



Lillian Doris Hansen

November 22, 1928 - November 15, 2023

Lillian was born in El Campo on November 22, 1928 to Frances Trojcak Chaka and Frank John Chaka. A self-made woman, Lillian's indomitable will and force of personality was forged from her childhood memories of depression-era life on the farm and coming-of-age during WWII. This upbringing shaped her, and she often told stories of her farm, her parents and her brothers, Edmund and Jerry Chaka.

After graduation from El Campo High School, Class '45, Lillian's first full time position was typesetting at the El Campo Leader News. Later, she moved up to become a proficient line-type setter. She was very proud of this position because as she put it, "you had to be proficient at words and sentence structure to master this skill." She moved to another position at the paper becoming a society page reporter, reporting on weddings and other social events. She had a way with words and was able to describe a wedding dress with such detail that readers didn't even need an invite to see the frills. In 1950, Lillian pivoted to a job as a legal secretary at Duckett, Bouligny and Collins Law Firm, then known as Duckett & Duckett. Lillian began her career there preparing legal documents, petitions, and loan documents. Lil was later promoted to manage the real estate loan closing department exclusively. After 50 years at the law firm, she retired in 2000. She loved her career at the office, was proud of her work, and was well respected by her peers. She developed a wealth of knowledge throughout those years. Fittingly, she

acquired the nickname “Lawyer Lil”.

She married Robert Gordon Hansen on April 18, 1949. In 1954, their family grew when their daughter, Leslie Marie, was born. As a family, they embarked on road trips, spent summers traveling the United States, Canada and Mexico. The trio logged a lifetime of memories together. Lillian and Robert spent their entire married life in El Campo until Robert passed away in 1995.

Lillian was a proud member of the Catholic Daughters of the Court #1374. She joined the CDA court in September 1946, six months after the court was established. Her wit, humor, and strength gave her an insatiable drive to help others. She served in several capacities including Regent, District Deputy and assistant to the National Regent, and these roles and many others within the organization continued throughout her entire life. Seeking out Texas’s poor and underserved population, Lil and her co-chairman founded the State Project, Mission of Mercy in 2002. Throughout her life, she was aligned with helping those in need through various ways, donating her time and her energy to do as much for the underserved as she possibly could.

For hobbies, Lillian enjoyed participating in bridge club, casino visits, dance club, Friday and Saturday night poker groups, and traveling the world. Most of all, she loved to travel. She and Robert enjoyed exploring the world together. In their life together, they saw every continent except Antarctica. When not traveling, her hobbies included sewing, puzzling, playing cards and reading voraciously. There was never a day that went by that she missed reading the Houston Chronicle “cover to cover”. Lillian always had a book or two that she was reading at the same time. She enjoyed volunteering as a Sunshine Lady at the El Campo Hospital. One of her favorite places to volunteer was at the El Campo Library where she enjoyed spending hours among the many titles. Lillian was proud to be an honorary member of The Guzzling Gourmets, a Championship Cook Off team led by Larry & Cathy Bittner. Always a moral

supporter, she was honored to “help” them at the Houston Rodeo BBQ cookoff and enjoyed being able to “help” compete in the Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational BBQ Cookoff in Lynchburg Tennessee. She enjoyed her time on the team immensely. Her spirit of adventure and thirst for knowledge knew no bounds.

Lillian is survived by her daughter, Leslie and husband Jay Schroder. Grandchildren: Reid Michael Schroder and wife Jessica Lewis Schroder, Camille Schroder Casey and husband Matthew, Marc Hansen Schroder and wife Ann Parker Schroder. Great grandchildren: Guy Philip Schroder, Maude Alice and Faye Leslie Casey, Parker Louis and Felix Hansen Schroder. Niece, Yvonne Chaka McCreery and Nephews James Chaka and wife Rilla, Sidney Chaka and wife, Cynthia and Thomas Chaka and fiancé Michele Ozuna. Numerous great-nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Frank and Frances Chaka. Her husband of 46 years, Robert Hansen. Her brothers, Edmund and wife Zora Chaka and Jerry and wife Evelyn Chaka. And by her nephew Ronald Chaka.

The family would particularly like to recognize Lillian’s kind and loving caregivers at Vantage Hospice of Houston; Ana and Breanna. And many thanks to our extended family and friends for all their prayers, help and thoughtfulness. Thank you for going above and beyond. Her legacy comes from the countless lives she touched at home, church, work, organizations. The pride she had for her community and the love she shared with family will live on in our memories of Lillian.

Visitation will begin from 8:00AM -9:30AM, Monday, November 20, 2023 at Triska Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 10:00AM, Monday at St. Philip Catholic Church with a CDA Rosary recited at 10:30AM and the Funeral Mass

following at 11:00AM. Burial will be at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Memorial donations in memory of Lillian may be made to The Heritage Center of El Campo. P.O. Box 16, El Campo, TX. 77437. In mom's own words; "to develop and grow a place for seniors to be active, social and productive in El Campo." Lillian enjoyed The Heritage Center and felt she had "only just begun to enjoy and participate in the wonderful place we have right here in El Campo!"

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Visitation

NOV **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Rosary

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

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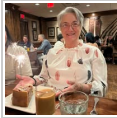
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Tribute Wall

DZ

“ *Lawyer Lillian, a dear friend and colleague. She was not just a Title Company Closing Agent, but also a ray of sunshine. I often referred to her as Lawyer Lillian because of her exceptional skills and ability to make everyone feel at ease during the most important purchase of their lives. Her energy and enthusiasm were infectious and it was impossible not to feel uplifted in her presence. To Leslie and family, we offer our deepest condolences.*

Daniel Zalman - November 21, 2023 at 08:02 PM



Thank you Daniel for the very kind words. I treasure your friendship with mom and with me. Thank you.

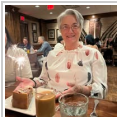
Leslie Schroder - November 22, 2023 at 10:07 PM

LT

“ *Lori Thompson lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Lori Thompson - November 21, 2023 at 01:25 PM



Thank you Lori.

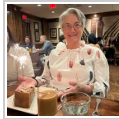
Leslie Schroder - November 22, 2023 at 10:07 PM

SC

“ Leslie and family,
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy with the passing of your mother. She was the "Energizer Bunny" of 90 year old ladies with a quick wit and so fun to be around. I had the pleasure of spending time with her at Catholic Daughter functions I'd attend with my mother and at monthly luncheons at the Heritage Center Also, she was in just about every photo I have seen of El Campo ladies at state and national Catholic Daughter conventions. I had the good fortune of receiving several succulent plants from the vast collection in her back yard. Your mother was a woman of faith with a servants heart and will be missed by many. May the memories you had together be with you always. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving comfort. May she rest in eternal peace.



Sandra Cranek - November 21, 2023 at 12:23 PM



Sandra what a sweet message. Thank you for sharing these memories with me. She loved her adventures for sure. 🌟

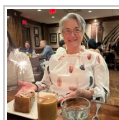
Leslie Schroder - November 22, 2023 at 10:09 PM

FO

“ Frank Olsovsky lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen



Frank Olsovsky - November 20, 2023 at 12:51 PM



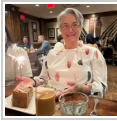
Thank you Frank.

Leslie Schroder - November 22, 2023 at 10:09 PM

RT

“ Oh Miss Lillian, I am so sorry we never got a last poker game. You brightened the table after Robert passed and you became one of the regulars. All I had to do was call and you were there. Earlier in life many memories of you and Robert and mom and dad. Definitely part of the extended family. Rest in peace you deserve it. We will know when you quit resting because there will storms above. Deepest condolences to Leslie, Jay and the family.

RANDALL TAYLOR - November 20, 2023 at 08:00 AM



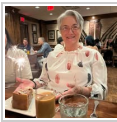
Randy thank you for the sweet words and all the memories. They had a good run didn't they!!!

Leslie Schroder - November 20, 2023 at 08:18 AM

CP

“ Calling Lillian a family friend doesn't do her justice. Growing up, thanks to my parents, I had two families, one by blood and one by choice. Lillian, along with Robert, was a treasured member of the latter. I will miss her.

Callen Pasak - November 19, 2023 at 07:31 PM



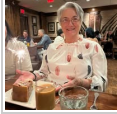
Callen thank you for the heartfelt message. I loved our family times. Many many sweet memories to last us forever.

Leslie Schroder - November 20, 2023 at 08:19 AM

RB

“ Lil was amazing. The world has lost a hero.

Robin Burke - November 17, 2023 at 09:55 PM



What a beautiful message. Thank you.

Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:46 AM

BA

“ *Brenda Adams-Williams lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Brenda Adams-Williams - November 17, 2023 at 06:55 PM



Thank you Brenda.

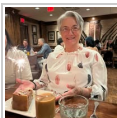
Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:47 AM

JS

“ *Julie Strnadel sent a virtual gift in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Julie Strnadel - November 17, 2023 at 04:07 PM



Thank you Julie. So sweet of you.

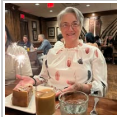
Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:47 AM

VQ

“ *Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Vicky Quijas - November 17, 2023 at 02:36 PM



Thank you Vicky. 🙏

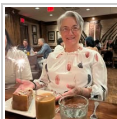
Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:48 AM

VQ

“ *So sorry for your loss! Please know Leslie your family are in my thoughts & prayers! 🙏🙏🙏🙏 God bless you & your loved ones! RIP Lillian! She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved her! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas*



Vicky Quijas - November 17, 2023 at 02:36 PM



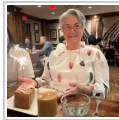
What wonderful words for me to treasure. Thank you.

Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:48 AM

SN

“ Lillian and my mom
Bea Netardus were such good friends. I know they loved to travel
the world and Las Vegas
and spend time at the bay house. The last time they were together
with us at the bayhouse we went to bed and Lillian and Bea stayed
up till 2:00 in the morning playing Yahtzee and laughing, having
such a good time. Bea has memory issues now but she is able to
recall good times with old friends that's a blessing.
Our Prayers are with you. 🙏🙏
Steven Netardus

Steven Netardus - November 17, 2023 at 12:56 PM



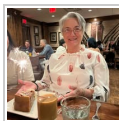
Wow Steven what a special message that I will treasure. Thank you for
your condolences it means so much.

Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:50 AM

AB

“ I can't think of better memories with family and friends than those
spent with Lillian. Her laugh, style, and sense of humor was
something I always will cherish. Rest in peace, Lillian. Mom and all
your other lady friends are waiting for you to raise some hell. That's
going to be something! - Andy Berkovsky

Andy Berkovsky - November 17, 2023 at 11:59 AM



Andy she was so very fond of you and told me many stories about all of
you and especially her treasured friend, Joyce. I do know they are
catching up and raising the roof in heaven.

Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:52 AM

LS

“ *Lori Sablatura lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*

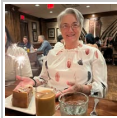


Lori Sablatura - November 17, 2023 at 10:58 AM

LS

May she rest in peace. She was such a great lady, always had a smile on her face.

Lori Sablatura - November 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM



Thank you Lori 🙏

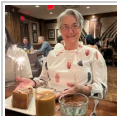
Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:52 AM

LM

“ *Lu Matzke lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



lu Matzke - November 17, 2023 at 10:10 AM



Thank you Lu. So sweet of you.

Leslie Schroder - November 17, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lillian Doris Hansen.*



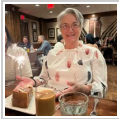
November 17, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Betty Polasek lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Betty Polasek - November 17, 2023 at 09:48 AM



So thoughtful. Thank you.

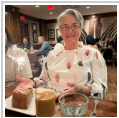
Leslie Schroder - November 17, 2023 at 10:31 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences, Leslie. I always enjoyed visiting with her at the poker games and on our trips to Las Vegas. May she rest in peace and eternal light shine upon her.*

Leslie Janssen

Leslie Janssen - November 17, 2023 at 09:24 AM



Thank you Leslie. She enjoyed those times so much!

Leslie Schroder - November 17, 2023 at 10:32 AM

BW

“ Our condolences and expression of sympathy go out to Leslie and Jay.
Your mother was a very nice lady and will be greatly missed. May she
rest in peace. God Bless.
Bernice & Larry Wagner

Bernice Wagner - November 17, 2023 at 08:45 AM



Thank you for the kind words.

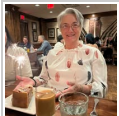
Leslie Schroder - November 17, 2023 at 10:34 AM

EP

“ Ellie Pollard lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen



Ellie Pollard - November 17, 2023 at 07:43 AM



Thank you Ellie! Not surprised your candle choice was green! 🥰

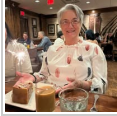
Leslie Schroder - November 17, 2023 at 10:34 AM

JC

“ John And Katie Collins lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen



John and Katie Collins - November 16, 2023 at 10:05 PM



Thank you so much y'all. Means so much to me.

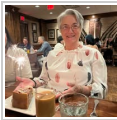
Leslie Schroder - November 17, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Pamela Frasier lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Pamela Frasier - November 16, 2023 at 09:54 PM



Thank you Pam 💕

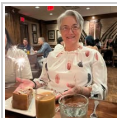
Leslie Schroder - November 17, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 08:51 PM



94th birthday. One year ago.

Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 08:51 PM

CR

“ *Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Cindy Riha - November 16, 2023 at 06:01 PM



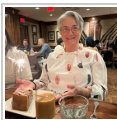
Thank you Cindy.

Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 07:33 PM

CR

My friend Lil, I missed you when you moved but thought of all the good times we had. Yes we traveled the world, some 50 countries & learned a lot, saw a lot, laughed a whole lot. You & Bea sure can make it interesting. We did a lot of things in our small town & managed to survive too. Life was fun with you. May you rest in peace, free of pain & worries. A hug for my parents! I will miss you. Bet they were all at the door to greet you. Sorry for your loss Leslie & family. Your mother will miss you too.but be assured she is praying for us.

Cindy Riha - November 19, 2023 at 01:11 AM



Thank you Cindy💕💕

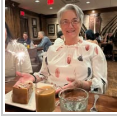
Leslie Schroder - November 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM

NG

“ *Nancy Riha Garrett lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Nancy Riha Garrett - November 16, 2023 at 06:00 PM



Thank you Nancy.

Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 07:33 PM

SH

“ *Shebra lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*

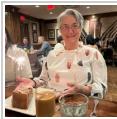


Shebra - November 16, 2023 at 04:55 PM

FP

Leslie and Jay my deepest condolences in the loss of your mother May her soul Rest In Peace and May God wrap His Loving Arms around you and give you comfort Your Mom seemed to have had a full and fulfilling life. You and Jay took very good care of your Mom. Love Aunt Faye

Faye Prejean - November 16, 2023 at 06:40 PM



*Thank you Shebra.
Thanks you Aunt Faye.*

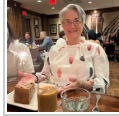
Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 07:34 PM

LS

“ *Lali Saucedo lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Lali Saucedo - November 16, 2023 at 04:03 PM



So very sweet of you, Lali. Thank you. 💕💕

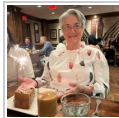
Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 05:52 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen*



Patricia Dybala - November 16, 2023 at 04:01 PM



Heartfelt thank you.

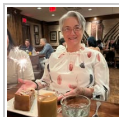
Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 07:35 PM

SW

“ *Rest you Sweet Lady I amiss you tremendously your 2nd floor MedTech Neka at VOTH Sending Prayers*



Shawneque Washington - November 16, 2023 at 02:23 PM



Neka, so so sweet to my mom always. Thank you for your care and thank you for sending this note. It means so much. Leslie

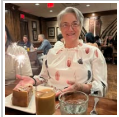
Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 02:55 PM

SP

“ Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen



Shirley Popp - November 16, 2023 at 02:19 PM



Very much appreciated.

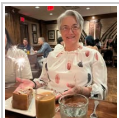
Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 07:35 PM

DB

“ Diane Busby lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen



Diane Busby - November 16, 2023 at 01:40 PM



Thank you kindly.

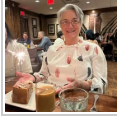
Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 07:35 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Lillian Doris Hansen



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - November 16, 2023 at 01:38 PM



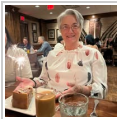
Thank you Charlene.

Leslie Schroder - November 16, 2023 at 07:35 PM



Dear Leslie, L. L. and I just loved Lillian. She was an excellent Christian with such a quick wit. Everyone was drawn to her. She will be remembered fondly. With our love, Faye Duckett Dettling and Clarence Dettling

Faye Duckett Dettling - November 17, 2023 at 10:59 AM



Faye, Thank you so very much. Mom thought so much of Mr. & Mrs. Duckett and you of course! They shared more than a work relationship they were true friends. She said many many times..."L.L. always said Lillian not everyone is as smart as us" and then they would just have a good laugh. so much fun for me growing up in that office!!

Leslie Schroder - November 18, 2023 at 09:45 PM