



Lillie Amalia Raaz

January 29, 1917 - June 2, 2013

Lillie Amalia Raaz was born January 29, 1917 in Weimar, Texas, and died Sunday, June 2, 2013. She is the daughter of Rudolf Gold and Amalia Ulbrich Gold, the second of seven siblings. Her early years were spent with her family on cotton farms in Weimar, Columbus, Louise and Nada.

Lillie married Paul J. Raaz on March 29, 1942 at St. Didacus Church in San Diego Ca. After World War II, they made their home in El Campo. They had one child, Rev. Paul Raaz, a Catholic priest presently serving the Catholic Community of Gonzales and Waelder.

Lillie graduated from the 8th grade at St. Michael's School in Weimar. In her late 40's, she decided to pursue further education; completing her GED in El Campo, then attending Wharton County Junior College, University of Corpus Christi, and Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. Lillie was a gifted teacher; spending many years as a Catechist preparing children for First Eucharist; and as a teachers' aid at St. Philip's School in El Campo.

Paul and Lillie moved to Shiner in 1975, where they lived until just before her husband's death in 2008. Since then she has resided at the Heights of Gonzales nursing home.

Throughout her life, Lillie served the parishes in which she lived; as Catechist,

Eucharistic Minister, visiting the homebound and those in nursing homes, and leading rosaries with her husband. She was an active member of the KJZT and Catholic Daughters.

A vigil service will be held at St. James Catholic Church in Gonzales, Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. James on Wednesday, June 5 at 10 am with interment to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in El Campo at 3 pm.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents, and by siblings Rudolf Gold, Hilda Guenther, Albert Gold, and Edwin Gold. She is survived by her son Paul, siblings Walter Gold and Bernita Korenek, and lots of nieces and nephews. In lieu of usual remembrances memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Lillie built her life on her rock-solid Catholic faith inherited from her family. She loved studying Scripture and Church teaching, and always had an inquisitive mind that craved for deeper understanding of the world, of God, of life itself. Her deep integrity, honesty, and wise wit accompanied by a smile that could bring light to the darkest soul, were an inspiration and a delight to many. It is easy to imagine her hearing these words of welcome at the end of her earthly journey: "Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your Master's joy." (Mt. 25:21)

Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home and Triska Funeral Home.

Memories and condolences may be left for the family online at www.triskafuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *She taught my First Grade at St Philips probably in 1961. She took good care of me. Father Paul, it meant a lot to our Family when you came to my Dad's Funeral (George Gold) in 1992.*

ralph gold - el campo, TX - student - June 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Father Paul, my family and I offer our sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved mother, Lillie. Sincerely, Joe, Lillie, Lisa and Sylvia Gomez*

Lillie Gomez - Gonzales, TX - Friend - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM