



Wilma Thekla Stryk

September 23, 1922 - January 21, 2013

Wilma Thekla Matocha Stryk, 90, was born September 23, 1922 to Joe and Genevieve Matocha in Smithville, Texas and went to her final resting place on January 21, 2013.

Wilma grew up in Cistern, Texas and graduated from Flatonia High School. She married Joe Stryk and briefly lived in South Dakota while Joe served in the United States Air Force. After WWII, Wilma and Joe moved to Rosenberg. Wilma was an active member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church and served as the librarian and later as librarian assistant for Holy Rosary Catholic School first as a volunteer from the late 1940's until 1963, and as an employee from 1963 to 2011 and continued to volunteer until May of 2012. She was active in the Parent Teachers Club and served as an officer several times and was a Catholic Youth Organization sponsor for many years while her children were in high school. Wilma was a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Daughters, Holy Rosary Altar Society, American Legion Auxiliary, Royal Neighbor, KJZT, and Young at Heart.

From the moment you walked into the room, you always noticed Wilma, reading a book about WWII; and though she loved reading, she was never too busy to look up from the pages, and give you a big smile and hug. It's who she was. The only thing she loved more than a good game of Farkle or Chicken Foot, was her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. While her

grandchildren were vying to be "Granny's favorite," she was playing with her great-grandchildren, hiding a toy and making them find it, singing them a Czech nursery rhyme, tapping them on the opposite shoulder and shrugging when they asked who did it.

If you talked to Wilma about work, she would quickly tell you that she has worked for eighty-four years, that she started working when she was six years old, babysitting an infant for a family that worked the farm. If there was anything she couldn't handle, she was to raise a flag on the porch and alert the parents, and in her words, " I never had to raise the flag." For more than fifty five years as she worked in the library for Holy Rosary Catholic School, she was able to teach children how to use the library and fostered in them a love of books.

Wilma's strength came, in part, from her growing up during the depression; where she learned to appreciate everything that was given to her. It also came from her deep Catholic faith and fervor, where on any morning you could find her at church; and on any evening, you could find her praying the rosary before supper. Her strength and immutable faith served as inspirations to everyone who knew her.

And her memory will live on, not only through the stories and the pictures that survive, but through the hand-made noodles, for her chicken noodle soup, that she made every holiday, the ones she taught her daughter, daughters in-law, and her granddaughters to make, her secret that will be taught down the line for generations and generations to come.

Wilma is preceded in death by her husband, Joe L. Stryk, her parents, and son, Michael L. Stryk, sisters Lena Bacak and Mary Trlicek, and brothers Benjamin Beno Matocha and J.C. Matocha.

She is survived by her children, Patrick L. Stryk and wife Eve of Marble Fall, Texas, Mark J. Stryk and wife Debbi of Richmond, TX, and Joanie Rethlake and husband Roger of Richmond TX, grandchildren, Desire Harris of Florida, Lance Harris and wife Tina of Florida, Wade Stryk and wife Megan of San Antonio TX, Aaron Stryk and wife Christie of Spring, TX, Shaun Griffin and wife Kelly of Katy, TX, Leah Shackelford and husband Shannon of Round Rock, TX, Nicole Arizpe and husband V.J. of Houston, TX, Susannah Stryk of Richmond, TX, Natalie Scott and husband Steven of Round Rock, TX, Patrick Griffin of Richmond, TX, great-grandchildren, Michael Griffin and Brooke Griffin of Katy, Avery Shackelford of Round Rock, TX, Porter Stryk of San Antonio, TX, her sister Annie Tupa of San Antonio, TX, brothers Charlie Matocha and Franklin Matocha of Rosenberg, TX, Ted Matocha and wife Evelyn of Victoria, TX and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pall Bearers will be Wade Stryk, Aaron Stryk, Shaun Griffin, Patrick Griffin, Shannon Shackelford, V.J. Arizpe, and Steven Scott.

Visitation will be held from 5 pm until 8 pm with a Rosary said at 7:00 pm, Friday, January 25, 2013 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 1416 George Street, Rosenberg, Texas.

A funeral mass will be officiated by Reverend William Bartniski at Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 10 am. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 3900 B F Terry Blvd, Rosenberg, Texas.

For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Holy Rosary Catholic School Library or Holy Rosary Catholic Church Building Our Future Fund at 1416 George Street, Rosenberg, Texas 77471. Words of condolence may be left for the Stryk family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com

Tribute Wall

CH

“ I was just a boy when I met Mrs. Stryk, and then met the rest of her wonderful family, A wonderful people. My mother always said that she wished I would have married into that family. God Bless
'Charles Parkerson

charles - March 19, 2020 at 09:50 PM

TS

“ I have such wonderful memories of Mrs. Stryk and I wish to send my deepest sympathy to her family. Mrs. Stryk was my godmother and I remember her well from the years I attended Holy Rosary Catholic School as the librarian and the church as a parishioner and one of my mother's dearest friends. She will be missed. God truly needed another angel in heaven.

Trish Sneed - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Aunt Wilma's warmth and smile would always light up the room. She will be greatly missed.

Dawn Matocha Murray, Jamie, Tyler and Ryan - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Pat and Eve, Mark and Debbi, we were so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families. With sincere sympathy. Lamar and Dana Meadows

Lamar and Dana Meadows - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Pat,

At Holy Rosary, I always remembered your Mom working in the library, she was always smiling. I will pray for her and you.

Sorry for your loss.

Ben Oldag

Ben Oldag - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *I'll always remember Aunt Wilma's big, big smile and ready laughter. I agree with my brother, Ray: The Matocha Wing in heaven is surely jubilant now.*

Doris Bacak Narro - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Wilma had a long and wonderful life and I will always feel fortunate to have had the great opportunity to have known her. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

Terri St Germaine - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Joanie and family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. So many memories you must have from such a long and wonderful life. She will be missed by all that knew her.*

Brad & Toots Ferguson - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I feel so fortunate that we knew "Granny" for so many years. She will be greatly missed.

Love, Hank & Alice

Alice & Hank Rethlake - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Joannie & family, I was very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was wonderful lady. I know that she will be missed. Hold onto the beautiful and wonderful memories. She will forever live in your hearts. God Bless you all.

Denise Liska Minks - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We have lost a truly remarkable woman. I am so glad to have had Aunt Wilma as party of my family, I will cherish every memory I have of her. It touches my heart to know she is in a better place and with loved ones who have gone before her. I know this is a tough time for the family, I love you all!

Kristin Sepeda - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Wilma,
Thank you for all the smiles, the love, the faith and devotion you showed to everyone you met.

Rest in peace now, knowing your family will always keep you in their hearts...

*With love,
Anne Celila, Powell River, BC, Canada*

Anne Celila - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Cousins, may God support you during this conclusion to a most difficult journey. Don't you just know that Heaven is in an uproar with all the loud talking with Lena and Mary welcoming Wilma?

Ray Bacak - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ She was the greatest librarian there ever was. Remember her so well. Very very sweet lady. My sympathy goes out to all her family.

barbara krejivacek - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ My deepest sympathy to the family, I have so many wonderful memories of Wilma from when I was growing up, from our parents bowling together to all the bar-b-gues and get togethers. May she rest in peace...God Bless

Kathy Krejci Taylor - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ My sympathy is extended to the family.

John Vacek - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Pat and Eve, I just wanted you to know how sorry I was to hear about your Mom. You and your family have been blessed to have her with you as long as you did. She is a lovely lady and will be missed by everyone who knew her. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers..

Mary Greenwald - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. I went to HRCS from 1974-1982 and Mrs. Stryk was our librarian and I have very fond memories of the days we spent in the library. She was a very sweet person.

Sheila Ubernosky Moore - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I know that no words can help ease the pain and loss that you are feeling right now. You are in my every prayer and thought.

Bridget Jones - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ Joanie, and Family
You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother and loved one. She was a truly remarkable lady.

Yvonne Ubernosky Strain - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Pat, Mark, Joanie and family, I was sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful and caring person and a wonderful librarian at HRS. May the memories keep her alive in our hearts forever.

Rick Baudoin - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ My deepest sympathy to the family.

Joan Klesel White - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *My condolences to the entire family as you collect the memories of her past 90 years.*

Sharon Wallingford - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Aunt Wilma, you are truly in a much better place. We love you.*

RANDY MATOCHA - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM