



Mary Steffek Zwahr

May 6, 1909 - August 4, 2010

MARY SOPHIE STEFFEK ZWAHR, beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Great-Great Grandmother and Sister died August 4th, 2010 in Needville at the age of 101. We grieve for our loss but are comforted by our belief that she is now resting in eternal peace. Mary was born on May 6, 1909 in Dubina, TX to John Steffek and Francis Skrovan Steffek. She was the eldest of 13 children. Mary and her family moved to the Needville area when she was a teenager, and she has resided here nearly 90 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Paul Zwahr; children Calvin Zwahr, Sr., Alphonse "Bibs" Zwahr and LaVerne Meyen; grandson David Meyen; siblings Christina Steffek, Edwin Steffek, Martha Schwettmann, Emil Steffek, Marcella Steffek, Victor Steffek, Cecilia Steffek, John Steffek, Jerry Steffek and Lorretta Whittington; daughter-in-law Janice Zwahr; and son-in-law Otto Lee Meyen.

Mary is survived by her very close and extensive family including:

Children Lawrence Zwahr and wife Allene, Mary Ann Bezecny and husband Conroy and daughter-in-law LaNelle Zwahr.

Grandchildren Janet Baranowski Edward, Gary Zwahr Betty, Calvin Zwahr, Jr. Brenda, Darrel Zwahr Cynthia, Karen Gundermann Wayne, Cheryl Vitek

Arthur, Dale Zwahr, Brian Zwahr, Dwayne Zwahr, Annette Pihoda Donnie, Connie Busch Daryl, Donna Zwahr, Dena Zwahr, Glen Zwahr Debbie, Craig Zwahr, Tracey Wittneben, Christopher Meyen Jennifer and Stephanie Dees Kevin.

Great-grandchildren Christi Sebesta Jason, Matthew Baranowski Laura, Kayla Gundermann, Lynzie Zwahr Rogers, Taryn Baranowski, Katherine Novosad Heath, Dustin Vitek, Victoria Zwahr, LeeAnn Zwahr, Wayne Gundermann, Jr. Amanda Ambrose Matt, Robin Zwahr, Tiffany Zwahr, Danielle Pihoda, Megan Meyen, Brandy Curry, Colby Curry, Morgan Zwahr, Paige Pihoda, Justin Zwahr, Garrett Zwahr, Zachary Pihoda, Cody Zwahr, Katelyn Zwahr, Jace Meyen, Emily Wittneben, Mackenzie Dees, Riley Meyen and Avery Dees.

Great-great grandchildren Brooke May, Colby Zwahr, Kaylee Gundermann, John Hardage Jr, Hayley Hardage, Madeline Baranowski, Taylor Rogers, Seiler Sebesta, Levi Baranowski and Reno Rogers.

Sisters Alma Martin and Evelyn Skellie, sister-in-law Lillian Steffek and brothers-in-law, Ed Schwettmann and Dale Whittington.

Mary loved children and raised five of her grandchildren after her son's death. For many years, she also babysat for countless youngsters in the Fairchild area which she thought of as her extended family. Mary had so much love to give, and she shared it with everyone she met. She was a wonderful cook, and kolaches were her specialty.

A true matriarch of her family, she will be missed by us all.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 7, 2010 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville with Fr. Joseph Phan officiating. Interment will follow at St. Michael's Catholic Church Cemetery in Needville.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with a Wake Service followed by a Rosary at 7:00 p.m., Friday, August 6, 2010 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Her 9 grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

For those wishing, memorial donations may be made in Mary's name to St. Michael's Catholic Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 95, Needville, Texas 77461.

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

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

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Annette, Janet and the rest of the family,*

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Zwahr. She lived a long and happy life and will be missed by many people. Take comfort in knowing that she is now resting in eternal peace and that God is taking care of her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Julia and Darryl Mueck - August 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Our sympathy to all of you at this difficult time. There aren't too many people who didn't know "Grandma Zwahr". She touched many lives and will be greatly missed. We should all try to be a little like her. She's baking kolaches for everyone in Heaven and enjoying getting reacquainted with past loved ones. We can be thankful she enjoyed a long, full life. All our love,*

Melvin & Dorothy Jane Shumbera - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I remember her as a loving and giving person. My condolences for all the family. She will be remembered and missed.*

Karen Sidwell - August 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Our sincerest condolences for the family & extended family of Grandma Zwahr. She touched the lives of many & will always be remembered.

*In our thoughts & prayers,
Nancy Vacek
KayAnn Vacek
James Vacek, Jr
Jennifer Vacek-Parr*

Jennifer Vacek-Parr - August 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ God allowed Mrs Zwahr to be here all these years as a fine example of how to love and give of yourself. What a wonderful lady! Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone.

Murray & Cat Straznicky

Murray & Cathy Straznicky - August 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ We have fond memories for "Grandma" Zwahr, as she was called. She always had a smile which reflected what was in her heart and soul.

H.W. Carew Family - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Brian, my prayers and thoughts are with you. May God bless and help you through this time of loss.

Debbie Klump

Debbie Klump - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *She will be missed. I always thought of her as my one grandmother. My thoughts and prayers go out to The Zwahar Family.*

JD Silhavy - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *A salute to your life, Mary Zwahr!*

Sharon Wallingford - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *We will be forever grateful to "Grandma" for taking care of Zach and treating him as one of her own. Because of her, we could drive to Houston each day to make a living with peace of mind knowing he was in excellent care, in addition to being fed the best meals and brick cookies available on this earth! Everyone should strive to be as giving and loving as "Grandma" was.*

Bobby & Linda Miller - August 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM