



Joanna Schwartzkopf

November 5, 1930 - September 1, 2020

Joanna Wilma Kocurek Schwartzkopf, age 89, from El Campo, born on November 5, 1930 and died Tuesday, September 1, 2020 in Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Schwartzkopf was a lifetime homemaker, a devoted wife, and a loving mother. She was a graduate of El Campo High School. In her youth, Joanna was an accomplished fast pitch softball shortstop on the Bobby Sox Women's softball team, the A.S.A. District Champions in 1948-1950.

After high school, Joanna attended and graduated from IBM School, and was employed in customer relations work at United Gas in downtown Houston prior to her marriage. In 1952, she met and married the love of her life, Houston Radio Broadcaster Chuck Schwartzkopf. Their first child was born in Corona, California, and Joanna became the proud mother of four children in all. Each of her children graduated from ECHS and WCJC. She was involved as an adult leader in Cub Scouting, 4-H, American Legion Girls State, and SPJST's youth program. Her memberships included the Wharton County Home Demonstration Club, where she was an officer and "Woman of the Year"; El Campo American Legion Auxiliary, St. Philip's Chapter of Catholic Daughters of America, and St. Philip's Altar Society. A stroke in 1972 seriously curtailed much of Joanna's volunteer work; her focus became her family, friends, grandchildren, and great grandchildren; and she became the spiritual leader of the family. She also took an active role in the lives of all her

descendants.

Joanna is preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Julia Elias Kocurek of El Campo; and her brothers Alvin L. Kocurek, James Charles "JC" Kocurek, and Arthur Kocurek.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Charles Franklin "Chuck" Schwartzkopf, Sr., her sister Verna Dell Kocurek Polasek of Houston; her children, and their spouses, Juliet (Bob) Vander Ploeg of Austin, Nora (Jim) McCullough of New Braunfels; Chuck (Stephanie) Schwartzkopf, Jr., of Houston, and Nick (Dylin) Schwartzkopf of Ganado. Joanna is also survived by her 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Surviving grandchildren, and their spouses, are Dirk and Julie Vander Ploeg of Austin, with their four children; Kate and Rob Woodage of Austin, with their three children; Raleigh and Chris Palis of Houston, with their child; Christine and Trey Wakefield of Houston, with their five children; Trey Svrcek of Austin; Madison and Matt Rodon of Spring; Hannah and Josh Sigmon of Weatherford; and Cara Schwartzkopf of Austin.

Visitation will be on Monday, September 7, 2020, from 4-6 PM at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo. Rosary will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, beginning at 10:30 AM at St. Philip Catholic Church with a funeral mass following at 11:00 AM. Entombment will be at Holy Cross Memorial Park in El Campo.

Pallbearers will be Dirk Vander Ploeg, Trey Wakefield, Trey Svrcek, Rob Woodage, Matt Rodon, Chris Palis, and Josh Sigmon.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Joanna to St. Philip Catholic School in El Campo.

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

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

SEP 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ Dear Chuck, Juliet, Nora, Chuck, & Nick,
I have so many wonderful memories of your mom. She loved,
taught, laughed, cried, and cared so deeply for all of you, her friends
and family. I will always cherish our morning walks with the dogs,
making root beer from scratch, playing “It’s a small world after all”
on your piano, listening to her talk in Czech with her friends who
would stop by for coffee & kolaches. I find myself sharing stories of
your mom’s & my many adventures with my children to this day. Her
love for life and family continues to live on and enrich others’ lives
when I share these stories and life lessons. Please accept our
deepest sympathies. You and your famines are in Elizabeth’s,
Michael’s, Nathaniel’s and my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Brent, Elizabeth, Michael & Nathaniel

Brent Kaiser & family - September 25, 2020 at 11:34 AM

RG

“ In your time of sorrow, please know our caring thoughts are with all
of you. May all the loving memories comfort you and bring you
peace.
Ralph and Vicki Gold

Ralph and Vicki Gold - September 14, 2020 at 04:56 PM

MK

“ Dear Chuck, Juliet, Nora, Chuck, & Nick, Please
accept our heartfelt sympathy. You will always be our forever
friends. Whenever our grandchildren visited, we made certain that
they visited Joanna & Chuck getting to know & love them. We will
keep all of you in our thoughts & daily prayers. Love,
Hubert & Mary Jane Kaiser

Mary Jane Kaiser - September 09, 2020 at 03:10 PM

NS

“ *The World proclaim Joanna Wilma Kocurek Schwartzkopf day November 5 her day of gratitude for Mom was and is the greatest example of Christian stewardship of the Philippines , United States, and Czech Republic, with a special adoration to her husband Chuck F. Schwartzkopf from Nick her youngest son!!!*

Nick Schwartzkopf - September 09, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *So sorry Stephanie and Chuck for your loss! Joanna was always the nicest person and so blessed with the family she had! She and her husband were the most devoted couple that I ever met, They would do anything for each other! It is just comforting to know that she is no longer suffering and is with the Lord! Love ya'll lots!*



Sharon Kocurek - September 07, 2020 at 11:17 PM

NS

thank you Sharon and Daniel

Nick Schwartzkopf - September 09, 2020 at 02:35 PM

ER

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Schwartzkopf family. I am a first cousin to Joanna, and have special memories of playing "beauty shop" at her house when we were little. May she rest in God's peace. Edith Mazoch Rachunek*

Edith Mazoch Rachunek - September 07, 2020 at 10:38 AM

DJ

“ *Darlene Janak lit a candle in memory of Joanna Schwartzkopf*



Darlene Janak - September 05, 2020 at 03:00 PM

PT

“ *May her beautiful soul rest in peace. Praying for the whole family.*



Pam Turner - September 04, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Joanna Schwartzkopf.*



September 04, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joanna Schwartzkopf.*



September 04, 2020 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joanna Schwartzkopf.*



September 04, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Joanna Schwartzkopf*



Elaine Cook - September 04, 2020 at 05:07 AM



“ *Junior And Stacy Contreras & Family lit a candle in memory of Joanna Schwartzkopf*



Junior and Stacy Contreras & Family - September 03, 2020 at 08:13 PM



Chuck and Stephanie, we are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother. We are sending prayers to you all and the entire family, prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Junior and Stacy Contreras & Family - September 03, 2020 at 08:20 PM

IM

“ *IDA SAN MIGUEL lit a candle in memory of Joanna Schwartzkopf*



IDA SAN MIGUEL - September 03, 2020 at 04:00 PM

DO

“ *Diana Odstrcil lit a candle in memory of Joanna Schwartzkopf*



Diana Odstrcil - September 03, 2020 at 03:39 PM

DO

My wonderful Aunt Joanna will be missed greatly. She was such a kind and wonderful person who always encouraged and inspired me. I will miss the times we talked but I know she is now resting in peace with our Heavenly Father.

Diana Odstrcil - September 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM

CK

“ *Carla Korthauer lit a candle in memory of Joanna Schwartzkopf*



Carla Korthauer - September 03, 2020 at 09:54 AM

CK

Chuck, so sorry for you and your family's loss. Prayers to you all!!

Carla Korthauer - September 03, 2020 at 09:55 AM

HD

“ *Helen Dolezal lit a candle in memory of Joanna Schwartzkopf*



Helen Dolezal - September 03, 2020 at 07:00 AM

JL

“ *Nick, we were sorry to hear that your mom passed. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

James Langston/Class of 76

James Langston - September 02, 2020 at 11:04 PM

CW

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*



Cindy Witcher - September 02, 2020 at 10:15 PM

NS

thank you Cindy

Nick Schwartzkopf - September 09, 2020 at 02:37 PM

MB

“ Your Mom died on my Mom's birthday. I guess she went to celebrate with her. My condolences to you and your family. It is always hard to loose a parent no matter how old they are. Prayers to you and your family.

Mary Kay Drapela Beard

Mary Kay Beard - September 02, 2020 at 08:26 PM

NS

Thank you Drapela Family, Mary Kay

Nick Schwartzkopf - September 09, 2020 at 02:39 PM

YC

“ Our heartfelt condolences and prayers for the family of Mrs. Joanna Schwartzkopf .❤️ She was such a beautiful, kind and loving Czech lady. She will truly be remembered for her devotion to Family values and Catholic Faith. God bless and comfort you all 🙏🙏🙏



Yvonne & Glen Cerny - September 02, 2020 at 06:46 PM

NS

Thank you Yvonne for all that you have done for the Schwartzkopf's

Nick Schwartzkopf - September 09, 2020 at 02:40 PM