



Caroline Knippa Malinak

August 5, 1937 - March 12, 2025

Funeral services for Caroline Malinak, 87, of Giddings, Texas are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15, 2025 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 15, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home. The family will be present for visitation on Friday from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Caroline Virginia (Knippa) Malinak was born on August 5, 1937 in Lincoln, Texas to Ludwig and Ella (Reuther) Knippa. Caroline married Frank Joe Malinak Jr. on August 6, 1955 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box, Texas. To this union they were blessed with six children. She was a stay-at-home mom and farmer until the kids were all out of high school, after which she completed her education and became an LVN. Caroline worked for twenty-three years as an LVN at Fayette Memorial Hospital and then St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange. She was a member of the KJZT, the Altar Society and the choir at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Caroline enjoyed sewing, was an avid quilter, and belonged to local quilting guilds. She was a fabulous singer and was an expert dominos player. She also liked canning, gardening, traveling, and reading about far away places. Above all, she loved taking care of her family.

Caroline passed away the morning of Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at St. Joseph Regional Hospital in Bryan, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ludwig and Ella Knippa; one sister, Agnes Hannes one brother, Marvin Knippa and an infant niece, Carrie Knippa.

Caroline is survived by her husband, Frank Malinak Jr. of Giddings; six children, Frank Malinak III of Giddings, Annette Malinak of New Mexico, Michael and wife, Debbie Malinak of Fedor, Joe Malinak of Dime Box, Janet Muehlendorf of Bryan, and Elizabeth and husband, Stephen Schley of Fayetteville; thirteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; one brother, Jeffrey and wife, Linda Knippa of Houston, one brother-in-law, Lummus Hannes of La Grange, one sister-in-law, Emogene Knippa of Houston and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAR 14. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Caroline Knippa Malinak*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 14, 2025 at 03:09 PM

CK

“ *Cheryl K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caroline Knippa Malinak.*

Cheryl K. - March 14, 2025 at 11:47 PM

CK

“ *Mrs Malinak was a sweet lady and I learned so much from her about Quilting. She was so talented and always ready to share her talents. And she would bring the most fabulous desserts and She blessed us with her cooking often. The world is a sadder place without her sweet Soul. But Heaven is rejoicing!*

Cheryl King - March 14, 2025 at 11:38 PM

LQ

“ I worked with Caroline at Fayette Memorial and later St. Mark’s for her entire career. She was such a mother to all of us. She was incredibly kind to her patients and always did the right thing. She learned 3 different computers systems, each time saying she was going to retire because she didn’t think she could learn- but she always did! She was so proud of her children and all they had accomplished. She would bring her baked goodies to work all the time and I would give anything to have a slice of her cheese roll right now. She quilted beautifully and many of our employees, myself included, received baby quilts. I cherish them all. She was a great seamstress and would hem and repair scrubs for one of our male employees all the time. She was talented, honest, nurturing, loving, kind and she loved a good laugh. They just don’t make them like Caroline anymore.

To Caroline’s family: thank you for sharing her. She was truly a lovely person and we are all better for having known her. Heaven is much richer now that Caroline is in His presence. May she rest in eternal peace. ❤️

Laurie Quitta - March 14, 2025 at 09:38 PM

RZ

This made my heart so happy. Thank you for sharing. ❤️

Rebekah Malinak Zuniga - March 18, 2025 at 08:33 PM

BK

“ I worked with Caroline her entire nursing career. She was a great lady and could quilt line nobody I had ever seen. She once gave me the best advice I ever got. When my kids were teenagers. She told me you have to just turn them over to God when they go out that door and not worry. I have never forgot that. May Gods face smile upon her and she have peace. Love you Carolyn and may God give her family peace

Brenda Killough - March 14, 2025 at 08:42 PM

MK

“ Matt & Morgan Sherrill and kids purchased the C ountry Basket Blooms for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.



Matt & Morgan Sherrill and kids - March 14, 2025 at 03:08 PM

PL

“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 14, 2025 at 02:59 PM

LI

“ Ladonnis Morris and Maggie Ibarra purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.



Ladonnis Morris and Maggie Ibarra - March 14, 2025 at 02:34 PM

TM

“ Terry and Mary Ehlert and Cody McCoy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caroline Knippa Malinak.

Terry and Mary Ehlert and Cody McCoy - March 14, 2025 at 01:42 PM

TM

“ Terry and Mary Ehlert and Cody McCoy purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.



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FH

“ From Sara, Rosa, and Hayley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.



From Sara, Rosa, and Hayley - March 14, 2025 at 11:21 AM

AF

“ Ashley Firkins & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.



Ashley Firkins & Family - March 14, 2025 at 10:39 AM

MK

“ *Matthijetz, Wagner, Turner, and Knobloch purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.*



Matthijetz, Wagner, Turner, and Knobloch - March 14, 2025 at 09:49 AM

LS

“ *Lela Easterling & Becky Scarmardo purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.*



Lela Easterling & Becky Scarmardo - March 13, 2025 at 05:33 PM

EJ

“ *Ed and Jean Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caroline Knippa Malinak.*

Ed and Jean Johnson - March 13, 2025 at 05:18 PM

EJ

“ *Ed and Jean Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.*



Ed and Jean Johnson - March 13, 2025 at 05:18 PM

DM

“ David & Peggy Matlock purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.



David & Peggy Matlock - March 13, 2025 at 05:06 PM

DM

“ David & Peggy Matlock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caroline Knippa Malinak.

David & Peggy Matlock - March 13, 2025 at 05:06 PM

VF

“ Violet Frosch lit a candle in memory of Caroline Knippa Malinak



Violet Frosch - March 13, 2025 at 04:51 PM

SF

“ Sarah Jo + Family purchased the Gracious Laven der Basket for the family of Caroline Knippa Malinak.



Sarah Jo + Family - March 13, 2025 at 03:46 PM

DW

“ *Dwane And Jalane Wiederhold lit a candle in memory of Caroline Knippa Malinak*



Dwane and Jalane Wiederhold - March 13, 2025 at 03:16 PM

JM

“ *3 files added to the album Memories*



James Matlock - March 13, 2025 at 03:05 PM

LS

Love these!!!!

Liz Schley - March 17, 2025 at 12:16 PM