



## Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza

November 16, 1934 - May 20, 2025

Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza, 90, of Garwood, passed away on May 20, 2025. She was born on November 16, 1934 in Nada to the late Ignac and Mary Prihoda Zbranek

Viola was a seamstress at I.C. Manufacturing for many years. After retiring from I.C., she treasured the lifelong friendships she made with many of her coworkers.

Viola found happiness in the things that truly mattered: spending time with her loved ones, celebrating life on the river, and sharing laughter over games of dominos, poker, and cards. Whether it was a family river party or a lively night of polka music, Viola's warmth and spirit lit up every room – and every heart – she touched. Known for her competitive card-playing and even more for her generous heart, Viola was the kind of woman who made everyone feel at home. She created traditions that brought her family together and memories that will live on for generations.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Pavlicek (Dennis) of Victoria; sons, Glenn Kaluza of Garwood and Gary Kaluza (Jeanette Hasse) of Taiton; grandchildren, Bonnie Wilson (Jake), Dustin Pavlicek, Dr. Holly Pavlicek and Jason Kaluza (Melissa) and great-grandchildren, Makenzy, Landon, Ashlyn, Chase, Cole and Brielle.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William "Willie" Kaluza; son, Allen Ray Kaluza; daughter, Diane Kaluza; brother, Ben Zbranek and sisters, Lydia Fucik and Albina Fajkus, Leona Shimek and Edith Kainer.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Nada with a Rosary recited at 9:30 a.m. The funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Peter Yeboah-Amanfo officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park in El Campo.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jason Kaluza, Dustin Pavlicek, Jake Wilson, Ervin Fucik, Ken Kainer, and Bob Shimek.

Memorial donations in memory of Viola may be made to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department, St. Mary Catholic Church or Garwood Veterans Memorial Library.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 27.** 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
1261 Old Nada Rd  
Nada, TX 77460  
(979) 758-3218

## Rosary

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## Funeral Mass

MAY 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KK

“ *Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza*



Kathy Koudela - May 26, 2025 at 08:40 PM

KK

*I worked a many year with her at I-C too.*

Kathy Koudela - May 26, 2025 at 08:41 PM

BL

“ *Betty Leopold lit a candle in memory of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza*



Betty Leopold - May 26, 2025 at 12:34 PM

VQ

“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you all that God will Comfort you in your loss! God bless your family & friends! RIP Viola ☐! She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved her!*  
*Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas*



Vicky Quijas - May 25, 2025 at 07:26 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza



Vicky Quijas - May 25, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - May 25, 2025 at 08:37 AM

CF

“ Carla & Hoffman Hearing Solutions Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza.



Carla & Hoffman Hearing Solutions Family - May 23, 2025 at 03:55 PM

BF

“ Bonnie Moser Freeman lit a candle in memory of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza



Bonnie Moser Freeman - May 23, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ Janet Freeman lit a candle in memory of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza



Janet Freeman - May 23, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ I'm praying for comfort and peace for her family. Viola and my daddy (Clarence Zbranek) were cousins and my parents only had kind things to say about her. May she rest in peace with our Lord. 🙏

Janet Freeman - May 23, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ Sandra Kaluza lit a candle in memory of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza



Sandra Kaluza - May 23, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Viola Clara Zbranek Kaluza



Liz Staff - May 22, 2025 at 08:38 PM