



Lillie Mae Dornak Pall

December 8, 1918 - April 16, 2016

Lillie Mae Dornak Pall, our beloved Mamaw, passed away peacefully the morning of Saturday, the 16th of April, 2016. Born in Wharton, Texas, on December 8, 1918, to the late Louis B. and Annie Fried Dornak, she was 97 years young. Lillie Mae and her sweetheart husband Tony lived in Winnie, Liberty, Alice, and Corpus Christi, Texas, during Tony's 42-year career with Texaco. After his retirement in 1980, they built a home in El Campo, her childhood hometown, and spent their remaining years enjoying being "home", close to family and friends.

Lillie Mae graduated from El Campo High School in 1934, and while working as cashier at the Frels Theater, she met a young petroleum engineer who had been lured to El Campo to play softball for the Texas Company. One of his favorite stories was telling of the day it snowed in El Campo and, while engaging in a snowball fight with a teammate outside the theater, he literally ran into the prettiest girl he'd ever seen! Shortly after their marriage at St. Philip Catholic Church in El Campo, Tony, a member of the Texas A&M Corp of Cadets, was commissioned a Major in the U. S. Army and stationed in Carmel, California where both of their sons were born. After the war, they came back to Texas and never left. They spent 65 years together before his death in 2006.

Lillie Mae was a homemaker who enjoyed playing bridge and dominoes,

dancing, sewing, and maintaining a beautiful yard. Yard work and driving were the two hardest things for her to give up in her later years. Many in El Campo will remember her for her ceramic workshop where she produced personalized Easter eggs and baby shoes, lighted Christmas trees, and many other gift items. She was a member of Catholic Daughter's of America Court 1374, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Strugglers Dance Club.

Lillie Mae was preceded in death by her parents, her mother and father-in-law, Mary and Steve Polanovich, her dear husband Anthony Thomas Pall, Sr., her three sisters and their husbands: Jane and Steve Bezdek, Lorraine and Walter (June) Garrett, Jr., Evelyn and Sigurd P. Thyssen, all of El Campo, her brother-in-law Bill Polanovich and wife Trudy Polanovich Bell, and beloved son, Michael Stephen Pall of Corpus Christi.

She is survived by her son Anthony T. Pall, Jr. of Victoria, her daughter Barbara Roy of El Campo, sister-in-law Mary Lou Hollabough of Garland, brother-in-law Paul Polanovich of Bedford, grandchildren Lauran Pall, Anthony T. Pall, III, Ashley Pall, and Allyson Pall Griffin, all of Victoria, Audrey Russell and husband James of El Campo, and six great-grand children, Mattalynne Pall, Anthony T. Pall IV, Emmy Lou Russell, Ava Schweke, Andy Russell, and Avery Griffin.

As the eldest and last living sister of the Dornak girls, Lillie Mae is also survived by a bevy of loving nieces and nephews: Gail Autry and husband Charles, Allen Thyssen and wife Judy, Glen Thyssen and wife Lupita, Steven Bezdek and wife Onie, Ken Thyssen and wife Suzy, Gloria Marek and husband Frank, Pat Thyssen and wife Terri, Susan Easter and husband Dan, and Ann Turo and husband Bill, as well as many great nieces and nephews.

Lillie Mae will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt, as well as a cherished friend.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 19 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Triska Funeral Home. A CDA Rosary will be recited Wednesday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Philip Catholic Church, 304 W. Church St with services to follow at 10 a.m. The Rev. Michael Rother will officiate. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park in El Campo. Reception following at Mikeska's 22730 US Hwy 59.

Pallbearers are Trey Pall, James Russell, Dean Machart, Matt Machart, Steven Bezdek, & Allen Thyssen.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association or St. Philip Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

1617 South Mechanic Street
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-3770

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

APR 20. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I'm So saddened to hear of the passing of Lillie Mae!! I've known her for more than 35 years. Her mother was my favorite neighbor for many of those years. When I was young I mowed their lawns for extra money for school. Along with many other neighbors they referred me too. Ive got very fond memories of both her and her precious mother. Rest in peace dear friend!

Wayne king - April 23, 2016 at 10:43 PM

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“ Dear family of Lillie Mae and Tony,
I so enjoyed spending time with Lillie Mae and Tony on Sundays when I would bring them Holy Communion in years past. I will always remember them both as a very sweet couple. May God bless you with comfort and peace during this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Cathie Cerny

Cathie Cerny - April 20, 2016 at 08:26 PM



“ Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae Dornak Pall.



April 19, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae Dornak Pall.



April 18, 2016 at 07:43 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae Dornak Pall.



April 18, 2016 at 02:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lillie Mae Dornak Pall.



April 18, 2016 at 09:46 AM