



## Rosemary Petty-Reeves

December 27, 1928 - June 11, 2023

Rosemary Christenberry Petty-Reeves passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family on June 11, 2023. She was born to Ike and Fern Christenberry on December 27, 1928. Rosemary was the oldest of 4 children that grew up in the family home in El Campo. She was an honor graduate from El Campo High School in 1945. Upon graduation she traveled alone by train to attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN where she met the love of her life Jack Petty. They enjoyed a beautiful marriage of 50+ years. Rosemary and Jack dearly loved their two children: John and Mary Ann. One of her greatest joys was her grandchildren, Rachel, Zach and Hannah, as well as the birth of two great grandchildren. She had a close extended family and they all felt her love and compassion.

When returning to El Campo with her new husband she worked for Fergerson Ranch in Mackey, but her true calling was motherhood. She embraced this job fulltime upon the birth of her first child. She continued to support her family by working at Northside Elementy while her children attended college.

Although Rosemary cherished her home, she always looked forward to a trip to the bay, deer camp and family vacations with her siblings, nieces and nephews. She and Jack had many adventures together and with their friends until his death in 1997.

One of her favorite activities included playing bridge and mahjong with her friends. She held these friends near to her heart and considered them family.

She was long time devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church and spent many hours volunteering there. One could always count on a loving word and welcome embrace from Rosemary. She had a life well lived filled with grace and kindness.

She married Bob Reeves in 2004. During their marriage they enjoyed companionship and traveling.

Rosemary is survived by her son John Petty (Ginger) and daughter Mary Ann Morris (Paul); grandchildren Rachel Hoffman (Greg), Zach Morris (Samantha) and Hannah Petty (Connor); great-grandchildren Emma and Ryan Hoffman. Sister Wanda Murry (O'Neal).

Rosemary is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 51 years Jack Petty; sister Shirley Lutringer, brother in law Ted Lutringer, brother Park Christenberry, sister in law Nancy Christenberry and second husband Bob Reeves.

A memorial service will be held June 21, 2023 at 3:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in El Campo, with Rev. Dr. Erin L. McGee, Pastor officiating. Reception following at the El Campo Country Club.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church and Hospice. Services are under the direction of Triska Funeral Home.

Condolences may be shared online at [www.triskafuneralhome.com](http://www.triskafuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
312 Depot Street  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall

PT

“ Pat Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Pat Taylor - June 21, 2023 at 11:55 AM

GC

“ Gary And Jan Charbula lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Gary and Jan Charbula - June 20, 2023 at 12:19 PM

ER

“ Emily Zapalac Rogers lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Emily Zapalac Rogers - June 19, 2023 at 08:38 PM

LM

“ Lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Reeves. Betty Shult Nickel and Lora Shult Mount



lora mount - June 18, 2023 at 06:32 PM

KK

“ Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of  
Rosemary Petty-Reeves



kathryn Krpec - June 17, 2023 at 11:12 AM

LM

“ Linda & John Merck lit a candle in memory of  
Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Linda & John Merck - June 16, 2023 at 09:14 PM

KC

“ Kevin And Cindy lit a candle in memory of  
Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Kevin and Cindy - June 16, 2023 at 06:29 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of  
Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Vicky Quijas - June 16, 2023 at 11:26 AM

VQ

“ So sorry for your loss! Please know John your family are in my thoughts & prayers! God bless you & your loved ones! RIP Rosemary! She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved her! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - June 16, 2023 at 11:26 AM

CT

“ Carol Tomlinson lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Carol Tomlinson - June 16, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ What a wonderful life your mom had a wonderful life! I'll bet is was a great time growing up as her kids. Looks like your mom and my mom graduated in the same class in 1945. I wonder if they were friends. My condolences for your loss and your sadness at this time. Love and Prayers, Leslie Hansen Schroder

Leslie Schroder - June 16, 2023 at 10:09 AM

VH

“ Vickie Holub lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Vickie Holub - June 16, 2023 at 08:26 AM

PA

“ Peggy Zapalac Alderman lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Peggy Zapalac Alderman - June 16, 2023 at 08:13 AM

SP

“ While my sister Margaret Smidt was living in El Campo for over 60 years, I visited with her as a child up through her passing in 2019. Many times I would visit with Rosemary who was a life long friend to Margaret. It seems the lady friends are gathering more and more in the spiritual heavens these last few years. Rosemary is the latest who will be dearly missed by her family and friends. God blessed that sweet lady. Susan Pharoan

Susan Pharoan - June 15, 2023 at 10:23 PM

DD

“ Diane Dluhos lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Diane Dluhos - June 15, 2023 at 10:15 PM

PD

“ Patricia DYBALA lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



Patricia DYBALA - June 15, 2023 at 08:02 PM

LS

“ *Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves*



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**Liz Staff** - June 15, 2023 at 07:42 PM

JS

“ *Judy Sefcik lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves*



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**Judy Sefcik** - June 15, 2023 at 04:10 PM

SS

“ *Sandra Sary lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves*



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**Sandra Sary** - June 15, 2023 at 04:06 PM

JT

“ *She always had a kind word and a hug for me. I know that we all have to go sometime but I will truly miss this lady.*

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**Jan Taylor** - June 15, 2023 at 03:27 PM

LF

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. She was such a delight to be around. I know she will be missed so much by friends and family.  
Linda Fox

Linda C. Fox - June 15, 2023 at 02:34 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Petty-Reeves



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - June 15, 2023 at 02:06 PM

AM

“ My condolences to the family at this difficult time.

Andrea McCann - June 15, 2023 at 12:28 PM

SP

Mary Ann and John, I have so many wonderful memories staying at your house and your mom was the best! Beautiful inside and out! I loved her dearly. May she rest in peace 🕊️😭

Sherry Pietsch - June 15, 2023 at 01:27 PM

DL

My deepest sympathies to Rosemary's family. She was such a sweet lady and will be missed. May God grant you peace in your time of sorrow.

Donna Luchak - June 19, 2023 at 12:51 PM