



Lawrence Shimek

October 1, 1931 - April 3, 2021

Lawrence Cyril Shimek, 89, of Garwood, TX, passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2021. He was born on October 1, 1931 in Nada, TX to the late Cyril John and Sophie Marie Buzek Shimek. Lawrence was a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of KJT and the El Campo American Legion.

He is survived by his children, Judy Janecka and husband Joe of Richmond, TX, Victor Shimek and wife Debora of Nada, TX, Dianne Cerny of El Campo, TX, Jo Ann Shimek of El Campo, TX, Bruno Shimek and wife Christine of Bryan, TX, Allen Shimek and wife Monica of El Campo, TX, David Shimek and wife Michelle of College Station, TX, and Sharon Streger and husband Matt of New Braunfels, TX; grandchildren, Jennifer Janecka Frnka and husband Greg, Joseph Janecka and wife Zola, Justin Janecka, Mathew Shimek, Kevin Shimek, Luke Shimek and wife Katherine, Adrian Shimek and fiancé Victoria Baltazar, Laura Cerny Dorotik and husband Trent, Kristi Cerny Walton and husband Kyle, Kara Cerny McClung and husband Michael, Garrett Cerny and wife Kimberly, Elizabeth Shimek, Wesley Shimek and wife Emily, Brandon Shimek, Alannah Camunag and husband Ian, Brooklyn Webster, Chase Shimek and wife Kelsey, Cade Shimek and wife Ashley, Breanne Crow and husband James, Hagen Jenkins, Brock Jenkins, Samantha Streger, Nathan Streger and wife Jennifer and Andrea Streger; 19 great-grandchildren and sister, Ella Mae Merta and husband Charlie.

Preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Edna Korenek Shimek; sisters, Lydia Schoellmann, Leona Joseph Barrera and Martha Ott; son-in-law, Gary Cerny, daughter-in-law, Anna Shimek and grandson, Marvin Shimek.

Lawrence married the love of his life, Edna Korenek, on October 7, 1952. He served in the United States Army from February 1953 – February 1955. During this time he rose to the rank of Corporal in the 1st Armored Division, and served in President Eisenhower's Honor Guard at the Dedication of the Falcon Dam in Laredo, TX. After his military service he returned home to Garwood and continued his life as a farmer, rancher, and later life insurance salesman. He served several leadership roles including President of the Nada Cooperative Gin Board, Centex Cotton Oil Mill Board of Directors, Rice Consolidated Equalization Board, and the Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation District. Lawrence was employed at Catholic Life Insurance starting in 1969 and retiring from sales service in 1993. He was then elected to the Catholic Life Insurance Board of Directors from 2006 until 2014, serving as Vice-Chairman of the Board from 2012 – 2014. Lawrence was a dedicated member of St. Mary's Nada Parish, serving as chairman of multiple activities for the annual Parish Picnic, and serving many years as a Eucharistic Minister.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, April 8 at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. The Funeral Mass will follow in church at 10 a.m. with Pastor Rev. Peter K. Yeboah-Amanfo and nephew Rev. Greg Korenek concelebrating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery immediately following the Mass. Face masks are encouraged for the visitation and funeral. The Funeral Mass will be livestreamed on the Facebook page of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Pallbearers: Justin Janecka, Mathew Shimek, Kevin Shimek, Garrett Cerny,

Elizabeth Shimek, Wesley Shimek, Chase Shimek, and Nathan Streger.
Honorary pallbearers will be Jennifer Frnka, Joseph Janecka, Luke Shimek,
Adrian Shimek, Laura Dorotik, Kristi Walton, Kara McClung, Brandon Shimek,
Alannah Camunag, Brooklyn Webster, Cade Shimek, Breanne Crow, Hagen
Jenkins, Brock Jenkins, Samantha Streger, and Andrea Streger.

Memorial donations may be made to the Reverend Monsignor Lawrence J.
Stuebben Seminarian Scholarship Fund, the St. Mary's Catholic Church
Cemetery Fund or the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Nada, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Rosary

APR 9. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1261 Old Nada Rd
Nada, TX 77460
(979) 758-3218

Tribute Wall

BC

“ I miss you grandpa. I think about you all the time. I hope you're living it up in Heaven with grandma.

Breanne Crow - October 03, 2023 at 10:36 PM

LB

“ Lacey Barbre lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Shimek



Lacey Barbre - April 09, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.



April 08, 2021 at 01:36 PM

DR

“ Dennis & Suzie Ramsey lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Shimek



Dennis & Suzie Ramsey - April 08, 2021 at 08:12 AM

DH

“ *David H. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Lawrence Shimek.*



David H. - April 07, 2021 at 11:49 PM

UB

“ *Ulises Baltazar purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Lawrence Shimek.*



Ulises Baltazar - April 07, 2021 at 08:21 PM

PF

“ *Patti Trutter and Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lawrence Shimek.*



Patti Trutter and Family - April 07, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.*



April 07, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.*



April 07, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.*



April 07, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *Case and Carol Hollub purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lawrence Shimek.*



Case and Carol Hollub - April 07, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Janet & Al Mahalitc lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Shimek*



Janet & Al Mahalitc - April 07, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.



April 07, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Monica Bubela Stock lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Shimek*



Monica Bubela Stock - April 07, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Shimek*



Elaine Cook - April 06, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.



April 06, 2021 at 05:59 PM

LA

“ Love Dave and Linda Ainsworth purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lawrence Shimek.



Love Dave and Linda Ainsworth - April 06, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.



April 06, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.



April 06, 2021 at 09:16 AM

BB

“ Barry and Kelly Balthrop purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence Shimek.



Barry and Kelly Balthrop - April 06, 2021 at 09:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence Shimek.*



April 06, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ *Gerald and I send you hugs and prayers at the loss of your father. God bless your family.*



Gerald & Neta Ripple - April 05, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Shimek*



Patricia Dybala - April 05, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *My heartfelt prayers for all of the Shimek family. Our family has known Lawrence for many years. He was always very polite and friendly. There's no doubt, he will be greatly missed. May God grant all of you an abundance of comfort and peace during this time of sorrow.*



Cathie Cerny - April 05, 2021 at 04:50 PM