



## James Russell O'Canas Jr.

July 8, 2002 - January 12, 2020

James Russell O'Canas Jr., 17, of El Campo, passed away January 12, 2020. He was born on July 8, 2002 in Victoria and was a senior at El Campo High School. Russell was handsome, loving, determined, hard-working young man. He made a friend of everyone he came in contact with no matter their age. He was loved by so many and he will forever live on in our memories. By God's grace we had 17 years with him, but God has called him home.

He is survived by his parents, James O'Canas Sr. and Ashley Valdez O'Canas; brothers, Nicholas, Caleb and Jaxson O'Canas; maternal grandparents, Richard and Alice Valdez and paternal grandparents, Rosendo and Judy O'Canas.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday, January 16 at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral services begin 2 p.m. Friday, January 17 at the El Campo Civic Center. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ethan Casarez, Damian Valdez, Bobby Martinez Jr., Jaylen Torro, Daniel Garcia, Juan Montoya, Cyrus Musgrove and Ezequiel Olvera. Memorial donations may be made to assist the family with funeral expenses.

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

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

El Campo Civic Center  
2350 N Mechanic St.  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ *My sincerest condolences to all the family. I grieve with you. I pray that the Holy Spirit be your Comforter during this time of deep sorrow.*


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**Adelaida Ozuna Candelaria** - January 16, 2020 at 11:58 PM

LS

“ *Leo & Ma. Elia Solis lit a candle in memory of James Russell O'Canas Jr.*



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**Leo & Ma. Elia Solis** - January 16, 2020 at 01:37 PM

 Molly  
Herman  
Cruz

“ *Molly Herman Cruz purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James Russell O'Canas Jr..*



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**Molly Herman Cruz** - January 16, 2020 at 08:40 AM

CD

“ I only knew James (Russell) for the fall semester as I was his WCJC English teacher, but what an impact he made in one semester. He was always smiling and respectful. He seemed to love life and be a loyal friend. He always aided class discussions and was prepared for class. It was obvious what a good person he was, and the strength of character and work ethic he exhibited were remarkable. He will be missed, but what a legacy he leaves behind. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and all his friends and classmates. May God give you continued strength and eventual peace.

Cindy Diener - January 16, 2020 at 08:26 AM

AB

“ Alyssa, Alaina, & Daniel Benavidez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Russell O'Canas Jr..



Alyssa, Alaina, & Daniel Benavidez - January 16, 2020 at 02:43 AM

WH

“ Wendy Esmeralda Herrera lit a candle in memory of James Russell O'Canas Jr.



Wendy Esmeralda Herrera - January 16, 2020 at 01:25 AM

EA

“ *El Campo FCCLA and ECHS Culinary Arts purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James Russell O'Canas Jr..*



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**El Campo FCCLA and ECHS Culinary Arts** - January 15, 2020  
at 12:44 PM

JP

“ *Mr. and Mrs. O'Canas you should give parenting lessons! I have yet to meet a young man that has impressed me as much as Russell. He was taught well by the both of you! So many parents and kids need the lessons that Russell was taught and lived so well. I just spoke with him 2 wks. ago at a BB game, he hugged my neck as usual, was so good to see him. And then he sat in the seat right below me during the game and we visited some. There are just no good words for comforting this kind of loss. Just know that he is loved by me and my family and by thousands of others in this community and will never be forgotten because of the young man he was! Iv'e been around a long time, long enough to know that yall will need help much later in the weeks, and months, and years to come. Please do not hesitate to call me day or night....I've counseled with many kids and parents through difficult situations and I'm here, just a phone call away, DAY OR NIGHT! LOVE,  
Judy and Frankie Peter 979-578-1600*

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**Judy Peter** - January 15, 2020 at 12:09 PM

AM

*I have known Russell for a long time, he was a great young man, respectful to me & had the most beautiful smile, he would always see me in the hallway at High School, & would always hug me! You'll are a great example of what a parent should be! You should be proud of the man you raised! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him especially me! Love, Ms. Mata*

Amelia Mata - January 16, 2020 at 08:17 AM

PV

“ Pam Vesely lit a candle in memory of James Russell O'Canas Jr.



Pam Vesely - January 15, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Russell O'Canas Jr..



January 15, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Russell O'Canas Jr..



January 14, 2020 at 10:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Russell O'Canas Jr..*



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January 14, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *it never failed for him to sing me happy birthday .. ❤️ Rest easy Russ ...*



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**laura** - January 14, 2020 at 04:43 PM



*Russell*

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**bryce miller** - December 31, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ *Russ was such a loving respectful guy I was grateful to have him as friend. I thank God for allowing me to meet him & share wonderful memories together.*

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**Emery** - January 14, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Russell O'Canas Jr..*



January 14, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Becky Fisher lit a candle in memory of James Russell O'Canas Jr.*



**becky fisher** - January 14, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Russell O'Canas Jr..*



January 14, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ *He was a great friend first time Houston Rodeo. You will be missed.*



**Emma Morales** - January 14, 2020 at 03:04 PM

AO

“ He was such a funny person! wonderful personality! so sorry ! ☐



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**ashley olvera** - January 14, 2020 at 02:31 PM

LA

Omg i remember this night 🥹 he was always coming with Zeke ... ugh such a great memory...

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**laura** - January 14, 2020 at 02:55 PM