



John Frank Drozd, Jr.

August 22, 1927 - August 2, 2012

John Frank Drozd, Jr. of New Taiton died August 2, 2012 at the age of 84. He was born on August 22, 1927 in Waco to the late John and Ann Lillian Janda Drozd.

After graduating from El Campo High School at the age of 16, he received his BS degree in landscape architecture from Texas A & M College and was always a proud member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked as a florist and landscape architect, and together with his wife Hattie, they owned Floral Gardens for 43 years. He served as Wharton County Commissioner Precinct 4 for 8 years.

John volunteered as a Boy Scout Leader and the Sam Houston Council presented him with the Silver Beaver Award for his service. He was a member of Rotary Club for 60 years, American Legion Post 251, the Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He served as a Trustee for the Texas Czech Heritage Society. He and Hattie were honored with the State Society's Heritage Award for their contributions to Texas Czech Culture and their many years as chairmen for mailing the Cesky Hlas, the society's state newsletter. He served as finance board member and Eucharistic Minister for St. John Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Hattie Peter Drozd of New Taiton; daughters Karen Wright and husband Craig of Rosenberg, Lenice Blair and husband Peter of Southlake; Janet Foltyn and husband Jason of Houston;

sons John A. Drozd and wife Jeri of Midland, and Carl Drozd and wife Elizabeth of Richmond; brother Bob Drozd of Brazoria; grandchildren Stephanie, Jennifer, Lauren, Wayne, Kristen, Hunter, Cora, Jared, Jonathon, and Jack; and great-grandchildren Cadence and Luke. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Wayne Drozd, and brother Victor Drozd.

Visitation will be 12 pm to 5 pm Monday at Triska Funeral Home. Parish Rosary will be 7:00 pm Monday at St. John Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at St. John Catholic Church with Rev. Gabriel Oduro Tawiah officiating. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Serving as pallbearers are Peter Blair, Jason Foltyn, Craig Wright, Wayne Blair, Hunter Drozd, Matt Scholes and Kevin Williams.

Memorial donations in memory of John Drozd may be made to Texas Czech Heritage Cultural Center, 250 Fairgrounds Rd, La Grange, TX 78945.

Words of condolence may be left for the family at triskafuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Hattie and family. So very saddened at the loss of John. He was the kindest of men and full of God's grace and love. He has been a dedicated Rotarian since 1944. We will all sorely miss him. God bless and keep you all.* ”

Sherry Roddy - El Campo, TX - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Sending you my prayers and sympathy.* ”

Lucille Drozd Sulak - west, TX - cousin - August 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the family. Mr. Drozd was a truly a family man who touched many lives.* ”

Joan Rawlinson - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *To Hattie and Family--- Please accept our sincere sympathy in the death of your beloved John. May God give you peace and acceptance of this very sad happening in your family. All our love, Hugo and Anne Schilhab.* ”

Hugo and Anne Schilhab - Weimar, TX - friend - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Drozd have always been there for their children and have always been people I have the utmost respect for. Mr. Drozd was always such a dignified, happy man. Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family. May God grant you the strength to carry on with faith in the knowledge Mr. Drozd is truly in a better place and you will all be reunited one day.*

Donna & Chris Merta - El Campo, TX - friend - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *Hattie & family. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you at this time.*

Vic & Pat Dybala - El Campo, TX - Friends - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy*

Lael Martin - El Campo, TX - pharmacist - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *My deepest sympathy.*

Craig Hathway - El Campo, TX - Rotarian - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *My true sympathies to your family. Not only will he be missed at Rotary, he was such a vibrant & gentle man..with a quick wit. Keep his memoy alive to the young ones !!*

Karen Meinardus - El Campi, TX - Friend - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to each member of the family as I know he was truly a family man and a true Rotarian that will be sincerely missed.*

Mindi Snyder - El Campo, TX - Rotarian - August 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM