



Leona Rod Kasper Finley

January 11, 1931 - December 28, 2012

Leona Rod Kasper Finley of Hillje, formerly of Richmond and Ganado, died December 28, 2012 at the age of 81. She was born January 11, 1931 in Blue Creek Community to the late Charles and Millie Socha Rod. She and her first husband John Kasper, Jr. owned and operated Hillje Grocery and Market from 1952 – 1970 and the Ganado Dairy Market from 1970 – 1993. She was a member of the KJZT and formerly a member of the Ganado CDA.

She is survived by her husband J. Finley of Richmond; sons Rusty Kasper, her side-kick and favorite companion, Mark Kasper and wife Chris of Brazoria and John Kasper, and wife Cynthia "Jo" of Sweeny; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, first husband, sons Kevin and Anthony Kasper, brothers Charlie, A. J., and Ben Rod, and sister Lorraine Rod Spacke.

Visitation will be 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Sunday at Triska Funeral Home. A rosary will be recited 9:30 am Monday, December 31, 2012, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church with the funeral Mass following at 10:00 am with Rev. Clement Quainoo officiating. Interment will follow at St. Andrew Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to either the Assumption Catholic Church in Ganado or to St. Andrew Catholic Church in Hillje.

Condolences and memories may be left for the family at triskafuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *John, Mark, Rusty and Families*
Travis & I were saddened to learn of your Mom's passing. She was truly a great Mom and kind to everyone. We know the past few years have been stressful but know that she is in a better place and dancing with the angels!!!. Sending our thoughts and prayers.

Travis & Rosann Cavender - Angleton, TX - Friends - January 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I remember waking up in the mornings at your house in Ganado. You would be reading the paper at the kitchen table and I would sneak in the kitchen and give you a hug every morning. You gave the best hugs and you always called me "Sweetie". I can still hear your voice and laughter. I miss you MiMa, but I know that you are enjoying your new home with God and getting to see PaPa, Kevin, and Anthony again. Please look down over us and give us guidance when we desperately need it. I love you and miss you so much. Until we meet again....*

Destiny Naquin - Victoria, TX - granddaughter - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was the kindest lady. She always had the sweetest smile for us at the Dairy Mart and I know we all could be a handful sometimes. One thing we knew, she cared about her girls there and I was lucky enough to be one for most of my high school years. Your family is in my prayers during this time.*

Carol (Nance) Fowler

Carol Fowler - Ganado, TX - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ As my hearts mourns, I wipe away the tears of the happy times I had being in the family for 14 years or so, starting the summer time I met Mark, the year of 1972. I have wonderful memories of working in the Dairy Mart that the Kaspers owned then, Mark & I are dating during our high school days. We get married the year of 1975. We bring into this world, Mrs Kaspers first grand-child, Christi Dawn which the Kaspers cherished from that day on. Mrs. Kasper treated me like I were her own. We had a strong bond. She was always there for me, also when I needed her to take care of my new-born Christi so I could finish my high school classes in order to Graduate. I will always think about what a good life she started for me at my very young age & all the values of life I learned from her. I will miss you dearly, Mrs. Kasper. Love, Barbara

Barbara Kaspar Berry - Richwood, TX - ex-daughter-n-law - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ To Rusty, Mark & John;
We will miss Leona. She was a member of the Prayer Group at Assumption BVM Church & our KJZT. Lots of wonderful memories of Leona & John and the boys from the Dairy Mart days. She was a swell lady with a beautiful smile.
God Bless you as you grieve her passing. Now she is rejoicing.
Frances & Henry Vesely

Frances & Henry Vesely - Ganado, TX - Friend - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Leona gave me my first job and taught me how to count change.
A wonderful person.

Gail Mercer Hurt Lawrence - Ganado, TX - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“MI-MA, you will be greatly missed! The first granddaughter, one that spent time living with you as a child and spent every summer with you and papa up until my teenage years. Working at the Dairy Mart I learned the meaning of getting up and going to work, respect and how to treat people. Every Christmas it was a tradition for mi-ma to take us grandchildren shopping at Victoria Mall to pick out our presents, which would be wrapped, usually \$30 a piece and we were greatly appreciative! I learned so many values and heard so many stories about my dad and uncles growing up as well. Like Uncle Rusty out in the pasture with the bulls in his little red jacket, or uncle rusty being thrown off the front handle bars into the muddy ditch water or one of the boys riding on papas step side trucks all the way to the grocery store. SOOOO many memories which were told before we went to bed each night after of course watching Johnny Carson. As I grew older Mima made sure to come see me at my volleyball games that were played close to Ganado and bring us milkshakes. She loved me very much, I know, because she showed me in so many ways. It will be so hard to say goodbye but I know she is in a much better place now with papa and many other loved ones looking over us now. She is an Angel! I love you MiMa!

Christi Dawn Kasper Beard - Lake Jackson, TX - Granddaughter - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM