



## Joseph Charles Kolodziej

January 30, 2023

Joseph C. Kolodziej  
1931-2023

Joseph C. Kolodziej was loved and admired by many as a strong pillar of faith, values, hard work, and love of family and friends. He went to be with the Lord on January 30th, 2023, at 91 years of age.

Joe was born in 1931 in Falls City, Texas, to Frank and Regina Lorenz Kolodziej. He was one of 8 children, and lived through the hard times of rural America during the depression. He grew up with his future wife, Helen Faye Dodge, and they married in 1960. Together they had one daughter, Sandra Kolodziej Matecko.

Joe graduated from Karnes City High School in 1949, where he played football. Joe joined the US Coast Guard during the Korean War, during which time he was awarded as an expert pistol and rifle marksman. Upon the end of the conflict with an Honorable Discharge, Joe began a career with City Public Service that would last until his retirement in 1988. He then co-founded his own high-voltage testing company, Komo Insulation Testers, and ran that business for almost 10 years before retiring for good.

Joe loved deer hunting in Texas and Colorado, fishing, and cattle ranching in

the early 1970's. Joe created a family treasure on 171 acres in Falls City. He created stock tanks, built a farmhouse and pavilion, and shared in barbecues and laughter with family and friends.

Joe mastered building construction, electrical, plumbing, concrete, welding, meat grinding, sausage making, TV repairs, auto repairs... he was a hands-on, make-it-happen guy, where his work was always built to last. A large, strong man, Joe brought his fun-loving, booming personality and sense of humor to every occasion and was loved by many.

Joe and Faye were founding members of St Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Kirby. Joe served on the Men's Club for many years.

Joe is survived by Helen Faye Kolodziej, his wife of over 62 years; daughter Sandra Matecko and husband Lee; granddaughters Holly Matecko, Haylee Matecko, and Hannah Heintzelman and husband Pierce.

Funeral service will be on February 6th, 2023 at Holy Trinity Church in Falls City. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, Mass at 11:00 AM; burial and reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Kidney Fund.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
211 W. Meyer St.  
Falls City, TX 78113

## Funeral Mass

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Interment

FEB 6 (CT)

Falls City Cemetery  
Falls City, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to the whole family ❤️ my family and I have lived next to Joe and Faye for almost 20 years. He was always so good to my boys and me. We will miss him dearly !

Roxanne Johnson - February 06, 2023 at 09:52 PM

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“ Kathy & Rocky Acosta purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph Charles Kolodziej.



Kathy & Rocky Acosta - February 04, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Joseph Charles Kolodziej.



February 04, 2023 at 09:07 AM