



Robert Opella

April 27, 1940 - April 25, 2019

Robert John Opella, 78, passed away peacefully April 25, 2019 in Bay City, Texas and will be missed by his family and friends.

He was born April 27, 1940 in El Campo, Texas to Ernest and Margaret Socha Opella. He grew up attending St. Philip Catholic Church, St. Philip School and graduated from El Campo High School. He attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and received a Bachelor of Education Degree.

Robert is survived by his sister-in-law, Jeanette Labay Opella of Bay City; nieces, Sharyl McDonald (Nate) of Bay City, Diane Morton (Randy) of Hallettsville and Susan Maguire (Scott) of Beeville; nephew, Lt. Col. (Ret) Dwayne Opella (Gena) of Weatherford; great-nieces and nephews, Taylor Opella Lesmeister (Brian), Jessie Opella, Sydnie Maguire, James McDonald (Callie), John Opella and Kaleb Maguire.

Robert has been living in Bay City since the death of his father and will be missed by many friends. His wit and excellent memory will be fondly remembered.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ernest J. Opella of Bay City and great-nephew, Neil McDonald.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Neret, Rhonda Brown, Hospice and the Legacy Nursing Home and staff in Bay City for their excellent care of Robert.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Matagorda County Museum Endowment Fund (2100 Avenue F, Bay City, Texas 77414) in memory of Robert Opella.

Visitation begins 1 p.m. April 29 at St. Philip Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will follow at 2 p.m. Rev. Michael Rother officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

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

APR 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ Robert was a classmate of mine at St. Philip's grade school. We were usually in the leading oldest class as the young school expanded year by year ahead of us. We (the boys) would play outside during recess and lunch on the huge open dirt and some grass playground whatever games the group could think of. No air conditioning in those days.

I've always remembered Robert over the years.

*Charles Mach
(son of Edmund and Vlasta Mach)*

Charles Mach - April 28, 2019 at 07:32 PM

CA

“ Mr. Opella was a real Sweetheart! As long as he was able he attended the worship services in the Chapel at Matagorda House. Bro Mike Zimmerman and I go out for the service the first Wednesday of each month.

He loved His Lord, knew the Bible, joined in the discussion and really loved to sing.

He was such a joy to me. I thank God that I got to meet him and know him for the last several years. He Blessed me!

My sympathy and prayers to each of you, I will miss his keen personality.

Carolyn Anderson

Carolyn Anderson - April 28, 2019 at 06:50 PM

JM

“ *Mr Opella will be greatly missed at Matagorda House but especially by Jim & I as he has been Jim’s roommate for over 2 years. What interesting conversations he & I had. Mr Opella was always interested in my family & grandchildren. Mr Opella is now with Jesus who he loved so very much. Jean Murry*

Jean Murry - April 26, 2019 at 01:19 PM