



Frankie L. Wolf

August 27, 1936 - August 22, 2024

Frankie Louis Wolf was born on August 27, 1936 in Granger, Texas to Otilie [Zrubek] and Dennis Bruno Wolf. He was one of three siblings, including a twin brother and sister. Frankie experienced an unexpected health incident on Wednesday morning, August 21; later than evening, he passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with rosary at 7:00 p.m. a Church viewing will be Friday morning, August 30, at 9:00 a.m. with mass following. Funeral services for Frankie Wolf, 87, of Caldwell, Texas are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2024 at St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Caldwell, Texas with Father Melvin Dornak officiating. Burial will take place immediately following in the Church Cemetery.

Frankie lived on the farm and learned the values of hard work. After graduating from Granger High School in 1955, he moved to Austin where he was employed by the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company. Frankie's match-making cousin was living at Austin's YWCA and suggested that he join her on a blind-double date with Martha Vykukal of Caldwell, Texas. After a short courtship, they married on January 19, 1957, at St. Mary's, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Caldwell. To this blessed marriage, two daughters were born, Patricia and Pamela.

Following their marriage, Frankie joined the City of Austin's Purchasing and

Stores Department and after 31 years, he retired as the supervising manager. In 1987, he was recognized with the “Pride of the City” Award. On October 30, 1988, Martha and Frankie moved to Caldwell.

During his late teens, Frankie traveled to West Texas to work in the cotton gins. During their early marriage, Martha and Frankie would make trips to Caldwell during the late summer months, where he would help his father-in-law, Willie Vykukal, at the Vykukal Cotton Gin. As a youth, Frankie was in FFA and showed pigs alongside his brother. One of Frankie’s “claim to fame” was walking Tex Ritter’s horse, White Flash, into the Coliseum arena during an event in Austin.

Frankie was a “servant leader” who was committed to serving his family, his church and the community at large – whether in Austin or Caldwell. His “servant’s heart” is evident by his joy for being involved within the community. While in Austin, Frankie was an active parishioner at St. Ignatius Catholic Church from 1957 to 1988 where he served on the Parish Council, the St. Ignatius Men’s Club and helped renovate the Holy Cross Priest’s Retreat Home on Lake Austin. He also helped the St. Vincent De Paul Society by organizing Christmas baskets for needy families, conducting home visits with families in Southwest Austin, and providing vouchers for food and utility financial assistance.

Frankie's daughters were his pride and joy, and supported throughout their youth. He was an Assistant Girl Scout Leader, served as the Troop Cookie Chair and volunteered as the “cookie dad” in escorting girls to UT apartment complexes to sell cookies. He was recognized with the Lone Star Girl Scout Appreciation Award. Frankie volunteered for the Capital Area Boys Scouts and also worked at the Girl Scout Camp Texlake on Lake Travis. Frankie was an outdoorsman and enjoyed golf, gardening, hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Austin Bass Club and took his daughters on Kid Fish

Tournaments. He also coached his daughters' Church Softball League for eight years. Frankie enjoyed making memories each fall while hunting white tail and axis deer with his twin brother, son-in-law and the "deer hunters" in Sandy and Comfort.

After moving to Caldwell, Frankie soon became an active parishioner of St. Mary's and served on the Parish Council for 6 years. He joined the Knights of Columbus in April 1989 and achieved 4th Degree in January 2000. He was honored as Knight of the Year in 1991 and 1994, and he along with Martha were recognized as Family of the Year in 2005 and 2006. They were honored as the parish nominee for the Austin Diocese's Lumen Gentium Award in 2009. That same year, he was recognized with the Forever Young Burleson County Senior Citizens Award. Frankie treasured his Czech heritage and traveled to the Czech Republic numerous times. He was a member of the Burleson County Czech Heritage Society. In 2007, Martha and Frankie were selected as King and Queen of the Caldwell Kolache Festival.

Frankie was a man of many talents. He loved to cook and you could find him barbecuing chickens, frying fish or cooking hamburgers for various Knights of Columbus and church fundraisers. He also enjoyed coordinating St. Mary's Christmas baskets for the needy.

During his earlier years, Frankie shared his woodworking and carpentry skills while volunteering on a Habitat for Humanity house, building handicap ramps for private residences, building signs for the church and local nonprofits, renovating the Caldwell Christian Care Store or making wooden name signs for altar servers and friends. He enjoyed his music, especially polka by the Vrazels and Molly B's Polka.

Frankie and his wife loved to travel. During their younger years, they had a Starcraft tent trailer and traveled with their daughters throughout the Southwest. After they moved to Caldwell, they purchased an Airstream Travel

Trailer and continued their travels throughout the United States. They also enjoyed several international trips with St. Joseph's Golden Medallion Club, traveling to Central Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Alaska and numerous family cruises to the Eastern/Western Caribbean and Hawaii. Each summer, Frankie looked forward to their annual family trek to Port Aransas where he enjoyed playing games and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Frankie was dearly loved and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Otilie and Dennis Wolf.

Frankie is survived by his wife of 67 years, Martha (Vykukal) Wolf of Caldwell; daughter Patricia (Wolf) Gerling and her husband, David, of College Station; daughter Pam (Wolf) Unnasch and her husband, Bobby, of Magnolia; grandson, Bradley Gerling and wife, Kathryn, and their two sons of Charlotte, North Carolina; granddaughter Kellie Gerling of College Station and fiancé, Preston Zwernemann, of Caldwell; grandson Kyle Unnasch and wife, Leslie, and their two daughters of Seabrook. Frankie is also survived by his twin brother, Johnnie Dennis Wolf, of Fredericksburg and sister, Betty Ann (Wolf) Nixon, of Garland, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus #6366 Scholarship Fund; St. Rita's Quilters; St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; or local breast cancer nonprofit, Pink Alliance [www.pinkalliance.org].

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Visitation

AUG 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

AUG 29. 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home
404 W Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836

Church Viewing

AUG 30. 9:00 AM - 10:25 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

AUG **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frankie L. Wolf*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 29, 2024 at 01:32 PM

MH

“ *Marshall H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie L. Wolf.*

Marshall H. - August 30, 2024 at 06:54 AM

JT

“ *Joyce's Family-Wayne, Jackie, Kim & Toni purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frankie L. Wolf.*



Joyce's Family-Wayne, Jackie, Kim & Toni - August 29, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ 154 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - August 28, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JD

“ Joe D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie L. Wolf.

Joe D. - August 28, 2024 at 04:30 PM

DB

“ Debbie & Brent purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of Frankie L. Wolf.



Debbie & Brent - August 28, 2024 at 11:57 AM

DB

“ Debbie & Brent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frankie L. Wolf.

Debbie & Brent - August 28, 2024 at 11:57 AM

TO

“ *Mr. Wolf was one of the sweetest kind hearted men on the block...He was always keeping an eye on things (I will miss that!)...And would always have a story to share if you were outside when he was...Will miss his stories and seeing his smiling face! Until we meet again! Sending Love, Hugs, and Prayers to the entire Family!*



Tonya - August 26, 2024 at 09:05 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frankie L. Wolf.*



August 24, 2024 at 11:52 AM

BC

“ *Becky, Judy & Christy purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Frankie L. Wolf.*



Becky, Judy & Christy - August 23, 2024 at 03:56 PM

MK

“ *Marvin & Marti Kacer lit a candle in memory of Frankie L. Wolf*



Marvin & Marti Kacer - August 23, 2024 at 10:25 AM