



Joyce Socha Zbranek

August 6, 1937 - May 16, 2024

Joyce Marie Socha Zbranek, of Nada, went to our Lord on May 16, 2024 at the age of 86 and surrounded by her family. She was born on August 6, 1937 in Taiton to Emil and Leona Bubela Socha.

After graduating from El Campo High School in 1955, Joyce then attended Josephine Hodge Beauty College in Houston and graduated with her cosmetology degree in 1957. She started her own business, a beauty shop, where she provided haircare and manicure services for over 40 years. Joyce was also a certified nurse's aide. In addition to her business, she was a secretary and bookkeeper for Zbranek Bros. until she retired in 2002. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters of America, and Christian Mothers.

Joyce enjoyed spending time in her garden and raising chickens. Her canned pickles were a family favorite, and her delicious noodles were part of the St. Mary Picnic Auction for many years. She was an excellent needle worker, creating beautiful quilts and embroidery pieces. Joyce was also a skilled hunter, and she always delighted in playing a game of dominoes. But more than anything, Joyce loved God and her family.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 66 years, Clarence Zbranek of Nada; son, Alan Zbranek and wife Kelly of Wharton; daughter, Janet Freeman and husband Scott of League City; grandchildren Sheldon Stevens and husband

Schuyler, Collin Freeman, and Erin Zbranek.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Emil J. Socha Jr., and sisters JoAnn Ballard and Carol Brown.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 19 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Nada with a Rosary recited at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, May 20 at the church with the Rev. Peter Yeboah Amanfo officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or Garwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Nada, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAY 19. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Alan, Jan and the entire Zbranek family. Mrs. Zbranek was a beautiful person whose chuckle laugh could bring to life everyone’s spirit with whom she interacted. Mrs. Zbranek’s canned pickles were Grand Champion in my book. I have many memories of college days with Alan and the Zbranek family. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.



Wilbert and Paula Hundl - May 20, 2024 at 10:13 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Joyce’s passing and extend our heartfelt condolences to her dear family. You are in our prayers. May perpetual light shine upon her.



Chris and Brittany Hollas - May 18, 2024 at 09:39 PM

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“ Joyce was a beautiful woman in so many ways. I enjoyed times spent with her & Clarence. She will be greatly missed. We shared being grandparents to Sheldon and Collin.

Bonnie Freeman - May 18, 2024 at 03:27 PM

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“ *Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of Joyce Socha Zbranek*



kathryn krpec - May 18, 2024 at 10:56 AM