



Gladys Kocurek

September 1, 1926 - January 19, 2019

Gladys Kocurek, 92, of Deanville, passed from this life to her eternal home desiring to be with Jesus and rejoin her husband and the numerous relatives that went before her. Visitation will be held Monday, January 21, from 5 to 8 pm at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home with rosary being recited at 7 pm. Mass of a Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dime Box on Tuesday, January 22, at 10 am. Father Ramon will be the celebrant with Father Joy as concelebrant. Burial will follow at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Dime Box.

Gladys was born on September 1, 1926 at home in Deanville, Texas to parents Louis and Mary (Dubcak) Zgabay. She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Kocurek; her parents; a sister, Hattie Zgabay; a brother, Edward Zgabay; a son, Randy Kocurek; a grandson, Rett Pivonka; and a son-in-law, Ronald Pivonka.

Gladys Kocurek was blessed with lots of energy and the deep desire to help others. All her accomplishments portray both these traits. As a young child, she attended Hogg school and later graduated from Caldwell High School. Her first desire was to become a nurse but family circumstances prevented her from leaving Deanville area. She did get a chance to work for Dr. Siptak in Caldwell. He trained her to have the skills she needed to work in his office. She married her one and only love, Calvin Kocurek and became a full-time mother to five children. During this time, she became active at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dime Box, later serving as president of the altar society for

20 years. Due to her hard work in the Church she received the Lumen Gentium award.

She was a good mom and a good Christian woman. She took time out of her very busy days to care for her parents and other elderly friends and anyone who needed it. She was one to never say no. When her children got older, she went to work at Keller Chair factory for 23 years along with many of her friends. That was a very happy time for her.

The family wants her to be remembered as the lady who could make everyone laugh and the ability to make a delicious cheese roll. However, her greatest accomplishment was to raise 5 children and give lots of love to her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Left behind to cherish the memories of their mother are her three sons, Gregory Kocurek and wife Judy, Jack Kocurek and wife Rebecca, and Renny Kocurek and wife Margaret; a daughter, Scarlette Pivonka; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Kocurek; 10 grandchildren and their spouses; 9 great grandchildren. Our mother would want us to thank all other numerous relatives, her friends, and the good people from St. Joseph's Manor for giving so much kindness and love to her during her lifetime and especially in her last years.

Carrying her to her final resting place will be grandsons: Nick Kocurek, Kris Kocurek, Blake Kocurek, Kyle Kocurek, Roy Pivonka and Ryan Pivonka.

In lieu of flowers, memorials for Gladys Kocurek may be sent to St. Joseph Catholic Church. The Randy Kocurek Scholarship fund, 8282 FM 141, Dime Box, Texas 77853.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

CR 426
Dime Box, TX 77853

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 5:00 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

JAN 21. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Caldwell, TX 77836
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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
8282 FM 141
Dime Box, TX
<http://Dime Box>

Tribute Wall

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. Your mom was a real special lady who we loved and respected. Heaven gained another angel and y'all were truly blessed to have her as your mother and grandmother!
With love, David and Janet Muzny

David and Janet Muzny - January 23, 2019 at 09:12 PM

GI

“ Our prayers are with the family at this time of loss.



Gary and Beverly Iselt - January 23, 2019 at 02:43 PM

SK

“ *Scarlett:*
I am so sorry to hear about your Mother. She was such a sweet and kind lady, and I remember her as a small child when our families used to visit. May God bless all of you in this time of need. You were someone I really looked up to as a child, like a big sister, which is why I named my first daughter Scarlett. Take care.
Susan Kornegay-Flinn

Susan Kornegay-Flinn - January 22, 2019 at 02:49 PM

KC

“ Sending prayers and love to the entire Kocurek family with the passing of a wonderful lady. She is now in Gods heavenly peace with Mr. Calvin and Randy. Rest in Peace sweet lady.

*Kathy Hunter Castillo
Longview, TX*

Kathy Castillo - January 22, 2019 at 07:36 AM

MM

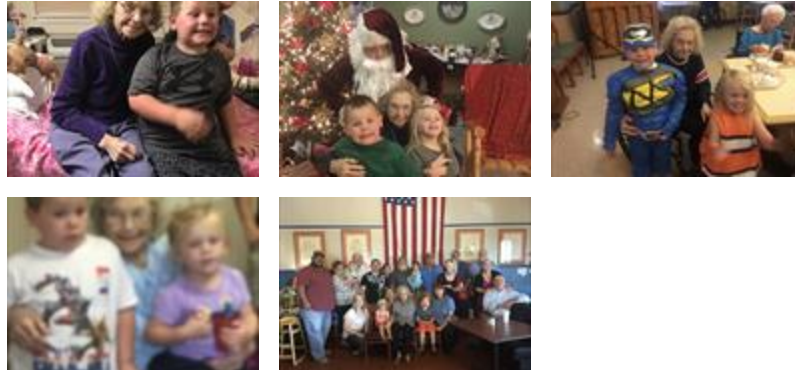
“ Melanie (Dubcak) Meyer lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kocurek



Melanie (Dubcak) Meyer - January 21, 2019 at 04:02 PM

MA

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Marsha - January 21, 2019 at 08:15 AM

SS

“ My condolences to the Kocurek family. Miss Gladys, as I have called her since I was a young girl, was a dear lady who loved her family and lended a helping hand to many people. My Mom and Miss Gladys were close friends and talked on the phone several times a day. I'm sure they are catching up on all the gossip. Our loss is heaven's gain.
My love to all.

Sylvia Horak Seal - January 20, 2019 at 07:20 PM

RM

“ Ms Heather I am so sorry about the loss of your Grandmother. Please know that you and the rest of your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you my friend.

Rona J McCown - January 20, 2019 at 07:00 PM