



## Alois James Pesl

May 7, 1940 - October 27, 2021

Services for Alois James Pesl, age 81 of Rockdale, will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale with Rev. Pedro Castillo, Deacon Don Sims and Deacon Gus Coelho officiating. Burial will be in the Salty Cemetery, Thorndale. Visitation is 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Al was born May 7, 1940 in Cistern, Texas to Cyril Methodius Pesl and Kathryn Theresa (Svoboda) Pesl. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years as an aircraft mechanic. While there he also attended Florida State University. On April 11, 1964, he and Minnie Giere were married in Smithville and moved to Houston, Texas and lived there 3 months. They quickly decided that city life was not for them. They saw a two page ad for Alcoa in the newspaper. Al applied and was hired. They moved to Rockdale, where he worked as a millwright with Rockdale Works Alcoa for 39 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and a member of Knights of Columbus.

During his years of employment, he enjoyed his family of 4 daughters and 2 sons. They were all involved in 4H, FFA and many other school and community activities. As his family grew, he took his kids to stock shows, taught them to drive tractors and back trailers. They hauled hay, slamming into round bales with the bale buggy, and learned the responsibility of caring for

animals of all kinds. Although he worked long hours, he never missed an event his children were involved in. Time passed and his kids grew up and left for college one at a time. He was extremely proud that all 6 kids attended and graduated from Texas A&M University. He was also proud that now he has grandchildren attending Texas A&M. He wore his A&M cap everywhere and told everyone about his 6 kids and 23 grands.

At 62 years, he decided to retire. He filled his days tending his cows, chickens, goats and ducks. He and Minnie also visited and cared for his children and grandchildren. He shelled 100 - 200 pounds of pecans each fall that he shared with family and friends. He was always ready and willing to help whenever and wherever he was needed.

He was a devoted husband, loving Daddy and beloved Grandpa. He will be missed immensely by his family and friends. He leaves a void that cannot be filled, but the impact he had on each of us will remain.

Al passed away Wednesday morning, October 27, 2021 in the V.A. Hospital in Temple. He is preceded in death by his parents, Cyril and Kathryn Pesl and two brothers, William Joseph Pesl and Benjamin Joseph Pesl.

Surviving is his wife of 57 years, Minnie Pesl of Rockdale; children and spouses: Suzanne Ritchie and husband Eric of Johnston, Iowa, Margaret Ann DeLise and husband Edward of Cumming, Georgia, Theresa Murphrey and husband Kelly of College Station, Richard Pesl and wife Traci of Rockdale, Jennifer Gee and husband Kevin of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, James Pesl and wife Dusti of Rockdale; 23 grandchildren: Alexander, Alan and Andrew Ritchie, Michael, Matthew, David, Sophia, Katie, Nicholas, Joseph, Emily and Colette DeLise, Kellijett and Langston Murphrey, Ashley, Ty and Lance Pesl, Hayden, Connor and Dylan Gee, Kathryn, Carli, and Caitlin Pesl; siblings and spouses: Mary Ann Srubar of West Point, Cyril Pesl, Jr. and wife Shirley of String Prairie, Katherine Karisch of Smithville, Lillian Spurgeon and husband

Carl of Taylor and Daniel Pesl and wife Kathy of Smithville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to National Right to Life or [nrlc.org](http://nrlc.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Salty Cemetery

4019 County Road 446  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Rosary

NOV 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Church Service

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NOV 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
234 San Gabriel St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall

MZ

“ *Sending hugs and prayers for the family of Al Pesl. We are so very sorry for your loss!* ”

Mike & Beckie Zelisko - November 05, 2021 at 10:19 PM

LC

“ *Lanie Catuogno lit a candle in memory of Alois James Pesl* ”



Lanie Catuogno - November 03, 2021 at 10:32 PM

BM

“ *Our sincere sympathy for your loss. May God comfort you and give you peace.* ”  
*Bob and Donna Melcher and family*

Bob and Donna Melcher - November 02, 2021 at 09:23 AM

FK

“ *Al and I worked in the same department for many years and we often talked about the Cistern and Smithville area. Have not seen him for over 25 years, but I still recall his employee number as 21109. He was one of the nice guys always friendly and with a quick smile. My sympathies to the family as I know he will be missed.* ”

Floyd Kasper - November 02, 2021 at 09:15 AM

NZ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Pesl family as you mourn the death of Mr. Pesl. May you be comforted by great memories of the times that you spent with him as well as his relationship with his Lord and Savior. May he Rest In Peace* 🕊



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**Nancy & Pete Zenner** - November 01, 2021 at 10:20 PM

CS

“ *Carol Sheldon lit a candle in memory of Alois James Pesl*



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**Carol Sheldon** - November 01, 2021 at 01:51 PM

BW

“ *Bethany Wallis lit a candle in memory of Alois James Pesl*



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**Bethany Wallis** - November 01, 2021 at 12:55 PM