



Margaret Frels Watz

November 1, 1924 - February 20, 2019

On February 20, 2019, God opened his arms and welcomed Margaret Frels Watz into her eternal rest. She died peacefully at her home after a full life of 94 years.

Margaret Roxie was born in El Campo on November 1, 1924, to the late Birdie Henkhaus and Edward Leo Frels and was raised in the Jones Creek area.

After graduating from El Campo High School she attended Southwest Texas State Teachers' College. Since there was a scarcity of teachers during World War II, she was asked to come back home and teach first through third grade at Crescent School.

On October, 20, 1947, she married Floyd Watz, and they spent almost 60 beautiful years together. Margaret devoted her entire life to being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a good friend to many.

She was an accomplished seamstress, an excellent cook and loved to work in her yard. Her kitchen was usually filled with the aromas of meals being prepared, warm cookies in the oven and fresh vegetables from her garden simmering on the stove. During harvest season, she would deliver her delicious meals out to the field where Floyd and his crew were working. Ever the gracious hostess, there was always enough for any visitors who stopped

by. Margaret never wasted anything knowing it could always be used for something. She was also an avid “bug collector”. Many grandkids, nieces and nephews knew they could always count on Margaret’s freezer for potential science project specimens.

In later years, she enjoyed her family, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, singing in the Lazarus Choir, quilting with her sisters and friends and a good game of dominoes. Margaret’s gentleness and kindness will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Margaret was a devout Catholic, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Catholic Daughters, Court 1374.

She is survived by her children, Karen Gray and husband Richard of Houston, Peggy Reckaway and husband Pat of El Campo and Michael Watz and wife Jackie of El Campo; grandchildren, Jason Dippel, Christopher Reckaway, Samantha Graff, Clayton, Blair and Taylor Watz; great-grandchildren, Hailey Dippel, Eleanor and Maycie Watz and Creed Reckaway; sister, Birdie Mae Stolle and brother-in-law, Douglas Johnston.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Floyd Watz; brothers, Arthur Frels and Edward “Sonny” Frels; sisters, Evelyn Frels Kainer, Allene Frels Jensen, Dorothy Frels Johnston and Juanita Frels Jenkins and great-grandson, Kaleb Dippel.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. Friday, February 22 at Triska Funeral Home and from 6-7 p.m. at St. Philip Catholic Church. A CDA Rosary will begin at 7 p.m. Visitation will also be from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, February 23 at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral Mass begins 2 p.m. at St. Philip Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Rother and Rev. Oscar Kofi-Amo officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jason Dippel, Christopher Reckaway, Blair Watz, Clayton Watz, Jimmy Kainer, Art Jensen and Cade Graff.

Memorial donations in memory of Margaret may be made to St. Philip Catholic School Library or Houston Hospice – El Campo.

The family wishes to thank our special extended family who cared for Margaret during the last several years. Lillian Strnadel and J.V. Korenek, Susan Dvorak, Linda “Sparkle” Reckaway, Mary Taylor, Sylvia Herrera and Miriam Taylor.

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

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

FEB 22. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

FEB **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB **23**. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
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Funeral Mass

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ Karen, Peggy, and Michael, Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was a great person and may you cherish your special memories of her as I do growing up as neighbors. God will bless her in eternity.

Tommy and Susan Flanagin

John T Flanagin - February 27, 2019 at 01:44 PM

KW

“ What a wonderful lady!May she rest in peace!
Jeanette and Ken Walla



Kenneth Walla - February 27, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Margaret Frels Watz.



February 23, 2019 at 11:25 AM

EC

“ Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Margaret Frels Watz



Elaine Cook - February 23, 2019 at 12:10 AM

BB

“ Karen, Michael and Peggy...was so sad to see the loss of your mom...such a beautiful lady and friend....inside and out...Both your mom and dad were very special friends to us...they carried a special place in our hearts... These two beautiful people will always be missed and remember by many beautiful memories...We ask God to wrap his arms around all of you now thru the tough days ahead...as you morn the loss of your beautiful mom...take care and God's blessings on all of you...Your parents were such a great inspiration on so many lives...Butch and Bernadette..



Bernadette & Butch - February 22, 2019 at 08:53 PM

RH

“ Michael, Peggy, Karen and family, Randy and I want to extend our sympathy to you on the loss of Mrs. Watz. I will always remember her as a kind and loving woman, and a wonderful baker. It is hard losing your Mom and Grandmother, but you have the consolation that she is with your Dad now. Randy and Vicki

Randy and Vicki Hildebrand - February 22, 2019 at 05:33 PM

CM

“ The family of Delfin and Dorothy Marek, Priscilla Keating, Cynthia Marek and Del Marek send loving thoughts and prayers to the Watz family. Mrs. Watz was a kind and gracious lady. We will always have special memories of her in our own family's life.

Cynthia Marek - February 22, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret Frels Watz.*



February 21, 2019 at 11:06 PM



“ *She was such a blessing and inspiration to so many. Our condolences to her family on the loss of such a great lady.*
Gary & Jan Charbula

Jan - February 21, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *Elray and Colleen Matzke purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Margaret Frels Watz.*



Elray and Colleen Matzke - February 21, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ *Mrs. Watz obituary, will make me be a better wife and Christian. What a wonderful woman she was. May God comfort the family that was blessed with her presence.*

Mary - February 21, 2019 at 03:54 PM

RK

“ *Rosalie Knebel lit a candle in memory of Margaret Frels Watz*



Rosalie Knebel - February 21, 2019 at 02:13 PM

RK

What an amazing mother and an amazing friend to many. God bless the family in your time of sorrow

Rosalie Knebel - February 21, 2019 at 03:03 PM

SC

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers to the entire Watz Family.*



Scott, Kendra & Kambree Charbula - February 21, 2019 at 02:04 PM