, and Bay City, Grace found such a Godly purpose in her opportunity to influence the lives of numerous students, sharing her excitement for science and engineering disciplines, earning the respect of her peers and superiors as well as the love and admiration of her students.

Perhaps one of Grace's greatest loves, however, was her church and the family and friends who filled her life there, and were so dear to her. As a member of Christ Lutheran Church in El Campo, Grace was an integral member of both the vocal and bell choirs, as well as accompanying worship services with her guitar. She sang each week, shoulder to shoulder with the very family and friends who, as one would have guessed, also held her so dear in their hearts.

Grace leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity and immense love for all those around her. She will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Friday, 20 April. A Celebration of Life will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, El Campo, starting at 10:00 AM, Saturday, 21 April. Interment will follow immediately at Garden of Memories Cemetery, El Campo.

Memorials and donations may be made in Grace's honor, to the Christ Lutheran Music Department.

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

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

APR 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church
1401 Ave I
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ I still love looking back on all the memories of the Robotics team. I am so grateful I got to learn from Grace. She really kicked my butt into gear when it came to the type of person I wanted to be. She gave me a drive for lifelong learning and for that I'm grateful. I'm going to be graduating next December with a Bachelors of Science in Computer Engineering, and I owe so much of my start to her. She's been in my heart everyday of college, and I know if she were still here she'd have been driven insane by all of my phone calls. But she'd also be one of my greatest supporters because that's just the woman she was. She loved fiercely, and everyone could see it through her faith and family and students.

Brittany Cape Jenkins - April 07, 2022 at 01:23 AM



“ Rachel, It is Rebecca Koudela (ECHS speech/drama- 1988) I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I wanted you to know my prayers for your entire family will be many!! I understand what you are going through, as I lost my Dad just last year!! May God bless and keep you strong at this time!♥

Rebecca Koudela - May 08, 2018 at 09:31 AM

DC

“ Grace will be honored at Jackson County Aggie Muster on 21April2018 as we mourn our losses. I am praying for peace to those of us left behind here, and my praise to Him who has already given her peace in His presence.

Deborah Casey - April 20, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Grace Elise Wuthrich.



April 19, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace Elise Wuthrich.



April 19, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Grace Elise Wuthrich.



April 19, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Grace Elise Wuthrich.



April 18, 2018 at 08:51 PM

SC

“ Grace was a truly remarkable human. I don't believe there was anything Grace couldn't do. She was so talented in so many things. I am thankful our paths crossed. My favorite memory is when she brought me a plate of those pretzel things shaped like a wreath and said, "I think you're the only one here I haven't pissed off. Have a Merry Christmas." Damn she was something else! My prayers of comfort to her family.

Shelly Crow

Shelly Crow - April 18, 2018 at 10:34 AM

CT

“ we are still in shock and cannot believe that grace is gone. she "introduced " my wife and i to the country life when we moved right across the road from her in oct 2007 from houston. we were there from 2007 to august 2016 and then moved into the city of el campo.

what a marvelous woman and family around her that she has. she would do anything for you and helped us tremendously throughout the years. she even tolerated our dogs.

raised two terrific kids . we enjoyed being around them all , including her sisters families and relatives in our time living by them. even got introduced to "grammys camp ".

she and her family would help us in whatever we needed.

our prayers and thoughts are with the family

reene and craig terrell

craig terrell - April 18, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Grace Elise Wuthrich.*



April 18, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ *Growing up, Grace was like a second mom to my sisters and I. She taught my sisters how to ride horses while Elsa and I would run around chasing chickens. (Elsa is definitely the better chicken chaser). I can still remember being SO excited when she would call my mom asking if I could come over and hang out with Elsa. Whether we were helping her clean out her garage, riding horses or relaxing and watching movies, it was always a joy to be around her.*

She was so patient and didn't give up on anything. She never failed to amaze me with her intelligence and patience. She definitely - without a doubt - loved every single one of her students and encouraged them in every way. I know because she would often encourage me in my school work and in pretty much everything. She did so much for my family. From taking me up to college station to see Elsa to stopping by the house to give my mom some honey and fresh farm eggs, Grace was the most selfless and generous woman.

My heart breaks for Elsa, Karsten, and for the rest of the family. I cannot thank Grace and the rest of her family enough for being the second family to mine. This friendship means so much, and we share your sorrow and we are praying for you guys in the days, months and years to come.

Susie Beard - April 17, 2018 at 07:26 PM

AM

“ I’m old, I knew her as Mrs Jopling. She was such a great teacher that I considered her my friend, as well. She really how to read her students and direct her teachings in different ways, to reach everyone. I remember she also baked a Dr Pepper cake for my color guard bake sale for me because I didn’t have anything to donate, holy crap what a yummy cake! She will truly be missed, as an educator, a mother, and a friend.

amanda - April 16, 2018 at 11:39 PM

EW

“ Grace made an impact at Calhoun High School in the 2 years she taught here. She was an outstanding Physics teacher. She even had to teach Biology one year and we still use some of the work she created. My thoughts and prayers are with you Karsten and Elsa. She talked about you so much when she was here at CHS and was so proud of both of you. Erin Weaver CHS Science Dept

Erin E Weaver - April 16, 2018 at 04:51 PM

KW

“ Karsten and Elsa - our hearts hurt with you. Darrell LOVED having her as a teacher and a friend... she showed true love and compassion for her students. She never accepted anything less than their best!! I remember her grading papers while you boys would skate at the skating rink in El Campo!! Y'all were just babies!!! And then in high school, I would take photos of you (Karsten) and your mom, and she would take photos of Darrell for us! My favorite photo is her standing next to Darrell at his college graduation!!! This showed how much she cared for Darrell, as her own! We love you!

Kenneth Theresa Wittig - April 16, 2018 at 01:42 PM

WM

“ We remember Grace as a teacher, a lover of horses, and a great mother to her children. We were shocked to hear of her passing, and we extend our deepest sympathies to her mom, her children, and the rest of the family.

Wendell and Jean McAskill

Wendell McAskill - April 16, 2018 at 09:29 AM

SK

“ Sandra Kaluza lit a candle in memory of Grace Elise Wuthrich



Sandra Kaluza - April 16, 2018 at 08:26 AM

TB

“ I loved seeing the sparkle in Grace’s eyes when she would talk about her students, the potential she saw in each of them. I always wanted to be as strong as she was. Karsten and Elsa are some of the most intelligent, kindest, and humblest young adults I know and I know Grace played a role in that.

Thank you, Grace for being patient with me when I stubbornly wanted to learn how to ride horses my own way. Thank you for teaching me to be kind to animals, for learning to see potential in others. You touched so many lives, so many hearts. You’ve undoubtedly changed lives for the better.

Tabitha Beard - April 16, 2018 at 12:20 AM

KR

“ *A lady and a farmhand
quite contrary and even paradoxical
but a true friend
truthfully logical*

*Lending rough hands
For a friend in need
Never wondering where she stands
Regally mounted from her steed*

*she spread love in her gifts of confections
Oh how we wish we could share more
of our love and affections
to a lady and a farmhand*

*A beecharmer extroidinaire
And a winemaker to boot
Growing friends with kindness
with beautiful glass jars of fruit*

*A teacher of teachers
A sage of the sages
Beleaguered by bureaucrats
And satisfied by household cats*

*Chickens and horses
Cats and dogs
Whimsical arts
and shooting wild hogs*

*A lady and a farmhand
Changed our world
She learned to love deeply
Just as the Lord*

She filled us with His kindness

*No need to despair
Take a deep breath
And go on to care*

*Multiply the efforts of Grace
Her love was not in vain
Get up from your malaise
There is work of kindness to begin*

KRB - April 15, 2018 at 10:52 PM

SG

“ *My prayers are with the family. Grace and I both taught in Bay city and part of a science group.. She will be missed by the whole group of teachers. She has left a large hole in teaching. Prayers for you Grace.*

Sonya Mata Garcia - April 15, 2018 at 09:40 PM

AM

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Andrea McCann - April 15, 2018 at 08:32 PM

KE

“ *Elsa, i just want you to know my heart is breaking for you and your family. I only knew your mom through seeing her at Jrs. But i could tell she was an amazing person that obviously loved you dearly. I cant imagine your pain, but im praying for Gods peace that passes all understanding over you and your family. God bless you.*

Kelly - April 15, 2018 at 05:45 PM

CB

“ One of my favorite long time friends and a gifted horsewoman, Grace taught me to ride. We spent many hours together riding and enjoying our horses. I pray for peace and comfort for Grace's family. Sending my prayers and deepest sympathy.

Carla Gaskamp Brady - April 15, 2018 at 05:22 PM

RH

“ My daughters will both be graduating from Texas A&M in May! Thank you Grace for your part in their education and bright futures!

Roger Harris - April 15, 2018 at 04:56 PM

SA

“ She was such a special lady and loved her students so much. We will all miss her.

Sandra and Doug Anderson

SANDRA ANDERSON - April 15, 2018 at 03:36 PM

SH

“ Both my children had this special lady as a teacher. Daniel and Savannah learned a lot from her and truly enjoyed having her for their physics teacher. Bay city high has lost a very gifted lady. She is an angel watching over everyone now. God bless her family and may their grief be eased by knowing she was loved by those lives she touched.

Sharon Huffman - April 15, 2018 at 02:19 PM

AS

“ Driven & dedicated, Grace was one of those teachers that every student needs to experience at least once. Her passion for her students & her academic subject matter were on display any time you set foot inside her classroom. She demanded her students’ best, & more often than not they rose to her expectations, sometimes surprising themselves. I will miss visiting her in her classroom — you couldn’t help but learn something new in any conversation with her.

allison sliva - April 15, 2018 at 11:02 AM

DR

“ Grace was a special lady. She loved the subjects she taught. She was so proud of the Robotics students and how they just took off with this new class. She loved telling us about her students. I will miss her popping in my office so excited about what was going on in her classroom. Grace will be missed. Prayers for her family.

Danne' Russell - April 15, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Grace Elise Wuthrich.



April 15, 2018 at 12:37 AM



Marjorie
Treumer

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this trying time. She was my son's favorite teacher because she just got him and knew how he was. She was awesome in the classroom and out of it. You could tell that it was not just a job for her. She loved sharing her knowledge with her students and they wanted to be there to learn more. My son graduated in 2014 and still talks about the things that they did in her classroom. May she rest in peace!*

Marjorie Treumer - April 14, 2018 at 09:05 PM