



Bernard Rychlik

September 13, 1938 - July 26, 2010

Mayor Bernard Edward Rychlik, 71, of Caldwell passed away Monday, July 26, 2010, at Burleson St. Joseph Health Center in Caldwell. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 30, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caldwell, with the Rev. Brion Zarsky and Deacon John Young as celebrants. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. A rosary and wake service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Caldwell Civic Center. Visitation will be on Thursday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home and from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Civic Center. Bernard was born September 13, 1938, in the New Tabor community of Burleson County to Emil and Rosie Schumacher Rychlik and graduated from Caldwell High School in 1955. He was employed by Woodson Lumber Company and served in many different capacities for 54 years. From his youth, he possessed a deep-seated Christian faith that developed into tremendous moral character and a desire to serve his fellow man. He never met a stranger, and he was admired for his warmth and his smile. He saw the good in everyone. His devotion to St. Mary's Catholic Church was evident in his participation in and support of the Knights of Columbus, Diocesan Synod, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Catholic Union of Texas (KJT) and many others. His many years of public service began in 1976 when he was elected to the Caldwell City Council, and continued to the office of Mayor in 1992 to the present. He also served as a member of the Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department, Brazos Valley Development Council and the Presidential Corridor

Association. His Czech heritage was near and dear to him, as seen in his support and efforts in the annual Kolache Festival, Texas Polka Music Museum, Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center, Burleson County Czech Heritage Society, Burleson County Czech Museum, Slavonic Benevolent order of the State of Texas (SPJST)--Lodge #17 in New Tabor, and Czechoslovak Society of America (CSA). As an avid sports fan, he supported Caldwell High School and served as the announcer for Caldwell High School football games. He also served as president, coach, and umpire for Caldwell Little League Baseball and was a member of the Caldwell Athletic Boosters Club. He was a loyal fan of Texas A&M University. He was a past president of Burleson County Fair Association and a 4-H Club leader. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Betty Rychlik of Caldwell; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John David Rychlik of Bogota, Columbia, and Michael and Jessica Rychlik of Kennedale; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Richard Dodson of Austin; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Donna Rychlik of Caldwell; two granddaughters, Madison and Lillian; and a host of friends. Memorials may be made to Knights of Columbus Council #6366 scholarship fund, KJT #100 Scholarship Fund, St. Mary's Catholic Church or the Texas Polka Music Museum c/o Glen Chervenka 7088 Creek Shadows Dr. Bryan, TX 77803

Tribute Wall



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