



## Claudia Ann Matcek

October 23, 1946 - October 4, 2015

Claudia Ann Matcek, 68, entered the Kingdom of Heaven on Sunday following a prolonged illness. Claudia was born on Oct. 23, 1946 in Caldwell, Texas, to Henry and Frances Shaw. She attended Caldwell High School and following graduation in 1965 she attended and graduated from an Austin business school.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell, with a rosary service at 7 p.m. A funeral will be held 10 a.m. Friday, October 9, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Caldwell, burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Caldwell. A lunch reception will follow in the church basement.

Claudia married her high school sweetheart, Jimmy Matcek, on April 15, 1966, in Caldwell and the devoted couple was happily married 49 years. Following their marriage the newlyweds moved to Baytown, Texas, where Claudia worked as a secretary for Shell Oil for the next seven years.

Claudia and Jim moved back to their hometown of Caldwell in 1973 to become partners in her father's furniture and appliance business. They welcomed their first child, Randal James, in April of 1974. The couple was blessed with their second child, Rebecca Mara, in June of 1976.

From 1973 to 1994 Claudia worked part time at what became Matcek

Furniture and Appliance Center. More importantly during this time, she was a full-time mother and housewife. She continued working at the furniture store full time from 1994 until the store closed in 2007, a year following the couple's 40th anniversary.

Claudia loved attending and was extraordinarily involved in her children's activities. She was an exceptionally loving and caring wife to her husband, Jim. Claudia was a member of St. Mary's Altar Society and Rosary Society for nearly 30 years. She also was a member of the Burleson County Czech Heritage Society for almost 30 years, where she held an officer position for the majority of her involvement.

Claudia was the Kolache Festival State Grand Champion and Burleson County Grand Champion in 1987, and repeated as county grand champion in 1996. Claudia and Jim were honored as Kolache Festival Queen and King in 2006.

Claudia loved spending her spare time fishing, reading, gardening and cooking. She owned a large, prized assortment of dolls she collected over decades. She was a fan of Texas A&M football, and attended several games and tailgate parties at Kyle Field. She also watched the Aggies play on television as much as possible.

Claudia was thrilled to welcome her first grandchild, Cooper James Matcek, in October of 2011. Shortly after his birth she and Jim moved to Cypress, Texas, to be closer to their grandson. Claudia once again became a joyous grandmother upon the arrival of granddaughter Taylor Brooke Matcek in September 2014.

In taking full advantage of the new passions in her life, Claudia spent most of her available time playing with and helping care for her grandchildren. Cooper

and Taylor affectionately called her “Babi” – short for babicka, meaning “grandmother” in Czech.

Claudia was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Raynard Shaw. Survivors include husband Jim Matcek; daughter Rebecca Matcek; son Randal Matcek and daughter-in-law Tanya Matcek; grandchildren Cooper and Taylor Matcek; and multiple nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary’s Alter Society.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

500 W. Osr  
Caldwell, TX 77836

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell  
404 W. Buck St.  
Caldwell, TX 77836  
(979) 567-3232  
phillipsandluckeyfh@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Rosary

OCT 8. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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OCT 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
500 W. Osr  
Caldwell, TX 77836

# Tribute Wall

BE

“ *Claudia was my neighbor. She was a beautiful and sweet spirited woman. May she rest in peace and watch over and protect all her family and friends with her beautiful angel wings! My heart and prayers are with the family! Hugs.....*

*Becki Woodcok*

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**Becki** - October 09, 2015 at 09:52 AM

EW

“ *Epko, Vera, Erik, Ola, Aleksander, Paul Willering purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Claudia Ann Matcek .*



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**Epko, Vera, Erik, Ola, Aleksander, Paul Willering** - October 08, 2015 at 01:59 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Claudia Ann Matcek .*



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October 08, 2015 at 12:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claudia Ann Matcek .*



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October 07, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ *On behalf of Jessie and Joe Cruz, Polly Bowers, and myself Molly Marquez, we extend our deepest condolences to Jim and all of her family. Claudia was always a happy person, and always had such a pretty smile for everyone she was around. We know she is being well taken cared by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

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**Molly Marquez** - October 07, 2015 at 08:56 PM



“ *Dear Jim,  
My thoughts and love are with you through this very tough time. I have always admired your spirit and dedication and strong love for Claudia. I am sure your family and friends will be there to help you though.*



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**Judy Lee** - October 07, 2015 at 09:41 AM

JO

“ I am a co-worker of Randal at Mustang Cat. I did not know Mrs. Matcek, however, Randal has often shared nice stories of growing up and of his mom. My thoughts and sympathies are with the Matcek family at this time. May God bless.

*Jan Oswalt*

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**Jan Oswalt** - October 07, 2015 at 08:41 AM

AF

“ Andrew Sue Fishwick lit a candle in memory of Claudia Ann Matcek



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**Andrew Sue Fishwick** - October 07, 2015 at 08:28 AM

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“ I am deeply saddened for you all with such a great loss to bear. I wish the beautiful Claudia peace and rest. I wish my dear friend Jim, comfort in his wonderful memories of their joyous years together and in their children and grandchildren.

*Rest In Peace dear sweet lady.*

*My heartfelt good wishes to you all.*

*Sue Fishwick (Tugs) xxxx*

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**Andrew Sue Fishwick** - October 07, 2015 at 08:27 AM

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“ Dear Jim,  
I was so saddened to hear about Claudia's passing. I know how much you loved her. You were such a devoted and loving husband. Your Dear Wife fought a long hard battle. May she now Rest in Peace and free of her pain.

I'm sending you & your Family Prayers & good wishes for Gentle Comfort in the days and weeks to come.  
Love Suzy (10acious)



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**Suzy Traficante** - October 07, 2015 at 12:14 AM

BS

“ Bob and Angela Smith purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Claudia Ann Matcek .



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**Bob and Angela Smith** - October 06, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Claudia Ann Matcek .



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October 06, 2015 at 12:32 PM