



## Joseph Jody Duyka

August 4, 1944 - February 11, 2021

Joseph “Jody” Duyka, 76, of Needville, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021 peacefully in his home after spending precious time with his family. He was born August 4, 1944 to Joe and Lillian Duyka in Wharton where he attended Catholic elementary school, Wharton High School, and served as FFA president at the local, district, and area levels. He attended WCJC, and years later, Durham Business College majoring in business and computers. He was first employed by JD Hudgeons in Hungerford before taking a job with Houston Lighting and Power.

In 1964, he married his sweetheart from Needville, Ladele Frances Stavinoha, and owned Jody’s Exxon Service at the corner of Main and Austin Streets where the building remains today. In 1970, he joined the family business, Lad-Pak, where he spent the next forty years and often boasted that he made over 5 million pounds of Award-winning smoked sausage. Jody enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and collecting coins. He loved spending time with his family at home and on the farm, camping across Texas, relaxing in Matagorda, and caring for his cows. He enjoyed fun adventures to casinos, putting together many puzzles, and cars – “fast cars”.

Jody was a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church and served on the parish council and as a lector and usher. He participated in the Knights of Columbus on both the Needville and Wharton councils where he held many offices

including Grand Knight and Trustee. Jody was a member of the Needville Lions Club and Needville Chamber of Commerce, on the advisory board of Prosperity Bank, and an honorary member of the Needville FFA. Jody supported the Needville Youth Fair every year purchasing animals from the youth in the community. He was a volunteer fireman for over twenty years and served as Assistant Fire Chief.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ladele Stavinoha Duyka, daughter Venessa Grandjean and husband Phil, daughter Donna Barfield and husband Jeff, brother Tim Duyka and his wife Mary, and 5 grandchildren: Philip Grandjean, Valerie Grandjean, Paige Grandjean, Kayla Barfield and Erica Barfield. He will be missed by many including the Romeo Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out) who could be found at their favorite table together many weekdays at noon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Sandy Wenzel, and other dear family members and friends.

There will be a visitation Sunday, February 21, 2021 from 1-4 P.M. with a rosary at 3:00 P.M. in the Chapel at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. The Funeral Mass will be held Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville with Jody's childhood friend, Monsignor Dan Scheel, officiating. Pallbearers will include: nephews Dean Stavinoha and Matthew and Mark Hartfiel; his dear friend's sons Wyatt and Wade Bosse, and his Matagorda buddy, David Lackey. Honorary pallbearers include the handsome men from the Romeo Club. The burial will take place immediately following at Davis-Greenlawn.

There will be social distancing and masks required at both occasions. For those unable to attend due to Covid restrictions, the funeral mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at "St. Michael's Needville", and there will be no

social gathering after the funeral. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests donations to be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church or to the COPD Foundation at [www.copdfoundation.org](http://www.copdfoundation.org) in memory of Jody Duyka. Notifications should be directed to Ladele Duyka at [jduyka@consolidated.net](mailto:jduyka@consolidated.net) .

Words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries  
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 341-8800

## Funeral Mass

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Church  
9214 Main  
Needville, TX 77461

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers! Jody was always kind to our boys and always had a smile on his face.

*Ian and Sheila Shifferly*

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**Sheila Shifferly** - February 23, 2021 at 03:51 PM

BS

“ Barbara And Jim Sims lit a candle in memory of Joseph Jody Duyka



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**Barbara and Jim Sims** - February 21, 2021 at 07:34 PM

JR

“ Dear Ladele, Vanessa, Donna and family,  
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you as you struggle through the grief and sadness of the death of sweet Jody. We will miss his smiling face and sparkly eyes at the family gatherings. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending a gentle hug your way, to comfort you, and to let you know that you're on our minds and in our hearts. God Bless You,  
*John and Wanda Ripple*

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**John and Wanda Ripple** - February 20, 2021 at 07:37 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Weidemann purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Jody Duyka.*



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**Sandra Weidemann** - February 20, 2021 at 10:32 AM

LL

“ *I was so very sorry to learn of Jody's passing. I have such fond & happy memories of our years of friendship while at Holy Family and WHS! And I'm so glad that we reconnected at our 50th WHS Reunion. My heartfelt condolences to his family. My thoughts & prayers are with you all.*



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**Lola Lopez** - February 20, 2021 at 10:05 AM

BM

“ *Never forgotten. Always loved.*

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**Betty Matthys** - February 20, 2021 at 08:14 AM

CS

“ *I remember Jody as a person who was fun-loving and upbeat. May you find comfort in the memories of all your times together.*

*Charles and Joyce Sablatura*



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**Charles and Joyce Sablatura** - February 19, 2021 at 07:27 PM

EL

“ *Elaine Lindemann lit a candle in memory of Joseph Jody Duyka*



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**Elaine Lindemann** - February 19, 2021 at 02:58 PM

EL

“ *Dearest Ladelle & family! I am so sorry to hear of your great loss! May the good Lord bless you all & give you the peace & strength you need to get through this very sad time! You are all in my thoughts & prayers! God bless!*

*Elaine (Kulcak) Lindemann*

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**Elaine Lindemann** - February 19, 2021 at 02:55 PM



“ *Sending prayers and love to this wonderful family! Love you, Kelly and Scott Winkley*



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**Kelly Winkley** - February 19, 2021 at 11:19 AM

EC

“ *Ladelle and Family I remember all the times that Jody came to our house in Hungerford to see my brother Bennie. He was always so polite and smiling. We send our prayers and Sympathy from the Orsak families. Elaine Orsak Cook*



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**Elaine Cook** - February 19, 2021 at 01:20 AM

TF

“ The Gene Williams Family❤️❤️ lit a candle in memory of Joseph Jody Duyka



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The Gene williams family❤️❤️ - February 18, 2021 at 03:49 PM

JK

“ Ladele, Vanessa, Donna, and all the family, my heartfelt condolences on your loss. A devoted husband, father, brother and friend, Jody will be missed by the many people whose lives he touched over the years. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family you grieve your loss.

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Joe Kacal - February 18, 2021 at 01:21 PM

BP

“ Jody was as fine a man that ever lived. His deep love for his bride and two beautiful daughters sparkled from his eyes. He had a huge heart, and lived a life of honor. I have many fond memories of him, and it was a blessing to have shared a part of my life with him. From deep in my heart come prayers for comfort and peace for those loved ones left behind... know this... because of his faith, you will hug him again, just beyond Heaven's gate.

*Boyd Polhamus*

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Boyd Polhamus - February 18, 2021 at 08:06 AM

AV

“ ALICIA VANDEGRIFT lit a candle in memory of Joseph Jody Duyka



ALICIA VANDEGRIFT - February 17, 2021 at 06:55 PM

MK

“ Mary Kramer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Jody Duyka



Mary Kramer - February 16, 2021 at 07:50 PM

BS

“ Bill And Shelly Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Joseph Jody Duyka



Bill and Shelly Sullivan - February 16, 2021 at 04:31 PM

NK

“ Neal & Carol Kalinowski lit a candle in memory of Joseph Jody Duyka



Neal & Carol Kalinowski - February 16, 2021 at 10:56 AM