



Vivian Bulgawicz Yezak

January 24, 1922 - October 5, 2020

Vivian Yezak was born Vivian Agnes Bulgawicz on January 24, 1922 to Louis Leopold Bulgawicz and Maggie Szymaszek Bulgawicz in Marlin, Texas. She was the third of four siblings. On June 7, 1942 she and Dan Yezak were married. This union was blessed with four children, Daniel, Janis, Debby, and Linda. In 1953, they moved from Bremond to Rockdale where they enjoyed raising their children throughout their 46 years of married life.

Vivian was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and its Ladies Altar Society, the Home Demonstration group, and she volunteered her time and shared her talents in service to the community.

In June of 2009, Vivian was awarded the Lumen Gentium (Light of the World) award presented by the Diocese of Austin in recognition of the extraordinary way she lived her life through stewardship and leadership and for her service in parish ministry and in Christian service to the greater community.

Vivian was preceded in death by her husband Dan in 1989, her son Daniel in 1965, and her daughter Janis in 2014. She is survived by two daughters, their husbands, eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; Debby and Michael Currey and family (Daniel, Matthew, James and Heather and Cara, Caleb, Gabriel, and John Michael) and Linda and Tony Lam and family (Alison and Philip Rolleri, and Noah and Jude Rolleri, Kathryn and Thomas Valenti,

and Andrew, Nora and Corinne Valenti, and Lauren and Matthew Cabral, and Daniel and Hannah Cabral). Also, Janis's husband Steve Sullivan and family (Colleen and Kevin Russell and Anne and Jeff Hebert, and Chloe and Landon Hebert).

Vivian was well known for her wonderful baking and her talented quilting, giving many of her creations to friends and family members. Her quilts won Grand Champion and First Place awards at the Rockdale Fair. She had a career as a cook with the Rockdale Independent School District. She volunteered at the nursing home helping with Bingo and setting the ladies' hair. She was an avid sports fan and attended all the Rockdale Tiger home football games. She made many trips visiting family and enjoyed sightseeing with them. Throughout her long life, she was especially blessed by the company of so many relatives and good friends that brought her great joy.

Vivian enjoyed gardening, canning fruits and vegetables, taking daily walks around the track at Tiger stadium, competing in 42 dominoes, working jigsaw puzzles, designing doll clothes, and preparing arts and crafts for the annual Ladies Church Bazaar. She was a lifelong seamstress and created her daughters' wedding dresses and prepared liturgical items for St. Joseph's. She was well respected as a homemaker, and she was a beloved wife, daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a dependable correspondent and a kind and caring friend. She showed great empathy for those who experienced a deep loss. She regularly presented friends with a warm dish of cinnamon rolls or a delicious pie.

Vivian passed away on Monday, October 5, 2020, at her home in Rockdale. Her Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale with Rev. Pedro Castillo and Rev. George Joseph con-celebrating at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, preceded by Rosary in the church at 10:30 a.m.

She will be laid to rest in Marlin at Hillcrest Cemetery beside her husband and son. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Rockdale.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Marlin, TX 76661

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
234 San Gabriel St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Church Service

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Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Mary F Kujawa lit a candle in memory of Vivian Bulgawicz Yezak*



Mary F Kujawa - October 20, 2020 at 06:12 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Vivian Bulgawicz Yezak.*



October 13, 2020 at 08:54 PM

SW

“ *Mrs. Yezak was a very special lady and will always hold a special place in my heart. She always had a warm cookie for for Trista when we delivered bread to the HS cafeteria, the last Christmas she made Santa ornaments and gave Trista one. Trista gained her angel wings the following summer, 44 years later it still goes on the tree. RIP Sweet Lady. ♡♡*



Sheila and Charles Wadlington - October 10, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *I never met a sweeter and kinder human being. My memories go back to playing dolls with Linda in the back yard (where snacks were a real treat) to making my cheerleading uniforms that were a lotta pleats and layers. Mrs. Yezak always welcomed me with a big smile and open arms. To this day I drive by while in Rockdale in hopes of seeing her to say hello. She has always been a very special women. Rest In Peace Mrs. Yezak* ❤️



Debby Currie - October 10, 2020 at 12:04 AM



“ *Prayers to the family. Mrs. Yezak was a sweet lady. She and my grandmother, Ella Ottmer, cooked at Rockdale High School together. Rest In Peace. God bless.*
Terry L Mowdy



Terry L Mowdy - October 09, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ *Mrs. Yezak, Mrs. Tony Koscielniak, and my mother, Catherine Jackson, enjoyed many years of friendship and Bingo together. They survived serious injuries in a terrible car accident caused by a driver under the influence. My condolences and prayers for Mrs. Yezak's loved ones. She was sweet, kind and a true lady. I know all of you must be very proud of her.*

Sandy Thomas - October 08, 2020 at 01:34 PM

ST

“ *Sandy Thomas lit a candle in memory of Vivian Bulgawicz Yezak*



Sandy Thomas - October 08, 2020 at 01:07 PM

RM

“ *Dear, sweet lady* ❤️

Richard Melcher - October 08, 2020 at 12:13 PM

DY

“ *Danny And Shelley Yezak lit a candle in memory of Vivian Bulgawicz Yezak*



Danny and Shelley Yezak - October 08, 2020 at 12:04 PM

AF

“ *Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Vivian Bulgawicz Yezak*



Aretha Flores - October 08, 2020 at 09:20 AM

BW

“ *Bethany Wallis lit a candle in memory of Vivian Bulgawicz Yezak*



Bethany Wallis - October 08, 2020 at 09:07 AM

GB

“ *Debby and family,
I don't know if I ever met a lady sweeter than your mom. She had a heart of gold. God bless your family. We are praying for comfort during this difficult time.*

Gaye and Charles Bland - October 07, 2020 at 11:40 PM

BM

“ *Mrs. Yezak was one of the first persons I met when I visited Rockdale. Sweet, kind, caring and considerate are some of the adjectives that describe this loving lady. Her daughter, Janis, became a friend as we were the same age.
May God bless Mrs. Yezak's family with comfort and peace.
Love and hugs,
Bobby (as she called him) and Donna Melcher*

Bob Melcher - October 07, 2020 at 08:36 PM