



Raymond Peter Skloss

August 10, 1931 - January 29, 2021

Raymond Peter Skloss, age 89 of China Grove, passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021. He was born on August 10, 1931, in Cestohowa, Texas, to Henry and Albina (Hahn) Skloss.

He attended St. Gerard Catholic School in San Antonio, then moved with the family as a teenager to the Rio Grande Valley for a short time. Upon returning to San Antonio in the late 1940s, he worked as a mechanic at Schaeffer's Garage until he joined the US Navy in January 1950. He was a decorated Korean War veteran, proudly serving aboard the USS Gunston Hall and the USS Bushnell. Shortly after his return to the States, Raymond met the love of his life, Shirley Schmid, and they married at St. Jerome Catholic Church in August 1956, where he had been a member since. They lived in San Antonio for a short time, then moved to Martinez where they lived for 40 years until building a home on the Schmid family farm in Converse, before eventually settling in China Grove.

Raymond retired from Longhorn Portland Cement Company in 1987 after 32 years, enjoying monthly luncheons with the Longhorn retirees until Alzheimer's disease robbed him of that pleasure. Known for his witty personality, Raymond never knew a stranger. He was an avid deer hunter, spending many seasons at the deer lease with family and friends. He loved racing of all kinds, especially drag racing and NASCAR, had a lot of good

times playing couples bunco with close friends, and enjoyed many gambling trips to Coughatta and dances at Martinez Social Club with his wife. He especially loved boating and water skiing, spending countless fun summers with family friends, mostly at Lakes McQueeney, LBJ, and Buchanan. He was so proud of his boats that he'd cruise the lakes looking for someone to race. Raymond was a member of St. Hedwig American Legion Post #539 and the St. Jerome Men's Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Rita Skloss; and sister, Dorothy Jarzombek. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Shirley (Schmid) Skloss; daughter, Gail Lampman (Warren); son, Larry Skloss (Wyann); grandsons, Chad Skloss, Adam Lampman (Heather), Jordan Skloss, and Dalton Lampman; great-granddaughter, Savannah Lampman; brothers, Phil Skloss, Herman Skloss (Carol), and Leroy Skloss; sister, Henrietta LeSage; numerous nieces and nephews, other loving family members, and many friends.

Visitation will be held at St. Jerome Catholic Church on Monday, February 8, 2021, from 9-10 a.m., followed by the funeral Mass at 10 a.m., with Father Scott Janysek officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at the church cemetery. The funeral Mass will be livestreamed at <https://www.facebook.com/stjromesatx.org/>. CDC protocols will be enforced including social distancing and face coverings worn by all those in attendance.

Serving as pallbearers will be Chad Skloss, Adam Lampman, Jordan Skloss, Dalton Lampman, Charlie Dugosh, and Randy Riedel. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Alois Skloss and Gerald Miller.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff at Frank M. Tejada State Veterans Home, Kindred Hospice, Visiting Angels, and Brookdale Hospice for their care and support.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

St. Jerome Catholic Cemetery

7955 Real Road
San Antonio, TX

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 8. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Jerome Catholic Church
7955 Real Road
San Antonio, TX 78263

Funeral Mass

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Shirley and family*

My heart is very heavy with sadness for your loss. Raymond was a very kind, polite and joyful to have around. Always laughing, smiling and enjoying life with each person he spoke to. Your wedding day was very special to me and has been over all these years. As I was the Flower Girl you selected for that special day. I have kept the memories of the Skloss and Sturm many, many stories very close to my heart. One word fits that relationship and that's Friendship. The joy Raymond brought to our lives will not be forgotten. Please know my loving thoughts embrace you. My deepest sympathy to all of the Skloss family.

Bonnie Sturm Kruger - February 07, 2021 at 12:27 PM

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“ *My favorite memory with my brother, Raymond, occurred when I was about 3 or 4 and he was probably 19, and I think he was home on leave from the Navy. I recall we were in a pickup, no doubt it was a Ford; he was driving, and I was standing right next to him with my little hands holding on to the back of his neck so I wouldn't fall when he proceeded to have a little "fun". Suddenly, he left the roadway to drive on the old railroad tracks that used to run thru Martinez long ago. I kept saying to him, "drive faster, Ray, drive faster". It was so much fun 😊 We both had a great time, and he was thrilled that I enjoyed the speed as much as he did, because he reminded me often of that.*

Now though, my heart is heavy, and Shirley, Gail, and Larry I know yours are, too. It is comforting to know, however, that we all have unique memories and the love of a special man.

Henrietta Le Sage - February 05, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Peter Skloss.*



February 05, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Gail, I am ever so sorry to hear about the loss of your darling Dad. He must have been a wonderful person as he raised such a beautiful daughter. My heart is heavy for you and your family. God bless him and may he rest in peace. Love Helena*



Helena Dennis - February 05, 2021 at 11:21 AM