



Lorraine Cunningham

November 11, 1951 - January 29, 2021

Lorraine Marie Merta Cunningham, born November 11, 1951 in El Campo, Texas to Frank Joseph Merta Sr. and Annie Teresa Tobola Merta, passed away unexpectedly due to injuries sustained in an automobile head on collision January 29, 2021 near Roans Prairie, Texas. She attended school in Louise,

Texas and graduated from Louise High School, class of 1970. Lorraine met the love of her life, Michael W. Cunningham, while attending Victoria Beauty College. They were married, October 23, 1971 in Hillje, Texas. After completing beauty college in 1971, they welcomed their son, Christopher S. Cunningham, on May30, 1972. Shortly after, they traveled with Mike wherever his union trades work took him during his 45-year career in the building trades. In 1979 they bought a home in El Campo, where they raised Chris near her family and lived until her passing. In 1980, she began working at La Blon's Beauty Salon, eventually purchasing it from Edna Lilly in 1983 and owning it ever since.

Lorraine fiercely loved her family and they meant everything to her. Spending time with them was her favorite pastime-going to watch their sports, camping with them or just visiting with them. Lorraine loved cooking for her family and was excellent at it. She loved horses and trained to ride in cutting horse events with Lucky and Freckles. Being an avid bay fisher, she and Mike spent a lot of time on the water fishing out of Matagorda or Port O'Connor and also

hanging out on the water with her family and friends. She loved to dance and could be found at many local dances cutting a rug with family and friends. Lorraine made the most of life and made great memories with those around her.

She is survived by her husband, Michael (Mike) W. Cunningham, son, Christopher (Chris) S. Cunningham (wife, Kathy Cunningham), granddaughter, Kyla Cunningham (Fiance, Colb Winfrey), grandsons, Shane Cunningham, Wayne Cunningham and great grandson, Stetson Winfrey. She had a motherly relationship with her nephew, Jared Merta (wife, Dawn Merta), great nephews, Hunter Merta (wife, Maci Merta), Ryder Merta and great, great nephew, River Merta. Surviving siblings: Frank J. Merta Jr. (wife, Dorothy Merta), Pat Merta Raska, Theresa Merta Saucedo (husband, David Saucedo), Dickie Merta (wife, Andrea Merta), Peggy Merta Halamicek (husband, Allen Halamicek) along with a host of nieces and nephews.

A Rosary will be recited at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 5 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Hillje with the Memorial Mass following at 11 a.m.

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

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Andrew's Catholic Church
270 St. Andrew's St
El Campo, TX 77437

Funeral Mass

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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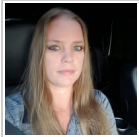
Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Lorraine was a beautiful lady with a beautiful smile. Our mutual love of being stylists will forever be my bond to her. She was always so positive and uplifting. Mike, you and your family will always have so many wonderful memories of their life with her. You are blessed to have had the beautiful time with you before the Lord called her name.*

Toodie Brady

Maureen Brady - September 16, 2021 at 10:53 PM



“ *Angela Perry lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham*



Angela Perry - June 03, 2021 at 04:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lorraine Cunningham.*



June 03, 2021 at 12:25 PM

GR

“ Gerald and Neta Ripple



Gerald & Neta Ripple - June 03, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorraine Cunningham.



June 02, 2021 at 08:33 PM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Cindy Riha - May 29, 2021 at 02:52 PM

SS

“ Susan Simpson lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Susan Simpson - March 04, 2021 at 12:25 PM

PV

“ Pam Vesely lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Pam Vesely - February 21, 2021 at 11:58 AM

PT

“ Patricia Taylor lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Patricia Taylor - February 12, 2021 at 10:54 AM

SG

“ Sylvia D Garza sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Sylvia D Garza - February 11, 2021 at 11:44 AM

CF

“ Carolyn Foegelle lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Carolyn Foegelle - February 11, 2021 at 12:21 AM

EC

“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham*



Elaine Cook - February 10, 2021 at 07:18 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham*



Kathy Koudela - February 10, 2021 at 04:54 PM

LW

“ *LISA PETERSEN WILSON lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham*



LISA PETERSEN WILSON - February 10, 2021 at 12:03 PM

LR

“ I met Lorraine in the 80's when I moved her. She was the most contemporary hair cutter and stylist in town. I always came out looking looking fashion forward color cut and nails over the top... We shared many laughs and shared sorrow as well..She was an all around personality plus woman.. HOW SHE LOVED CHRIS and MICHAEL... Lorraine was so proud of her sisters and brother. Her family was always first. THE HORSES NEXT.. She will be missed for many reasons.. The sudden loss was heart breaking and still is hard to believe, such a vital interesting woman with so much to offer will be missed terribly. Sitting across the table from her having her work her miracles making all of her clients hands look lovely, hair perfect, and the friendships she accrued was a treasure not forgotten...

Linda Dale Raun - February 10, 2021 at 10:23 AM

TS

Thank you so much Linda. She loved you very much in return and treasured your friendship. She always spoke so highly of you. You were definitely a great friend to her.

Theresa Saucedo - June 07, 2021 at 12:52 PM

SM

“ Sandra Michna lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Sandra Michna - February 10, 2021 at 09:38 AM

JF

“ Julie Strnadel & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Julie Strnadel & Family - February 10, 2021 at 09:08 AM

PH

“ Our love and prayers to Chris, Kathy and family. May God comfort and provide all your needs in this difficult time.



Pete & Susan Hill - February 10, 2021 at 02:43 AM

BC

“ Becky Chomout lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Becky Chomout - February 10, 2021 at 12:38 AM

JW

“ Jerry & Janice Winter lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Jerry & Janice Winter - February 09, 2021 at 10:56 PM

KC

“ Karen Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Karen Cunningham - February 09, 2021 at 10:50 PM

BM

“ Bobby Merta lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Cunningham



Bobby Merta - February 09, 2021 at 09:39 PM