



Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar

December 17, 1946 - January 21, 2026

Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar, 79, of El Campo passed away peacefully at home on January 21, 2026 surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 17, 1946 in Wharton. He married Florine Kaminsky on January 13, 1968. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother.

In his early adult life, he enjoyed countryside rides on his motorcycle. The first self-employed business he created was B & F Wholesale Food Service, then he mastered the art of bar-b-que by winning several cook-offs that turned into a successful business when he and Florine opened The Steampit Bar-B-Que restaurant that flourished for over two decades.

Together, they established Double J Ranch where he enjoyed raising Hereford cattle.

Those who knew him well know that he loved to bargain and trade, from garage sales and picking up treasures as they came along to wheeling and dealing to sell them. His days participating at Warrenton Antique Show brought him great joy.

He lived a life of hard work and dedication to provide for his family. Bobby loved to make people laugh. He could speak with his eyes and hands to get his point or joke across. His silly comments brought smiles and laughter to those who knew him.

Bobby is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Florine; and daughters Donna Knuppel (Alan) and Brenda Socha (Kirk); and his beloved grandchildren of whom he was so proud of, Weston Knuppel (Alexandra),

Savannah Knuppel (Blaine), Kayleigh Gardner, Darby Socha and Keaton Socha.

He is preceded in death by his infant son Jeffery Scott Kachmar and 15-year-old son Jason Robert Kachmar, his parents, and two brothers.

Visitation will be 5 pm to 7 pm Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at Triska Funeral Home with a parish Rosary being offered at 6 pm. The Funeral Mass will be 9 am Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at St. Philip Catholic Church with Rev. Collins Yaw-Tuum officiating. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Philip School Library, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the American Lung Association.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

1617 South Mechanic Street
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-3770

Previous Events

Family Will Receive Visitors

JAN 27. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

JAN 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 9:00 AM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

JAN 28 (CT)

Holy Cross Memorial Park
1617 South Mechanic Street
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Tribute Wall



“ Jim & Jill purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.



Jim & Jill - January 27 at 02:23 PM



“ Jim & Jill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.

Jim & Jill - January 27 at 02:23 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.



January 27 at 01:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.



January 26 at 12:26 PM

MF

“ Mundy Garcia and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.



Mundy Garcia and family - January 25 at 01:26 PM

MF

“ Mundy Garcia and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.

Mundy Garcia and family - January 25 at 01:26 PM

JS

“ Julie Strnadel sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar



Julie Strnadel - January 25 at 11:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.



January 24 at 03:10 PM

LU

“ *Lynell Ustynik lit a candle in memory of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar*



Lynell Ustynik - January 24 at 02:47 PM

EP

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss you and Bobby have been friends to me and James forever it seems I'm so thankful for yall during my loss of James and just so you know I'm here for you always Bobby will be missed but his character and laughter will be remembered always prayers for your family*

Elaine Pounder - January 24 at 11:50 AM

HS

“ *Heather and Clint Sonnier purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.*



Heather and Clint Sonnier - January 24 at 07:56 AM

HS

“ *Heather and Clint Sonnier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.*

Heather and Clint Sonnier - January 24 at 07:56 AM

RW

“ Florine, you and your family will be in our prayers. Bobby was very kind to me when I joined Paulas family when we married. I always appreciated how Bobby and you treated Paula and excepted me.

Randy Wyatt - January 23 at 07:00 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.



January 23 at 01:12 PM

VQ

“ So sorry for your loss. Please know your family are in my thoughts & prayers. God bless you, your family, & friends. RIP Bobby ☐! He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved him. Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - January 23 at 10:54 AM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar



Vicky Quijas - January 23 at 10:48 AM

KK

“ *Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar*



Kathy Koudela - January 23 at 07:30 AM

PL

“ *Patricia Lutringer lit a candle in memory of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar*



Patricia Lutringer - January 22 at 08:01 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.*



January 22 at 06:18 PM

GF

“ *Gayleen, Debbie, Dale, Chris & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar.*

Gayleen, Debbie, Dale, Chris & families - January 22 at 06:18 PM

CB

“ *Charlene Borak lit a candle in memory of
Robert John "Bobby" Kachmar*



Charlene Borak - January 22 at 05:44 PM