



Richard John Slovak

November 13, 1934 - April 15, 2021

Richard John Slovak passed away at the age of 86 on April 15, 2021, at his home in El Campo. He was born November 13, 1934 in Hungerford, Texas, the oldest of five children to the late John and Annie Adamik Slovak. In 1951, he met Gloria Shimek the girl of his dreams at a dance at American Legion Hall. They married at St. Philip Catholic Church in El Campo on January 20, 1953, and it was a union that lasted 68 years.

Richard loved his family and enjoyed playing dominos and taroks (a Czech card game). He never met a stranger; he always had a kind word, a smile, and a handshake or hug for everyone.

Richard was a hard worker all his life. He worked as a butcher at Guffey's Meat Market in Wharton; he then worked as a carpenter with his Father-In-Law Adolph Shimek; he also worked at Temple and Home Lumber Yards until he and his wife started and ran a successful medical research business for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife Gloria Slovak, children, Jennie Gradick and husband James of Wills Point; Laurie Foster of Louise; and Douglas Slovak of Louise; grandchildren Shawn Poncik, Gabby Foster, Chris Gradick, Jamie Gradick and Michelle Gradick; great-grandchildren, Lila Hartnett, Gracie Gradick, Zoey Gradick, Jesse Hartnett, Jack Henderson and Trinity Gradick; brothers Johnny Slovak and Bobby Slovak. He was preceded in death by his parents; son Rick Slovak; and brothers Daniel Slovak and Sidney Slovak. Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Triska

Funeral Home. A parish Rosary will be recited 10:30 am Monday, April 19, 2021, at St. Philip Catholic Church followed by the funeral Mass at 11:00 am with Rev. Michael Rother officiating. Interment will be at Holy Cross cemetery. Pallbearers are Shawn Poncik, James Gradick, Kevin Poncik, Ronnie Parsley, Rick Savage, David Pospisil and Daniel Reck. Honorary Pallbearers are Doug Slovak, Brian Shimek, Johnny Slovak, BJ Slovak, David Slovak, Robert Fagan, John Winter and Mack Richardson.

Due to the national pandemic, facial masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed at both the funeral home and Church.

The family wishes to thank the loving care givers from both Houston Hospice-El Campo and Angels Home Health Care.

Memorial donations in memory of Richard may be made to St. Philip Catholic Church and/or Houston Hospice-El Campo.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

APR 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

APR **19** (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LK

“ *Linda Kram lit a candle in memory of Richard John Slovak*



Linda Kram - April 19, 2021 at 05:06 PM

LK

Ken & I are so sorry to hear about your loss. You, family and friends are in our prayers. May he Rest In Peace In.

Linda Kram - April 19, 2021 at 05:09 PM

LK

Ken & I are so sorry to hear about your loss. Sending prayers for you, your family and friends. May he Rest In Peace .

Linda Kram - April 19, 2021 at 05:13 PM

CL

“ *Our deepest condolences to Jenny, Laurie and the Slovak family. Was so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. In our thoughts and prayers.*

Connie Ransone Laitkep - April 17, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard John Slovak.*



April 17, 2021 at 06:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard John Slovak.*



April 16, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry. Jenny, our love to you and your family. Your Dad was always so sweet and caring and I loved talking with him. Our prayers.*

Annette Triska - April 16, 2021 at 08:01 PM