



Jim J Drastata

June 30, 1922 - November 2, 2014

Jim J. Drastata, 92 of El Campo, passed away at El Campo Memorial Hospital on Sunday, November 2, 2014. He was born June 30, 1922 in Taiton to Frank J. and Frances Vacek Drastata. In his early years, he earned a living as a rice farmer until he was drafted into the US Army during World War II in 1943. He served as Corporal with the 492nd Heavy Equipment Engineers and was awarded the Bronze Star in 1945 for volunteering to go to the front lines to construct needed roads and bridges under enemy fire during the Bessang Operation in North Luzon, Philippines. After his discharge, he returned home to farm rice and raise cattle. He also hauled gravel for the county, cleared timber with his own bulldozer and enjoyed hunting, fishing, raising watermelons, and playing with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus No. 2490, American Legion Post 251, and an usher and lifelong member of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Annie Liska Drastata of El Campo; daughter Ramona Krenek and husband Douglas of Richmond; grandchildren Rachel, Stephen, Matthew, David, Anna and Therese Krenek of Richmond; brother Willie Drastata and wife Pam of Houston and Joe Drastata and wife Margie of Palacios.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Martha Kotlar, Betty McPherson, Georia Duyka and brother Frank Drastata.

Visitation began at 2 pm on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at Triska Funeral Home with a Rosary recited at 7 pm. The funeral Mass will be at 10 am on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church. Graveside services with military honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251 will follow at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Taiton.

Pallbearers are Patrick Barnard, Bill Bliss, Dennis Kotlar, Ronald Kotlar, Matthew Krenek, Stephen Krenek, Joseph Liska and August Sohrt.

Memorial holy mass donations for Jim may be made to St. Philip Catholic Church or St. John Catholic Church.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.triskafuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Triska Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. John Catholic Cemetery

1843 CR 469
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

NOV 4. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
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Funeral Mass

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Interment with Full Military Honors

NOV 5 (CT)

St. John Catholic Cemetery
1843 CR 469
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

EC

“ *Elaine Mach Cook lit a candle in memory of Jim J Drastata*



Elaine Mach Cook - November 05, 2014 at 05:38 PM

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Mrs. Drastata, Mona and family. I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Drastata's passing. My prayers and sympathy go out to each of you.

Elaine Mach Cook - November 05, 2014 at 05:39 PM

KW

“ *Ken Walla lit a candle in memory of Jim J Drastata*



Ken Walla - November 05, 2014 at 02:13 PM

NG

“ *Aunt Annie, Ramona, Doug and kids - we were saddened to hear of Uncle Jim's passing but rejoice in knowing he is with our Lord. I can not get there from Colorado for the services but will be praying for you all.*

Nancy Drastata Glaze, Mark, Christopher and Caroline

Nancy Drastata Glaze - November 04, 2014 at 02:37 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Jim J Drastata.



November 04, 2014 at 10:01 AM



“ Mrs. Drastata, Mona and family - We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Drastata. I know he & my dad (Bill Merta) were very close friends. You are all in our thoughts and we are praying the Good Lord will wrap his arms around all of you at this very difficult time. Clarence & Judy (Merta) Rohan



Clarence & Judy (Merta) Rohan - November 03, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“ Aunt Annie, Mona, Doug and the children - we are keeping you all in our prayers and thoughts at this time of loss. Uncle Jim is in such a better place now resting in comfort with our Lord. Sandra Drastata Grosvenor & family

Sandra Grosvenor - November 03, 2014 at 01:40 PM



“ so sorry for your loss! our condolences to the family and hugs to you all! Chris & Donna Merta

Donna Merta - November 03, 2014 at 12:26 PM