



## Janie Lena (Kana) Kristynik

June 22, 1933 - March 30, 2024

Janie Lena (Kana) Kristynik, 90 of Garwood, Texas passed away on March 30, 2024. She was born on June 22, 1933, at Swiss Alp in Fayette County to Emil and Ella (Barta) Kana. The family moved to the Kana homestead near Hostyn when Janie was one-year-old. She attended Radhost School.

Janie married the love of her life, Bernard Joseph Kristynik, on August 25, 1952, at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hostyn. The couple moved to Garwood in 1954. Throughout her career, she worked for Perry Brothers, Hopkins Rice Sales Office, Blue Goose Restaurant, and Rice Consolidated ISD as a classroom paraprofessional. She retired from RCISD in May 2001 after 14 years of educational service.

Janie was a devoted parishioner of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Nada and a member of the Nada Catholic Daughters, Nada Christian Mothers Society, and the Nada/Garwood Gadabouts EE Club. In her free time, she enjoyed researching genealogy and documenting her family's rich Czech heritage. She also loved putting together beautiful photo albums containing multiple generations of family members. She always looked forward to attending Kana Reunion gatherings with her family.

Janie is survived by her two sons, Alan Kristynik and wife Lisa of Victoria, and Ricky Kristynik and wife Sharon of Rosenberg; grandchildren Kyle Kristynik

and wife Janice, Ryan Kristynik and wife Nicole, Hilary Gohmert and husband Christopher, and Hannah Kristynik and fiancé Brian Bennett; great-grandchildren Emily, Aubrey, and Noah Kristynik and James Gohmert; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

The family gratefully thanks the staff of Tru-Care Living Center in Columbus, Texas for the special care given to Janie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Kristynik; parents, Emil and Ella (Barta) Kana; sister, Rita, and brother-in-law, James Brossmann; brother, Emil, and sister-in-law, Diana Kana; and grandson Joshua Alyn Kristynik.

Visitation will begin at 9:00 am on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, with a Rosary being recited at 9:30 am. The funeral mass will follow at 10:00 am with Rev. Greg Korenek and Rev. Peter Yeboah-Amanfo officiating. Interment will follow at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery in Hostyn at 3 pm.

Pallbearers are Kyle Kristynik, Ryan Kristynik, Christopher Gohmert, Brian Bennett, Scott Brossmann and Darren Redding. Honorary pallbearers are Hattie Kristynik, Stephen Kana, Scott Bartos, Tony Brown, Steve Miller, Stanley Kristynik and great-grandchildren, Emily, Aubrey and Noah Kristynik and James Gohmert.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations in memory of Janie may be made to Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, Garwood Veterans Memorial Library or Garwood Volunteer Fire Department.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
1261 Old Nada Rd  
Nada, TX 77460  
(979) 758-3218

## Rosary

APR 4. 9:30 AM (CT)

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1261 Old Nada Rd  
Nada, TX 77460  
(979) 758-3218

## Funeral Mass

APR 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
1261 Old Nada Rd  
Nada, TX 77460  
(979) 758-3218

## Graveside Service

APR 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery  
936 FM 2436  
La Grange, TX 78945



# Tribute Wall



“ Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of Janie Lena (Kana) Kristynik



kathryn krpec - April 02, 2024 at 10:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Janie Lena (Kana) Kristynik.



April 02, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of Janie Lena (Kana) Kristynik



Shirley Popp - April 02, 2024 at 12:33 PM



One sweet lady. She used to come in to R & R Printing all the time, had many laughs together.

Shirley Popp - April 02, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Janie Lena (Kana) Kristynik.



April 02, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ Holly Waligura Class lit a candle in memory of Janie Lena (Kana) Kristynik



Holly Waligura Class - April 01, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ Betty Leopold lit a candle in memory of Janie Lena (Kana) Kristynik



Betty Leopold - April 01, 2024 at 04:21 PM



*I light this candle for one of my best friends. We shared many good times together. We would go out to eat after doctor appointments, played some games of chicken foot, visits and many phone calls. She always wanted to know what was new in Nada as she loved her community and she checked on how Arthur and I were doing. She also liked sharing her family news with me. I will miss her and her special phone calls.*

*Dear Janie may you rest in peace and may you continue to pray for all of us. I love you.*

*Betty*

Betty Leopold - April 01, 2024 at 04:31 PM