



## Thomas J. Merka Jr.

April 28, 1930 - March 14, 2017

Thomas J. Merka Jr. passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. A rosary will be held at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home at 2:00 pm, Thursday, March 16, 2017 with burial following at Oak Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the funeral home on Thursday prior to services.

Mr. Merka was born in Buckholts, Texas on April 28, 1930 to Thomas and Minnie Regina (Kubish) Merka. He grew up in Bellmeana, Texas and later moved to the Sharp Community where he attended Sharp High School. He attended college at The University of Texas and Baylor University where he received a degree in Management. He was drafted into the Army and later worked for Cameron Ford Motor Co. until January 1954 when he went to work for Alcoa where he retired after 31 years. He married Helen Antonette Stall on September 13, 1958 in Rosebud, Texas. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale and enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and dancing.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Minnie Merka; and sister, Albinka Dueser.

Mr. Merka is survived by his wife of 58 years, Helen Merka of Rockdale, Texas; sons, Thomas J. Merka III and wife Connie of Rockdale, Texas and Michael R. Merka and wife Gayle of Cedar Creek, Texas; grandchildren, Thomas Merka, Clayton Merka, Kristine Merka and Dalton Merka; and sister,

Minnie Lee Trlica of Pettibone.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Cemetery

250 S. Pear Street  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Rosary

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# Tribute Wall

VB

“ Condolences for you Helen, Tommy and Michael. Everyone will miss Thomas very much.  
Love Ginger

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**Virginia Beathard** - March 22, 2017 at 06:52 PM

KK

“ Aunt Helen, Tommy & Michael:  
Sending our sympathies and prayers during this sad time to all of the Thomas J. Merka Jr. Family.  
Kathleen Trlica-Koester & Danny Koester  
Industry, Texas

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**Kathleen Koester** - March 16, 2017 at 11:46 AM

GR

“ Gary and Kim Roberts-Smithville purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Thomas J. Merka Jr..



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**Gary and Kim Roberts-Smithville** - March 16, 2017 at 10:56 AM

CF

“ Tommy, so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Spent many times at the house with all of you and appreciate all that you did for me back in the days years ago. We had some good and fun times back in the day. Although we grew apart after all these years and only saw a couple of you after high school, I've never forgotten any of you and enjoyed the times we all spent together doing various things. I certainly appreciate all that all of you did and helped me with as well.

*Cliff Fambrough*

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**Cliff Fambrough** - March 16, 2017 at 08:46 AM

DB

“ David and Mary (Kamenicky) Belnap purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Thomas J. Merka Jr..



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**David and Mary (Kamenicky) Belnap** - March 15, 2017 at 11:39 PM

TC

“ The employees of MD Anderson Cancer Center purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas J. Merka Jr..



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**The employees of MD Anderson Cancer Center** - March 15, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Merka Jr..*



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March 15, 2017 at 12:04 PM



“ *A very respected man and family.*

*Glenn & Barbara Wenzel*



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**00glenn wenzel** - March 15, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Merka Jr..*



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March 14, 2017 at 05:45 PM