



## Rosie Merta

September 24, 1921 - July 5, 2019

Rosie Bilicek Merta, 97, of El Campo, passed away July 5, 2019. She was born on September 24, 1921 in Hungerford to the late Joseph and Louise Zahradnik Bilicek.

Rosie was raised on the farm, first in Hungerford and later in Jones Creek Texas. She worked very hard helping her parents and siblings with all the chores. She picked and chopped cotton, raised chickens, milked cows along with tending to the families huge vegetable garden and helping care for her younger siblings.

Although the work was hard, especially for a child and young adult, she later shared with her children that she loved this life and would never change a thing. Rosie also loved playing on the farm with her sisters and brother. She told stories of playing baseball and running and jumping in the hay stacks each evening before bedtime.

While growing up in the Taiton Community, Rosie met and married her “one and only true love” William E. (Bill) Merta on January 15, 1946 at St. Philip Catholic Church in El Campo. Family always came first but they would never turn down time to waltz and polka wherever there was good Czech music.

Together they raised four children. She was the ultimate wife and mother. She

always put their needs above her own. Rosie loved to bake and was a wonderful cook. Always, preparing 3 wonderful meals daily for her husband and children. Rosie was also an excellent seamstress and loved sewing clothing for her small children. She particularly enjoyed growing tomatoes and pickles which she loved canning and sharing with her family. Rosie also loved growing her lilies and watching them bloom each spring.

Rosie loved her God, Catholic faith and her Czech heritage. She was a member of St. Philip Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters of America, K.J.Z.T. and was always dedicated to attend her Wednesday Adoration hour.

Rosie was very strong, brave and hardworking. She loved her home and family. After becoming a widow at the young age of 52 she continued to care for her home, maintain her yard, flower beds and huge vegetable garden while being employed by Weiner's Department Store in El Campo. Where she loved seeing and visiting with the customers.

She is survived by her son, William J. Merta; daughters, Rose Pasak (Daniel), Janie Roehl and Judy Rohan (Clarence), all of El Campo; grandchildren, Denice Bowers (Sean), Chad Pasak (Lauren), Ashley Roehl (Troy Riha) and Blake Roehl (Cameron); greatgrandchildren, Caden, Colden and Kiran Bowers, Peyton and Bear Pasak, Brody and Ruby Roehl and Baby Broc Roehl coming in October 2019; sisters, Annie Fucik, Louise Merta and Georgia Hickl; brother, Jerry Bilicek and numerous nieces and nephews. With special thanks to caregivers Mindy Cortinas, Melissa Delarm, Tish Buckert, Jessica Hernandez, Christian Avendano, and Maria Salazar for the loving care they gave Mom. They were truly Rosie's Angels.

In addition to her parents Rosie was preceded in death by her loving husband William E. Merta, sisters Josephine Hlavinka, Mary Jo Merta and Janie Leschper.

Visitation begins 4 p.m. Monday, July 8 at Triska Funeral Home with a CDA Rosary recited at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass begins 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 9 at St. Philip Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Rother officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Chad Pasak, Blake Roehl, Mark Merta, Larry Fucik, Leon Hlavinka and Jerry Naiser. Honorary pallbearers will be Caden, Colden and Kiran Bowers, Peyton and Bear Pasak, Brody and Ruby Roehl and all her nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations in memory of Rosie may be made to St. Philip Catholic Church or donor's choice.

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

JUL 8. 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

JUL 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home  
612 Merchant Street  
El Campo, TX 77437-3440  
(979) 543-3681  
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## Funeral Mass

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JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Mom - you were such a blessing to me and our family. You fought the good fight. God said that you did not need to continue the fight and he called you home. I miss you terribly but know you are watching over us.

We have so many precious memories that we will share and keep forever in our hearts. You were the best mom and I am so blessed that God chose you for me. I have always been so proud to say "that's my Mom!"

I will love you forever. Judy



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**Judy Rohan** - July 02, 2020 at 03:57 PM

CA

“ I was so sad to see in The Leader that your Mother had passed away, Billy, Rose, Janie & Judy....be happy your Mother had such a long life...my Mother passed away at 86 in 2004...you miss them forever and think of them every day...so many years have passed but I have fond memories of our car pooling to St. Philips...your Mother was a dear and a love and she always remembered me when she saw me infrequently. I live in Magnolia, Texas now but visit my Louise cousins monthly...I would love to see yall again for a visit. With much love & sympathy, Cynthia (Chovanec) Fontana Anderson.



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**Cynthia (Chovanec) Fontana Anderson** - July 10, 2019 at 06:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rosie Merta.*



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July 09, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ *Sharon Bena lit a candle in memory of Rosie Merta*



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**Sharon Bena** - July 08, 2019 at 10:31 PM



“ *Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Rosie Merta*



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**Elaine Cook** - July 08, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *Julie Pfeil lit a candle in memory of Rosie Merta*



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**Julie Pfeil** - July 08, 2019 at 04:39 PM

KK

“ *Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Rosie Merta*



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**Kathy Koudela** - July 08, 2019 at 10:21 AM

CC

“ *Cathie Cerny lit a candle in memory of Rosie Merta*



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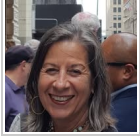
**Cathie Cerny** - July 07, 2019 at 09:51 PM

MB

“ *To Rosie's family. You are so blessed to have had such an amazing mother in your life. I am positive when Rosie passed thru those heavenly gates, she started her garden and watering all the flowers. I have never had such a wonderful friend as she. Her can do attitude about everything that came her way was a challenge to get it done. I know there were many family and friends to welcome her to the Presence of the Lord. Her hard journey is complete now. See you on the Other Side my friend.  
Love you Toodie*

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**Maureen Brady** - July 06, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ Aunt Rosie was a lovely aunt. She was the older sister to my mom, Mary Jo Merta. Mom adored her. I loved Aunt Rosie's laugh, one could not help but laugh with her. My deepest condolences to Billy, Rose, Janie and Judy and all of the family.

Patricia Harmon - July 05, 2019 at 11:32 PM

LK

“ Linda Kram sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosie Merta



Linda Kram - July 05, 2019 at 10:42 PM

LK

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I am sending you my thoughts and prayers for you and your family. May she Rest In Peace. 🙏

Linda Kram - July 05, 2019 at 10:44 PM

JR

Thank you Linda for your kind words and prayers. So thankful for friends and family at a time like this.

Judy Rohan

Judy Rohan - July 07, 2019 at 06:18 PM

PM

“ Rose, my mom's older sister, was such a dear Aunt Rosie to us. Our heartfelt condolences to all her children and grandchildren. She was a wonderful lady. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Phil Merta - July 05, 2019 at 08:45 PM

SR

“ *Janie, Ashley and Blake,*

*Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Merta was such a sweet and kind lady. I know heaven welcomed her with open arms and a celebration for a life well lived. I pray for peace and comfort in the days to come.*

*Sheryl Roehl*

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**Sheryl Roehl** - July 05, 2019 at 08:08 PM



BM

“ *Bobby Merta lit a candle in memory of Rosie Merta*

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**Bobby Merta** - July 05, 2019 at 08:05 PM



BM

“ *To a very sweet aunt  
Love Bobby Merta*

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**Bobby Merta** - July 05, 2019 at 08:05 PM

VH

“ *Val Hargrove lit a candle in memory of Rosie Merta*

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**Val Hargrove** - July 05, 2019 at 07:52 PM



VH

*So sorry for your loss.*

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**Val Hargrove** - July 05, 2019 at 07:52 PM

JR

*Thank you Val. We are going to miss mom terribly but realize she is now at peace with our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Judy Rohan*

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**Judy Rohan** - July 07, 2019 at 06:14 PM

PH

“ *Deepest sympathy to all of you for your loss.  
She will be missed.*



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**Pat A Hogan** - July 05, 2019 at 06:31 PM

PD

“ *Patricia Dybala lit a candle in memory of  
Rosie Merta*



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**Patricia Dybala** - July 05, 2019 at 05:01 PM