



Patrick Marshall Cunningham

August 25, 1930 - March 20, 2026

Patrick Marshall Cunningham, 95, of El Campo, passed away March 20, 2026. He was born on August 25, 1930 in El Campo to the late Cicero and Lillian Carville Cunningham. Pat joined the Merchant Marines when he was 14 years old and served in the United States Army during the Korean War, earning two Bronze Stars. After 37 years, Pat retired from Transco as a Corrosion Engineer. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 2490 and the American Legion Post 251. Pat was an avid fisherman and storyteller and he had a lot of them to tell! He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was survived by his wife, Leona Valigura Cunningham; children, Jody Johnson (Pat), Brian Cunningham (Karen), Marchel Cunningham, Gari Beth Christensen (Boo) and Collin Cunningham; grandchildren, Kelcie Reddell (Ashley Craven), Beth Jump, Erin Avina (Juan), Candace Cunningham, Seth Christensen and Breck Socha (Tyler) and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Sherold Cunningham and grandsons, Ike and Whitley Reddell.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 23 at Triska Funeral Home with a KC Rosary recited at 6 p.m. The funeral Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24 with the Rev. Dalton Ervin officiating. Burial with military

honors under auspices of the American Legion Post 251 will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Pat Johnson, Boo Christensen, Seth Christensen, Tyler Socha, Kevin Green and Mark Cunningham. Honorary pallbearers will be the Whataburger Breakfast Bunch.

Memorial donations in memory of Pat may be made to St. Philip School.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Knights of Columbus Rosary

MAR 23. 6:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
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Funeral Mass

MAR **24**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ BOO I am so sorry for your loss. Eternal rest grant unto her and may the perpetual light ✨ shine upon her. You and your family are in our prayers 🙏. Mat she rest in peace.



Susan Juranej Janacek 979 732 1154 - April 03 at 08:22 AM

SC

“ Dear Jody, Brian, Marchel, Gari, Collin and all the family, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of your dad. He was such a nice guy and always spoke to me when we would meet. I usually saw him after Mass and he would keep me updated on what was going on with all of you. I hope memories of happier times together will remain with you always. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving comfort. May your dad rest in peace.



Sandra Cranek - March 25 at 09:49 AM

TR

“ Many memories of the Cunningham family growing up. Our first neighbors when we moved from California in 1965 and lived on Washington St next door. Busted with Pat and Leona a few months ago and great conversation with Pat. Telling stories and reminiscing about my parents. My condolences to Leona, Jodi, Brian, Marshal, Gari Beth and Collin. I know he will be missed by many. Praying for each of each you! Also remember the memories! 🤔🤔🙏🙏💜💜



Terry Rutherford - March 24 at 07:56 PM



“ I worked with Mr. Cunningham at Transco Gas Pipeline. He was a very nice man and very knowledgeable at Transco. He was always very respectful to everyone and was respected by all. Rest in Peace.

Randy Ratcliff - March 24 at 01:18 PM

MA

“ May Mr. Cunningham Rejoice with the Love and Peace of Christ and Our Blessed Mother Mary. May the Peace of God comfort and surround Mrs. Leona Cunningham and Mr. Cunningham's family. With Love, Marisela Thibeaux



Marisela - March 24 at 11:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick Marshall Cunningham.

March 23 at 12:57 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick Marshall Cunningham.



March 23 at 12:57 PM

MP

“ Definitely one of my favorite friends 🙏 He will be missed greatly!

Michael Plentl - March 23 at 08:52 AM

CT

“ we have lived down the street from Pat and Leona for about 10 years now.
what an amazing man. just to name a few, i was enthralled by some of his life stories. his early teenage years in the merchant marines cruising on an ocean freighter working in the gallery , among his other duties; and then his work in the oil industries, and a Korean war veteran, earning 2 bronze stars.

i wished we would have known him and Leona sooner.

God bless Pat and Leona and all their families.

Reene and Craig Terrell

craig terrell - March 22 at 03:25 PM

PM

“ Patrick Marek lit a candle in memory of
Patrick Marshall Cunningham



Patrick Marek - March 22 at 08:59 AM

DM

“ 🙏❤️☐ May his soul rest in peace and the
angels guide him to paradise!❤️☐🙏



Daniel & Roxane Marek - March 21 at 11:25 PM

LK

“ Love, Stacy Korenek purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patrick Marshall Cunningham.



Love, Stacy Korenek - March 21 at 11:24 PM