



Lawrence Socha

September 8, 1937 - September 6, 2020

Lawrence Emil Socha was born to Wilma Hoffman and Rudy Socha in Nada Texas September 8, 1937. He passed away on September 6, 2020. He grew up in the Garwood/Nada area. Lawrence served in the Army and National Guard 1958 – 1961.

He married Lillian Stavinoha on December 27, 1960; they would have been married 60 years this year. They built their life and raised their family in El Campo.

From a young age Lawrence was a true entrepreneur. When he was a young teenager, with no running water or electricity, he started his first business raising pigeons. In order to raise money for school, he worked the summers for the Steinke family at the Garwood Telephone Company. He put himself through WCJC and then went on to The University of Texas where he received a BBA in business in 1960. He was the first Socha in his family to graduate from college.

Throughout his life he owned several businesses. Among these were a Land survey business while in college, a venetian Blind business, and his most successful businesses– Vend a meal, Robo Car Wash, El Campo Spraying service partnered with Ed Strnadel and Socha's car wash with his sons Kenneth and Marc.

Lawrence and Lillian traveled all over the world. They loved cruises and casinos. Lawrence never met a stranger. He and his friends were the first winners of the Wharton County Youth Fair BBQ Cookoff in 1976 and represented Wharton County at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo BBQ Cookoff. He had a green thumb, loved working in his garden, enjoyed playing cards with his friends at Tuesday night Poker and he loved the outdoors-hunting and fishing with friend Richard Staha.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Patsy Socha Krauskopf. He is survived by wife Lillian, Sons Kenneth (Leeanna) and Marc (Kelly). Grandchildren, Sommer Leonard (Tom) and Garret Pool (Ashley). Great Grandchildren Aubin and Charlie Leonard and Brooklyn and Brynlee Pool.

He was a member of the El Campo Knights of Columbus 2490, KJT, Elks Lodge 1749 and the NRA.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, September 10 at Triska Funeral Home. A KC Rosary will be recited 10 a.m. Friday, September 11 at St. Philip Catholic Church with funeral Mass to follow at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Rother officiating. Entombment with military honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post 251 will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Due to the CDC guidelines for the pandemic, masks are required at the funeral home and church, and seating will be limited.

Pallbearers will be Garret Pool, Tom Leonard, Ed Campbell, John Robert Duncan, Mike Carville, Randy Turner, David Saucedo and Darby Hoffman.

Honorary Pallbearers are Lisa Richter, Russell Abshire, Charles Maerz, Elmer

Rod, Billy Bode, Clyde Reynolds, Rudy Mahala, Eddie Weinheimer, Cecil Davis, Butch Medford and Ed Strnadel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the El Campo Fire Department, El Campo Memorial Hospital Foundation, St. Philips Church or St. Andrews Church.

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 **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

SEP **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

GK

“ *My sincere condolences to Lillian and her family. I was very saddened to hear of his loss. He was a wonderful friend with an exceptional personality. He certainly never met a stranger. May God bless him for his many good deeds.* ”



Glora Krpec - October 06, 2020 at 02:44 PM

BJ

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Socha family for your loss.* ”

Bonnie Gloeckner Johnson - September 15, 2020 at 02:23 PM

PT

“ *Patricia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha* ”



Patricia Taylor - September 13, 2020 at 05:28 PM

JR

“ *Deepest sympathy for the family. So sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for strength and comfort during this hard time.* ”

Janie Roehl - September 11, 2020 at 05:03 PM

MK

“ Dear Lillian, Marc, Kenny, & Family, Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Lawrence was always a kind, friendly, & generous gentleman. The EC Heritage Center bingo players are so grateful for his donation of many, many car wash coupons for bingo prizes. You are in our thoughts & will continue to be in our daily prayers. Love, Hubert & Mary Jane Kaiser

Mary Jane Kaiser - September 11, 2020 at 12:59 PM

GN

Dear Lillian and family, We are so sorry to learn of Lawrence's passing. He was a kind, friendly man who always had a smile on his face and time to stop and chat. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, Johnnie & Gloria Nordeen

Gloria Nordeen - September 12, 2020 at 06:32 PM

FB

“ We send our condolences and prayers for Lawrence's family!



Frank and Billie Becak - September 10, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Always ran into Mr Socha in town or at the car wash. Whenever you'd see him , he'd always leave a smile on your face or laughing about anything!! Right?
To the Socha family: As hard as it is to lose a daddy/ husband/ family member ; please remember , he'll still be watching over you and of course your family's hometown business 🙏 “ Sochas” ❤️

Rebecca Koudela - September 10, 2020 at 06:11 PM

Vicki
Ash

“ Vicki Ash lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



Vicki Ash - September 10, 2020 at 04:32 PM

GC

“ Gary And Jan Charbula lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



Gary and Jan Charbula - September 09, 2020 at 03:48 PM

BC

“ Lawrence was always a friendly, funny & sweet guy! Condolences to Lillian, Kenny & Marc & Kelly ❤️



Bill Carville - September 09, 2020 at 01:57 PM

LT

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Good man and I know he will be missed.
Ben & Lena Tupa

lena tupa - September 09, 2020 at 01:06 PM

KC

“ Prayers to you Lillian and your Family -- Lawrence will definitely be missed by many, including myself. You are in my prayers. God bless



Kathy Cullum - September 09, 2020 at 12:59 PM

AS

“ Allen And Judy Sefcik lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



Allen and Judy Sefcik - September 09, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Socha.



September 08, 2020 at 09:07 PM

LS

“ Liz And Tommy Staff lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



Liz and Tommy Staff - September 08, 2020 at 08:45 PM

RJ

“ *Ray And Linda Jaksch lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha*



Ray and Linda Jaksch - September 08, 2020 at 01:31 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha*



Kathy Koudela - September 08, 2020 at 10:00 AM

JS

“ *Julie Strnadel lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha*



Julie Strnadel - September 08, 2020 at 08:46 AM

KP

“ *My deepest condolences to the Socha family. Kennedy & Marc, you're family is in my prayers. God bless*

Kelley Prevou - September 08, 2020 at 06:43 AM

TB

“ *Lawrence never met a stranger. He was a fun loving person who always lent a helping whoever happened by and needed help . He will be missed by all who knew him. May the grace and peace of God reign over you forever.*

Toodie Brady - September 07, 2020 at 11:40 PM

JA

“ *Sending blessings and condolences to Lillian, Kenney, and Marc. And sending goodbye to a favorite cousin and remembering all the good times we had as kids. Bless you Lawrence.*

Jan Socha Ammann - September 07, 2020 at 11:32 PM

EM

“ *Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Socha and to Mark and Kenny and their families!
We will always remember him as our kind neighbor when we lived in El Campo! May He Rest In Peace!
The Miró family*

Evelyn Miro - September 07, 2020 at 11:18 PM

SH

“ *My sincere condolences to the Socha family. I have a lot of memories of Lawrence. No doubt, he was one of my dad's dearest friends. Lawrence was always a jokester, always having something funny to say. His nick name for me was Shortcakes-I can still hear him call me that! Lawrence was a great man and I thank God for the friendship he had with my dad. He will be missed by many! Hugs and prayers to you all!*

Shawn Staha Hendeson - September 07, 2020 at 11:10 PM

LM

“ Our deepest condolences to Lillian and all the family. Hopefully some of the memories will help ease some of the sorrow in time. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.



Linda and John Merck - September 07, 2020 at 11:00 PM

RM

“ Rose Ann Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



Rose Ann Mitchell - September 07, 2020 at 10:56 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



Cindy Riha - September 07, 2020 at 10:23 PM

CK

“ Carla Korthauer lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



Carla Korthauer - September 07, 2020 at 10:08 PM

TB

“ Terry & Diane Busby lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



Terry & Diane Busby - September 07, 2020 at 09:59 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear of Lawrence's passing. Love and prayers to Lillian, Kenny, Mark and family. Lawrence will be greatly missed.

Janice Berkovsky - September 07, 2020 at 08:43 PM

RH

“ Sending our thoughts, prayers, and sympathy to Lillian, Marc, and Kenny and the families. We will always remember Lawrence fondly.

Randy and Vicki



Randy & Vicki Hildebrand - September 07, 2020 at 07:43 PM

JS

“ Jeraldine Socha lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha



jeraldine socha - September 07, 2020 at 07:38 PM

PD

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



Patricia Dybala - September 07, 2020 at 07:32 PM

KL

“ *Marc sending prayers to you and your family Karen Lopez*



Karen Lopez - September 07, 2020 at 07:11 PM

JA

Sending blessings to Lillian, Kenney, and Marc. And saying goodbye to a favorite cousin and remembering all the good times we had as kids. Bless you Lawrence!!

Jan Socha Ammann - September 07, 2020 at 11:09 PM

EC

“ *Lillian and family, Sending our prayers of Sympathy on the loss of Lawrence. He will be greatly missed. Elaine Mach Cook*



Elaine Cook - September 07, 2020 at 06:23 PM

CW

“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers. A great loss of a friendly business man of El Campo. May he Rest In Peace.* ”



Cindy Witcher - September 07, 2020 at 06:11 PM

LK

“ *Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Socha* ”



Linda Kram - September 07, 2020 at 06:01 PM

LK

Sorry for the family's loss. May he Rest In Peace. Prayers are sent for the family and friends. Linda & Ken Kram

Linda Kram - September 07, 2020 at 06:04 PM

SS

RIP Lawrence Socha. Jimmy Sr. and I have known this family a long time. Prayers for the family.

Sue Martin George and Jimmy Sr. - September 07, 2020 at 08:39 PM