



## Viola Frels

March 1, 1917 - August 3, 2020

Viola (Krenek) Frels of Garwood, passed away on August 3rd, 2020 at the age of 103. She was born on March 1, 1917 to Adolph and Mary (Warschak) Krenek in Garwood, Texas.

Viola was a homemaker and she and husband Clarence were lifelong residents of Garwood and married 63 years. They were both baptized, married, and were faithful members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. For 42 years, they owned the F and W Food Market in Garwood, together with Ben and Julie Waligura. When Clarence and Ben retired, in appreciation for the customers that enabled them to run their successful business for so many years, they donated the building and land to the Garwood Lion's Club. Upon retirement, they loved fishing at Port O' Conner and Indianola at the coast and traveled regularly through the scenic western states with an occasional stop in Las Vegas.

Five years ago, the Garwood Christmas Fair, Mrs. Frels was selected as "Citizen of the Year". She was presented with an appropriate plaque and was honored to ride on a float with her family in the night parade.

She was preceded in death by her parents, by her husband Clarence, an infant son Johnny, two brothers, Monroe and Lee, a sister Evelyn Phillips, and a niece Betsy Phillips. Viola was the last living relative in a long line of her aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is survived by daughter Jean Gansky and

husband Dan of Tomball, son Gerald “Buddy” and wife Gladys of Fredericksburg, daughter Carol Drlik and husband Rudy of Garwood and Son Glenn of El Campo.

Nanny, as she was lovingly called, is survived by 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; Donna Gansky Witmer and husband Todd, and children Sara Witmer Krauss and husband Greg, and sons, Chris and Brandon; Paula Gansky Amsler and children Danny, Mary, and Elise; Lori Gansky Naegeli, husband Steve and children Kyle, Kaylen and Kristen; Lisa Drlik Floyd, husband Tracy and children Lawson and Weston; Vicki Drlik Polak, husband Joey and children Randice, Raegan, Raelee, and Brock; Jason Frels and wife Elizabeth and children Lilia and Arleigh; Michael Frels; and Natalie Frels Busby and husband Bob.

Due to Covid circumstances, private services will be held with the family.

Pallbearers will be Todd Witmer, Steve Naegeli, Tracy Floyd, Joey Polak, Michael Frels, and Billy Krenek.

Memorials made in memory of Viola may be made to St. Mary’s Church, Mass Intentions, and Garwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Kari lit a candle in memory of Viola Frels*



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**kari** - August 26, 2020 at 05:05 AM

KA

*Ill miss you  
I'll miss talking to you at Wincrest  
You and nana can play Domino's*

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**kari** - August 26, 2020 at 05:06 AM

LJ

“ *I am sorry that y'all's mother has left us. Let your sorrow be easier knowing that she is in heaven with our Lord. I miss being able to see Viola and y'all. I have great memories to hold onto.*



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**Lester Cranek Jr** - August 14, 2020 at 09:28 PM

HF

“ *Such a long, wonderful life. Will always treasure the evenings when I was taking care of Dad and she would come over and we would all sit under the tree and visit. I know many will miss her, but with fond memories. Love Helen Till Fojtik*

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**Helen Till Fojtik** - August 06, 2020 at 03:55 PM

WK

“ *What a wonderful woman ! She and Mr.Frels raised a great family !!  
Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you !!! .*

William Troy Krenek - August 05, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stockton lit a candle in memory of  
Viola Frels*



Jeanette Stockton - August 05, 2020 at 04:24 PM

CR

“ *So sorry for your loss, Glenn. A lovely lady.  
Carole Henderson.*



Carole Roades - August 05, 2020 at 04:05 PM

KK

“ *What a special and lovely lady. God Bless her and all her family*

kathryn Krpec - August 05, 2020 at 11:43 AM

BJ

“ *so sorry for your loss*

butch janicek - August 04, 2020 at 04:02 PM