



Vernice Konvicka Janis

December 30, 1931 - October 25, 2025

Vernice Konvicka Janis, 93, passed away peacefully at home after a heroic yearlong battle with a blood disease.

Vernice spent her early years in Moravia, Texas, helping on the family farm with her parents, Jim and Veronika “Vera” Konvicka. She was the fifth of six siblings.

She attended a small school in Moravia, where she and her classmates were often scolded for speaking Czech—her primary language at home—instead of English. After graduating from high school in Schulenburg, Vernice earned her Bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education from Southwest State Teachers College (now Texas State University) in San Marcos.

In 1954, she accepted a high school teaching position in East Bernard. It was there that two sisters introduced her to their brother, Norbert Janis, who was home on Army leave. Vernice and Norbert married in 1955, sharing 60 wonderful years together and raising five children.

While balancing her roles as a farmer’s wife, teacher, and mother, Vernice pursued and earned her Master’s degree in Elementary Education from Prairie View A&M University. She had a deep passion for teaching young children, even starting a private kindergarten out of her home. Later, while teaching in the East Bernard Independent School District, she was delighted to have the children and grandchildren of her former students in her classes. Vernice retired after 31 years of teaching but continued as a substitute teacher well into her 80s.

Vernice found great joy in caring for and entertaining her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who were always coming and going from her home. Whether fishing, feeding cows, or taking them to the casinos for their 21st birthdays, she made every moment special. She loved her many trips to the Louisiana casinos over the years and was known for her good fortune and enthusiasm for the games.

Continuing Norbert's legacy, Vernice remained active in farming and cattle raising. She had a love for fresh flowers and cultivated a wide variety of houseplants. She was also widely known for her famous rosettes, which she generously donated to organizations for auctions and gifted to countless friends and family members. Vernice also loved hosting large Easter and Christmas gatherings at her home, bringing together her extended family for joyful celebrations filled with laughter and love.

Vernice was blessed with five children: Debbie (Mike) Nelson of St. Augustine, Florida; Wanda Janis of Sugar Land; Tish Babin of East Bernard; NJ (Wendy) Janis of Brenham; and Kay Kay (Charlie) Davis of Huntsville. She cherished her ten grandchildren and found immense joy in her twelve great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; her brother, Jimmie Konvicka and wife Benni of Stephenville; her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Norbert Janis, her parents, her brother Henry Konvicka, and sisters Rita Broz, Grace Konvicka, and Marjorie McCaslin.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

OCT **29.** 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
839 Church St. East Bernard, TX US 77435
Bernard, TX 77435

Rosary

OCT **29.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **29.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ Many memories of her during my high school and college years when I got to know all of her wonderful children. What a sweetheart she was. Hugs to all the kids who will miss her greatly.

Donna Ferguson Chandler

Austin, Texas

Donna Chandler - October 29, 2025 at 04:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



October 28, 2025 at 10:58 PM

NC

“ Nancy Viaclovsky Clifford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernice Konvicka Janis.

Nancy Viaclovsky Clifford - October 28, 2025 at 10:58 PM

TF

“ The Cashdollar Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



The Cashdollar Family - October 28, 2025 at 04:58 PM

ML

“ From Melissa Quirey Locke: I have known Mrs. Janis first as Debbie's mother when we met in the second grade, and eventually we graduated together from EBHS together. Secondly she was my 5th grade teacher, from which I have so many fond memories. Then she continued to work, teaching along with my mother Ramona Quirey for many years. I remember slumber parties at her big house, and especially her delightful laugh. She was always smiling. She touched so many lives who will not forget her and that's the greatest memorial ever. Heartfelt comfort to the family, with love.

Melissa Q. Locke - October 28, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



October 28, 2025 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ Tim, Maria and the Callan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernice Konvicka Janis.

Tim, Maria and the Callan Family - October 28, 2025 at 12:39 PM

A&

“ Andy &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vernice Konvicka Janis.

Andy &. - October 28, 2025 at 11:47 AM

LS

“ Lillian, Carol and Sandra. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



Lillian, Carol and Sandra. - October 28, 2025 at 08:52 AM

LK

“ Love, Laura & Megan Kramr purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



Love, Laura & Megan Kramr - October 27, 2025 at 10:38 PM

NK

“ Nathan and Kallie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



Nathan and Kallie - October 27, 2025 at 10:08 PM

NK

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LZ

“ *Lewis and Lori Zajic purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.*



Lewis and Lori Zajic - October 27, 2025 at 08:36 PM

PA

“ *Vernice was my "go to" person when I needed advice. She always had an idea or a solution to a problem or dilemma. Vernice had a huge heart and her advise was always the right one I needed. Rest in peace my dear friend. Jeanette and I will be up there to laugh and talk about the good ole' days when our time comes. Oh, and have some of your rosettes there for us when we get there! Love ya.....Patsy*

Patricia - October 27, 2025 at 07:05 PM

LN

“ *Lynn Nutter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.*



Lynn Nutter - October 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM

KC

“ *Prayers sent to you and your family Kay Kay*



Kim Card - October 27, 2025 at 03:20 PM

IG

“ Ike Lane Care Group purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



Ike Lane Care Group - October 27, 2025 at 02:25 PM

ML

“ Matthew, Kandace, Landon and Logan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



Matthew, Kandace, Landon and Logan - October 27, 2025 at 01:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernice Konvicka Janis.



October 27, 2025 at 01:42 PM