



Lawrence John Volek

September 23, 1931 - December 7, 2017

Lawrence “Larry” Volek passed away on December 7, 2017 at the age of 86. He was born on September 23, 1931 to Jerome and Isabella Marek Volek in the Hillje community.

He attended the Adams school there and lived on a farm until 1948 when, at the age of 16, he volunteered to go into the army for three years. After basic training in Fort Ord, California, he signed up for the Army Engineers and was sent overseas for 30 months. In 1950 some short time was spent in Korea. Coming back to the States after three years, he served another year and was stationed at Orlando Air Force Base in Eglin Field, Florida. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1952, he came back to El Campo. He was then employed in many capacities starting at the Alcoa plant in Point Comfort, the Southern Pacific railroad construction in Edinburg and at the Cellulose plant in Bay City as a fabricator on the new plant that was built there. He spent several years in the oil fields from Texas to Louisiana, in all kinds of facilities. In 1962 he enrolled in an engineer school of construction and was accepted in a school on job training in Indianapolis, Indiana. He graduated top of his class and was appointed to stay over as an instructor for the next new class coming in. After schooling, Lawrence went into the work force and received employment by a construction company in Anderson, Indiana. Later he was employed as a machine operator for Pierce Governor Company, a place that manufactures governors for all kinds of industrial engines. He then became employed at Delco Remy, a division of General Motors for 23 years as a

quality inspector. While employed at Delco Remy, he was instrumental in a redesign of several pieces of equipment, saving thousands of man hours and a good amount of money for the company. He then retired at the age of 55 from Delco Remy in 1987 and came back to live in El Campo again. He was fond of many hobbies in life including traveling the world over, dancing, mountain climbing, photography and flying airplanes. He took up ballroom dancing in Anderson, Indiana in a well-known dance studio under his good friend, David Sasney, originally from Chicago, Illinois. He climbed many mountains. The first and largest of the two were the Chugach Mountains in Anchorage, Alaska in 1949. The last was the Machu Picchu Mountain in Ecuador, South America in 2000. He was very active in photography, winning many ribbons at art shows. Several pictures were on display in various places, newspapers and magazines. He graduated from flight school and flight training in 1964 and took a solo flight on a clear day up to 14,600 feet to do photography. He had so many pictures albums and memorabilia from world travels that he established a private museum at his home. Lawrence was a 32nd degree Master Mason and life member in the El Campo Masonic Lodge 918. He was also a member of Scottish Rite and a Shriner. He was a life member in both the American Legion Post 251 in El Campo and Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 4403 in Port Lavaca. He was a life member in the National and State Rifle Association.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jerome Jr.

Surviving are brothers, Stanley and wife Barbara, Eugene and wife Loretta and Ernest; son, Walter Volek and love of his life, Thelma Gustin.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, December 11 at Triska Funeral Home with services following at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at St. Andrew's Cemetery in Hillje.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery

Hillje, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

DEC 11. 2:00 PM (CT)


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Tribute Wall

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“ *I am sorry for your loss. I remember all the interesting things he would talk about when he would visit with us at Grandma Alice Machacek or with Aunt Isabelle and Uncle Jerome.* ”

Grace Marie Sembera Alexander - December 11, 2017 at 01:21 PM

 Sheldon Holub

“ *Sheldon Holub lit a candle in memory of Lawrence John Volek* ”



Sheldon Holub - December 11, 2017 at 07:03 AM