



Shirley J. Stavinoha

December 2, 1930 - June 5, 2023

Shirley Jean Schwarting Stavinoha was born to Howard and Willie Mae Schwarting on December 2nd, 1930, in Jones Prairie, Texas and passed away June 5th, 2023. She grew up on the family farm just outside of Cameron Texas. At the age of 14, she and her parents moved to Rosenberg and she graduated from Rosenberg High School in 1948.

She met Teddy Stavinoha after his return home from WWII. They married on September 5th, 1949 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. They celebrated 49 years of marriage until Teddy's death in 1998. She was a member of Holy Rosary since their marriage, where she was actively involved in numerous ministries throughout her life.

Being raised as an only child, on a farm, during the depression, she frequently commented how she prayed for God to bless her with many children. To this wish, she leaves behind a large and loving family of 50, with her as the Matriarch.

Her children: Tommy Stavinoha and wife Linda, Mike Stavinoha and wife Debbie, Patti Kocich and husband Kenny, and Debbie Chaney and husband Dan.

Her grandchildren: Stephen Stavinoha and wife Shannan, Shelley Garza and husband Alex, Martin Stavinoha, Melinda Merten and husband Brian, April Urbanek and husband Travis, Brooke Low and husband Kyle, Ryan Kocich and wife Alana, Carrie Nowak and husband Phillip, Derek Kocich and girlfriend Sunnie Reagin, Erin Dinan and husband Marshall, Kate Chaney, Lauren Chaney and Max Chaney.

In addition to 19 very special Great Grandchildren.

She also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, many of whom lovingly referred to her as "Aunt Shirshee". She was blessed with a large circle of many special friends.

She worked many jobs throughout her life while also supporting Teddy in the family

business, White House Grocery, and her parents business, Howard's Cafeteria.

However her heart and true calling were devoted to Holy Rosary Catholic School in Rosenberg Texas. Since 1957, she was involved with the school through her volunteerism and employment. Upon retirement, she continued as a volunteer through the Grandpals program until COVID caused a pause.

Services are under the direction of Davis/Greenlawn with visitation Sunday June 11th, from 1-4 and rosary beginning at 3:00. Funeral mass will be held at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg, Monday, June 12th at 10:00 a.m. Burial to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great grandson: Stephen Stavinoha, Martin Stavinoha, Ryan Kocich, Derek Kocich, Max Chaney and Jackson Low.

Her heart was full when surrounded by family and children in any capacity. To this we suggest that if you desire, donations be directed in her memory to :

Holy Rosary Catholic School
1426 George St.
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Public Visitation

JUN 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

****There will be a Rosary at 3:00 p.m. ****

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! She was such a sweet, sweet woman!* ”

Michele Pettigrew - June 21, 2023 at 10:57 AM

PK

Thank you so much Michele. You are so sweet as well!

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Stavinoha.* ”



June 11, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley J. Stavinoha.* ”

June 11, 2023 at 07:34 PM

LR

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Sincere condolences to your family. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. -Antonio & Leticia Ramos* ”

Leticia Ramos - June 11, 2023 at 06:01 PM

PK

Thank you so much. Your words are comforting.

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:14 PM

DC

“ *My sincerest condolences to you and your family. I'm saddened to hear of your loss....God rest her soul. 🙏* ”

Diana Cortina - June 11, 2023 at 05:35 PM

PK

Thank you so much.

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:14 PM

MP

“ Shirley Stavinoha’s loving legacy does not stop with her 50+ children and grands , but it also is found with all the students , including ours, of Holy Rosary School where Shirley worked and volunteered for many years. For decades, Shirley, Mary Ann Titel, and Wilma Stryk nurtured Holy Rosary students , reinforcing the values and faith that we parents wanted for our children. Shirley’s loving maternal instinct was felt by every student with whom she worked.

With students and friends alike, Shirley always had a ready smile and a kind word. It is a testament to her kind nature that she always left me and others with a warm feeling after being greeted by her smile and kind words.

We offer our sympathy to her extended family. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends alike. May she rest in peace.

Maxine Phelan, husband Herb, and family

Maxine Phelan - June 10, 2023 at 08:37 PM

PK

What a beautiful tribute to mom as well as the others of the "greatest generation" at HRCS. Mom loved that school and wanted only the best for each student. All were special as well as you Maxine. Thank you.

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Stavinoha.*



June 10, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley J. Stavinoha.*

June 10, 2023 at 10:08 AM

JC

“ *I know she will be missed greatly by all her friends and family. I know how much she meant to my son. May all of the family find peace at this time.*
Janet and George Cruz

Janet and George Cruz - June 09, 2023 at 06:17 PM

PK

Thank you so much.

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley J. Stavinoha.

June 09, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shirley J. Stavinoha.

June 09, 2023 at 01:29 PM

RP

“ My heart goes out to you and the family, and I wish you nothing but comfort and strength. God bless you during this time. Rest in peace beautiful angel.

Renay Patin - June 09, 2023 at 11:44 AM

PK

Thank you Renay. Beautifully written.

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Stavinoha.



June 09, 2023 at 09:42 AM

MO

“ Condolences To All Of Shirley's Family 🌸
She Is Resting In Peace With Her Maker and Looking down on us All 🙏💕💕 This is our Faith and Promise.
Treasure All the memories you each have with her
God's Blessings
Mary Ondrush

Mary Ondrush - June 08, 2023 at 06:20 PM

PK

Thank you Mary as well as for all you did to for her services. Bless you.

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:20 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley J. Stavinoha.*



June 07, 2023 at 07:07 PM

LS

“ *She was a beautiful lady inside and out. May perpetual light shine upon her and may God you His comfort and peace.*

Leroy and Marilyn Stavinoha

Leroy and Marilyn Stavinoha - June 07, 2023 at 01:13 PM

PK

Thank you so much.

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:19 PM

CT

“ *Cynthia Treybig lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Stavinoha*



Cynthia Treybig - June 06, 2023 at 10:09 PM

PK

Thank you Cynthia. That means a lot.

Patti Kocich - June 28, 2023 at 01:21 PM



Mrs. Stavinoha as a lot of us called here with admiration, respect and love. She was always quick with a smile and a positive reinforcement when some of us needed that little boost. The world will be a little smaller without her in it. I can say I was truly blessed to have known Mrs Stavinoha.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Chris Stammann - March 19, 2024 at 03:48 PM