



Jerome Fred Veselka

August 17, 1932 - December 12, 2025

Jerome Fred Veselka (aka, Grampy), 93, of Hillje, passed away December 12, 2025. He was born on August 17, 1932 in El Campo to the late Cyril and Martha Polasek Veselka. Jerome worked for The First State Bank of Louise for over 40 years, retiring as Executive Vice-President. He was very active in his community, serving as President of Louise ISD School Board, Hillje Nursing Home, Louise Lions Club, and the Louise-Hillje Chamber of Commerce. He was a life-long member of St. Andrew's Catholic church in Hillje. Many of his summers were spent chairing and running the auction for St. Andrew's Hillje picnic.

Grampy loved his family unconditionally and loved the community that he served. He was an avid sports fan, always making it to each of his children's many sporting events. He was the biggest and loudest cheerleader in the stands. He continued to follow and attend many of his grandchildren's events over the years. He spent endless hours watching his favorite sports teams (Texans, Astros, and Rockets) on TV.

Grampy thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors. He especially loved fishing with his lovely bride and family at Carancahua Bay. The catching wasn't always good, but the fishing was always excellent. In the winter, when it was too cold to be fishing, you might find him helping make sausage at RJ Strnadel's butcher shop.

He is survived by his beautiful wife of 68 years, Theresa Gabrysch Veselka of Hillje; children, Douglas Veselka and wife Donna of Inez, Kathy Veselka Foster and husband Joe of Palacios, Andrew Veselka and wife Debbie of Louise and Carol Veselka Huffman and husband Charlie of Katy; grandchildren, Daniel Veselka, Derrek Veselka and wife Megan, Ryan Foster, Todd Foster and wife Kendra, Brittany Veselka Payne and husband Scott, Joshua Veselka and wife Marilyn, Chelsea Veselka Davis and husband Hunter and Elizabeth Huffman Ballard and husband Joshua; great-grandchildren, Tanner Veselka, Raegan Veselka, Weston Veselka, Carson Veselka, Landon Veselka, Drew Payne and Marigold Ballard, foster great-grandchild Wallace, and sister, Norma Veselka (LeRoy-deceased) Kruppa.

Jerome was preceded in death by his parents; his great-grandchild, Patton Veselka; and his siblings, PFC Daniel Veselka, Eleanora (Benno) Kana, and Delores (Leroy) Strnadel.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16 at Triska Funeral Home. A Rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Hillje before the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Wayne Flagg officiating. Burial will follow at St. Andrew's Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Daniel Veselka, Derrek Veselka, Ryan Foster, Todd Foster, Joshua Veselka, Scott Payne, Hunter Davis, and Joshua Ballard. Honorary pallbearers will be Megan Veselka, Kendra Foster, Brittany Payne, Marilyn Veselka, Chelsea Davis, Elizabeth Ballard, and his great-grandchildren.

Memorials in memory of Jerome may be made to St. Andrew's Cemetery Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 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

DEC 17. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Andrew's Catholic Church
270 St. Andrew's St
El Campo, TX 77437

Funeral Mass

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew's Catholic Church
270 St. Andrew's St
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Rodney Strnadel lit a candle in memory of Jerome Fred Veselka



Rodney Strnadel - December 17, 2025 at 07:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



December 16, 2025 at 09:58 PM

YF

“ Your Mundy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Fred Veselka.

Your Mundy Family - December 16, 2025 at 04:21 PM

YF

“ Your Mundy Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



Your Mundy Family - December 16, 2025 at 04:21 PM

M&

“ *Mark/Michelle Stevens and Family &Patsy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.*



Mark/Michelle Stevens and Family &Patsy - December 16, 2025 at 10:47 AM

MA

“ *Mark A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Fred Veselka.*

Mark A. - December 16, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.*



December 16, 2025 at 07:59 AM

DS

“ *David Slater purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.*



David Slater - December 16, 2025 at 12:29 AM

DS

“ David Slater planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Fred Veselka.

David Slater - December 16, 2025 at 12:29 AM

BT

“ Brenda Tullos purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



Brenda Tullos - December 15, 2025 at 12:10 PM

BT

“ Brenda Tullos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Fred Veselka.

Brenda Tullos - December 15, 2025 at 12:10 PM

RT

“ Raj & Sunita Tarkunde purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



Raj & Sunita Tarkunde - December 15, 2025 at 11:06 AM

CB

“ Chesley B. purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



Chesley B. - December 15, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



December 15, 2025 at 08:13 AM

FG

“ Frank, Nancy & Meagan Gabrysch purchased the *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



Frank, Nancy & Meagan Gabrysch - December 15, 2025 at 07:55 AM

FG

“ Frank, Nancy & Meagan Gabrysch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Fred Veselka.

Frank, Nancy & Meagan Gabrysch - December 15, 2025 at 07:55 AM

KH

“ *Karen Sheldon Holub lit a candle in memory of Jerome Fred Veselka*



Karen Sheldon Holub - December 14, 2025 at 08:54 PM

KH

“ *Karen Sheldon Holub lit a candle in memory of Jerome Fred Veselka*



Karen Sheldon Holub - December 14, 2025 at 08:50 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Jerome Fred Veselka*



kathy Koudela - December 14, 2025 at 07:56 PM

DJ

“ *Donny, Sandy and Kayla Jopling purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.*



Donny, Sandy and Kayla Jopling - December 14, 2025 at 06:56 PM

DJ

“ Donny, Sandy and Kayla Jopling planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Fred Veselka.

Donny, Sandy and Kayla Jopling - December 14, 2025 at 06:56 PM



“ Mr. Veselka was one of the kindest men I've ever met. His smile always lit up the room. He loved his family, including those of us who had a sibling that married into it. Jerome Fred Veselka made the world a much better place. My deepest condolences to you all.

Sarah Thompson - December 14, 2025 at 01:02 PM

JS

“ Julie Strnadel sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerome Fred Veselka



Julie Strnadel - December 14, 2025 at 10:34 AM

PH

“ Always such a sweet, quick witted, awesome person. I'm so sorry for this great loss in your family.

pam holub - December 14, 2025 at 09:42 AM

PM

“ *Patrick Marek lit a candle in memory of Jerome Fred Veselka*



Patrick Marek - December 14, 2025 at 08:44 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Polasek Wigginton lit a candle in memory of Jerome Fred Veselka*



Barbara Polasek Wigginton - December 14, 2025 at 08:43 AM

PT

“ *Pam Turner lit a candle in memory of Jerome Fred Veselka*



Pam Turner - December 14, 2025 at 08:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.*



December 13, 2025 at 11:40 PM

KL

“ Karen and Tony Laurenzi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Fred Veselka.

Karen and Tony Laurenzi - December 13, 2025 at 11:40 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



December 13, 2025 at 10:18 PM

SM

“ Sherry & David McCollom purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.



Sherry & David McCollom - December 13, 2025 at 08:51 PM

GD

“ Gary and Julie Dunk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Fred Veselka.

Gary and Julie Dunk - December 13, 2025 at 08:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerome Fred Veselka.*



December 13, 2025 at 08:10 PM