



## Joan Cecilia Charanza

October 10, 1948 - December 18, 2016

Mass of a Christian burial will be celebrated for Joan Cecilia Charanza, 68, of Caldwell on Friday, December 23, 2016 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Frenstat, TX at 10 a.m. Reverend Edward Karasek will be the celebrant. Burial will follow at Frenstat Holy Rosary Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2016 from 6-8 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home.

Ms. Charanza passed away on Sunday afternoon, December 18, 2016. She was born October 10, 1948, in Burleson County, the daughter of Anton and Liddie Charanza. Joan graduated from Caldwell High School in 1967 and later graduated from Sam Houston State University. She was a teacher and coach at Somerville and Sealy High Schools. She then worked and eventually retired from Texas A&M University's Instructional Materials Service Department.

Ms. Charanza was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Frenstat, Texas. Her faith was incredibly important to her. She worked on many things at the church throughout her life: teaching Sunday school, decorating at Christmas, helping at the bazaar, and caring for the grotto. Joan's favorite passtime included caring for her great-nieces and great-nephews. She always cared more about others than she did for herself.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents, Anton and Liddie Charanza.

Survivors include her sister, Frances Karasek and brother-in-law, Franklin, Jr. Her nephew and nieces: Joe and Katy Karasek, Jane Anne and Laton Giese, and Elizabeth and Jeremy Falls. And her great-nephews and nieces: John, Ellie, and Anna Karasek, Lydia and Lincoln Giese, and Blaise and Rhett Falls. She is also survived by her dear friend, Linda Prieve as well as numerous aunts and cousins.

Pallbearers serving include Joe Karasek, Laton Giese, Jeremy Falls, Carl Vavra, Bryan Crook, Daniel Felcman, Rodney Carson, and John Muzny.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery

8610 FM 2774  
Frenstat, TX 77836  
<http://holyrosaryfrenstat.com/>

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

DEC **22.** 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](mailto:phillipsandluckeyfh@yahoo.com)  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Rosary

DEC **22.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church  
8610 FM 2774  
Frenstat  
Caldwell, TX 77836

# Tribute Wall

FP

“ Ms. Charanza taught me PE in high school 44 years ago! I have always remembered her pushing us to do our best-no matter what we were doing. She coached me both IN volleyball and basketball. I have worked with her cousin, Judy Hausman, for the last 9 years and have seen her quite a few times. I will always remember her as a person who cared about others. May God bless your entire family during this time of your lost but God's gain.

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**Floydie Woodfork Pittman** - December 22, 2016 at 08:00 PM

JF

“ Joan had a heart of gold. Her words were always full of love and peace. She cared about others and used service and assistance to them as her gifts. I looked forward to her smiling face and positive outlook. If she had stress or worries in her own life, you didn't know about them. Love of her family and commitment to them made her the happiest. We will all miss her greatly. Aunt Josephine loved you and Uncle Frank gets to enjoy your company and visits again.  
The Felcmans

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**Janie Felcman** - December 22, 2016 at 08:14 AM

GS

“ Joe Karasek and the family. Alice and I send sincere condolences on behalf of our friend Joann. I remember a candid, dedicated, task-oriented friend who was quick advocate IMS on behalf of Texas teachers. She was a "giver" not a taker. Joann left a legacy and will be missed.  
Glen & Alice Shinn

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**Glen Shinn** - December 22, 2016 at 07:43 AM

RD

“ Our family met Ms. Joan not lot after we moved to the area and started attending Holy Rosary. She let the parish kids feed the fish in the grotto and often had books for the children. She loved the all kids, and they loved her too. Her rapport with them allowed her to encourage them in good church behavior and reading. We will miss her very much! Warm regards to her family.  
~The Dudensings

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**Rebekka Dudensing** - December 21, 2016 at 01:06 PM

CS

“ I met Joan 23 years ago when I began working at TAMU. She was a humble, private, and generous person who was more comfortable giving than receiving. She was devoted to her sister, nieces and nephew, and to her friends. I always knew when her nieces had a volleyball or basketball game because before she left the office she changed into a Hornets T-shirt and charged up her video camera. Joan loved Christmas too, especially the lights at her church, which she decorated enthusiastically for years. One Christmas Joan brought a 4 foot tall wooden camel into the office and told me to paint it for the church manger scene. Joan seldom asked anyone for help, so I took the camel home and painted it. Over the years, I learned on a very personal level what her faith meant to her. She did not speak of it much; she lived it by helping the sick, the elderly, those less fortunate, and those more fortunate than she. Joan was a giver. She taught me more about faith than anyone I have ever known. Joan's faith gave her strength. She did not lean on others. She lifted them up and made their lives better.

*Christine Stetter*

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**Christine Stetter** - December 21, 2016 at 09:41 AM

KO

“ *Joan was a most efficient and loyal employee at IMS. She had the purest heart for service, living her life tirelessly making things better for others. She radiated love, caring, encouragement and unselfishness. My sympathy to her family and friends.*

*Karen Overstreet*

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**Karen Overstreet** - December 20, 2016 at 11:26 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joan Cecilia Charanza.*



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December 19, 2016 at 11:56 PM

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“ *Condolences to the Charanza and Karasek families. May Joan rest in eternal peace with the Lord, Jesus Christ. Respectfully, Larry and Becky Ermis - Bryan, TX*

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**Larry Ermis** - December 19, 2016 at 11:00 PM

JD

“ *Joan took pride in everything she did. From her job to her volunteer work at church, she always gave it her all. She loved her family. I always enjoyed hearing about their achievements. It was a honor to have worked with this wonderful lady.*

*Joe Dettling*

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**Joe Dettling** - December 19, 2016 at 07:27 PM

KE

“ *A woman of faith and service, a life of impact and high ideals. She was an exemplar to so many people. She taught me much, and was the first person outside my family to offer words of comfort when my father passed. My condolences to the Charanza & Karasek families.*  
*Kirk Edney, College Station, TX*

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**Kirk Edney** - December 19, 2016 at 04:47 PM

JK

*My condolences to Joan's family. I have known Joan and Francis since we were all little girls. While I hadn't seen Joan in many years, we were able to renew our friendship when we both worked at Texas A&M. She took great pride in her work and loved the folks she worked with. She was direct, fair, compassionate, and will be missed.*

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**Jan Kiel Kyles** - December 20, 2016 at 10:13 PM