



Charles Krupala

December 20, 1928 - May 27, 2017

As a youngster, Charles grew up in Sealy, but the family later moved to Rio Hondo in 1941 where they farmed. After attending Harlingen High School, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1947 and was stationed in Nome, Alaska. He was honorably discharged in 1949. He met his beloved wife of 63 years, Frances Elizabeth Zdansky, at a Czech dance in Corpus Christi. Shortly thereafter, they were married and moved to Harlingen, TX where Charles worked at the Harlingen Gin Company. He started farming in the Lyford community in 1953. For the most part, Charles was a cotton and grain sorghum farmer, but early in his farming career, he dabbled in cabbage and onion crops. He was a well-known, successful farmer in Willacy County for over 60 years. He was a member and served on the board of the Lyford Gin Association, and was well liked and respected by many friends and farmers. He was a serious man when it came to farming, but was a character at times as he loved a good joke. Besides his work in farming, Charles loved to travel to numerous states and tourists attractions with family, collecting magnets along the way. Whether it was holiday gatherings, weddings, or reunions, he always loved to spend time with his family and dance to Czech polka music. In addition to farming and family, Charles was also a devout man of God, who rarely missed a Sunday mass. He was a member of SPJST, KJT and a faithful parishioner of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Louis P. Krupala, sister

and brother-in-law, Aloisie and John Zdansky and grandson, Travis Warrington.

In addition to his wife, Frances E. Krupala, Charles is survived by daughters; Katherine (Robert) Warrington of Harlingen, Margie (Greg) Campbell of Liberty, and Grace (Clifton) Smith of Raymondville, and by sons; Gary (Sandra) Krupala of Harlingen, Charles Ray (Darlene) Krupala of Harlingen, James (Vicki) Krupala of Baton Rouge, LA, and Frank (Caren) Krupala of Raymondville. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are his eight grandsons: Ross Warrington, Casey Campbell, Brandon and Andrew Krupala, Camden and Kyle Krupala, Garrett Krupala, and Anderson Krupala. Honorary pallbearers are Emil Lefner, Daniel Lefner, and Frankie Lefner.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, from 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM, with family present from 5-7 PM at Rudy Garza Funeral Home, 1702 E. Harrison Avenue, Harlingen, TX 78550. Following the visitation, a rosary will be recited at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 8413 Park Ave., Lyford, TX. Burial will follow at Mont Meta Memorial Park, located at 26170 State Hwy 345 in San Benito, TX.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss of my good buddy, Charlie. He was a great "farming" neighbor. Always set a good pattern for the rest of us to follow. I will miss him. Don Smith, San Antonio, TX.

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