



Martha Caroline Nowak

May 1, 1922 - August 6, 2024

Martha Caroline Nowak, 102, formerly of Bay City, passed away on August 6, 2024. She was born on May 1, 1922 in Kendleton, Texas to Steve Valigura Sr. and Louise Kubena Valigura.

Martha was a longtime member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Bay City where she participated in the Altar Society and the Quilters Guild. More recently, she attended St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land when she made the move to be closer to her daughter, Rose Marie.

Martha had many hobbies but foremost she was an avid quilter. She quilted well into her nineties. She was also an excellent seamstress, cook, and vegetable gardener. Martha kept her mind active and was always ready to play cards or dance a waltz. This loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend will truly be missed.

In addition to her parents, Martha is preceded in death by her husband, Ben Nowak; her daughter, Stella Nowak Harrison; and all her siblings, Steve, Louis, Frank and Raymond Valigura and Georgia Kovar.

Survivors include her daughter, Rose Marie Durden; grandchildren, Amy Heckman (Larry), Laura Schneidau (Patrick), Tim Durden (Samantha Maret), Matt Harrison (Amanda), and Jarred Harrison; great grandchildren, Paul &

Sydney Heckman, Catherine, Julie, Michael & Bea Schneidau; Wesley Kolter, and Frank & Nicholas Harrison; along with numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 22, 2024 at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land. A rosary will be recited at 9:30 a.m. Martha will be laid to rest at Roselawn Cemetery in Van Vleck, Texas.

For those wishing, in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Charity of your choice.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218), Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Laurence Catholic Church
3100 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugar Land, TX US 77479
Sugar Land, TX 77479

**There will be a Rosary at 9:30 a.m.*

Tribute Wall

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“ Martha was one of my favorite friends from Holy Cross in Bay City. One of the sweetest ladies & boy could she cook. Our thoughts & prayers to all of her family. Rest in Peace dear friend. Ralph & Gale Seidel

Gale Seidel - August 23, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Martha Caroline Nowak.



August 21, 2024 at 12:39 PM

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“ *“ Miz Martha” was a kind and pleasant lady I become acquainted with while she and my mother, Virginia, lived at Greatwood Assisted Living in Sugar Land. Martha had a sharp mind and many talents. She was such a sweet friend to my mom. They often played Bingo, talked, and shared meals in the dining room together. Mom and I enjoyed her quilts that she had on display in her apartment. Mix Martha once said that my mom was like a sister to her. She was a wonderful person. Over her beautiful long lifetime, she most certainly touched many lives with her kindness, her quick wit, and her many talents. Bless her soul.*

Cindy Gurecky Bilski - August 21, 2024 at 01:34 AM

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Just heard of my dear friend, Ms. Martha's passing. She was truly one of a kind. I met her in Bay City when we became members of Holy Cross Church. She was in charge of getting volunteers to bake turkeys for the church picnic. Well I didn't know how but Ms. Martha taught me how to bake a turkey. Yearly she would call me to bake a turkey or two. Fun loving lady and always "happy go lucky", we enjoyed many years of playing bunco on a few teams. Many a good laughs and memories! Blessed with a long life, she served her church, clubs, family and friends with the utmost love ❤️.

Nancy Skrabanek - August 29, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Caroline Nowak.



August 20, 2024 at 03:15 PM

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“ Good Morning. I clearly remember Mrs. Nowak serving meals at the Holy Cross Cafeteria when i attended there between 1966 and 1972. She made the best yeast rolls in the world and all her cooking was delicious. She was kind, loving and always cheerful. I also remember Mr. Nowak mowing the church pastures on that old blue Ford Tractor. He was nice too, but he jumped us kids from playing on that tractor a few times. What an amazing lady. How many people are blessed to live 102 years and touch the lives of literally thousands? Not many, but Mrs. Nowak did. And i will always remember her service to the Lord and little people. Chuck Davis Opelika, Alabama.

Chuck Davis - August 19, 2024 at 10:36 AM