



Rose Graznak Rojas
February 2, 1932 - November 28, 2022

Mass of Christian Burial
Saturday, December 3, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Cristo Rey Catholic Church
Beaumont, Texas

Processional

“Here I am, Lord”

GATHERING RITE

GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY

As a reminder of Rose’s Baptism, her casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of her Baptism, is placed on the casket.

“If we have died with Christ, we are also to live with Christ in glory.”

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response: *“The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want”*

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-2

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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| Preparation of the Gifts | <i>"Prayer of St. Francis"</i> |
| Eucharistic Acclamations | Holy, Holy, Holy Mystery of Faith Great Amen |
| Communion Rite | The Lord's Prayer Sign of Peace Lamb of God |
| Communion | <i>"I Am the Bread of Life"</i> |
| Meditation | <i>"Immaculate Mary"</i> |
| Prayer After Communion | |

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation of Prayer

Song of Farewell:

PRESIDER: Saints of God, come to her aid. Hasten to meet her angels of the Lord.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HER SOUL AND PRESENT HER TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

PRESIDER: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself, and may the angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HER SOUL AND PRESENT HER TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

PRESIDER: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HER SOUL AND PRESENT HER TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.

Prayer of Commendation

PROCESSION TO PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Recessional *"Sing with all the Saints in Glory"*



Rose Graznak Rojas, 90, of Beaumont, Texas, died Monday, November 28, 2022.

She relished a challenge, whether it was moving across the country to Texas as a young woman to start a family, learning how to make tamales from her mother-in-law or mastering quilting later in life, making at least one quilt for each of her grandchildren (which was quite a task considering she had more than a dozen of them).

Her life was devoted to her family. She sewed dresses and baked the cakes for her daughters' weddings. She prepared feasts

when her sprawling family filled her home, first on Avenue C and later on Amelia Street. (She always sent everyone home with a bounty of leftovers.)

She was born on February 2, 1932, in Greensboro, Pennsylvania, to John and Eva Graznak. She grew up in a large family, falling somewhere in the middle of a lineup of 15 siblings, raised on a roughly 100-acre farm with cows and chickens.

As a young woman, her mother dispatched her to Paducah, Kentucky, to help one of her sisters with her children. There, she met Jesse Rojas, a sailor in World War II who traveled around working construction jobs after the war. They married in 1954.

She followed him home to Beaumont, where he had grown up and much of his family lived. They had five children: Eva Storms, Frank Rojas, Marge Marchetti, Jesse Rojas Jr., and Jayne Cano.

A lifelong Catholic, she was a longtime member of the congregation at Cristo Rey Catholic Church and later, she worshiped at St. Joseph's in Beaumont. She was also active for many years, and made good friends, in the quilting group at the Best Years Center and for a time, had a job sewing the denim school supply pouches for the kindergarteners at Regina Howell Elementary School.

Over the years, even as she became firmly planted in Beaumont, she kept close ties to home. Every summer, the family would pile into the car and trek to the farm in the coal-mining country of southwestern Pennsylvania. She brought some of her grandchildren there. After her husband retired, she and Jesse would stay for weeks-long visits. Her younger sister Margaret was one of her closest friends; Saturday mornings were dedicated to their marathon phone conversations. When her sister was ill with terminal cancer, she went to Pennsylvania to care for her.

She was a caretaker by nature. Her love could sometimes be tough but it was constant, particularly for her husband, who she tended until his death in 2022. She was also passionate about her grandchildren. She would take them on roadtrips, her Astro van stocked with candy and giant tubs of cheese puffs from Sam's Club.

She was relentlessly curious, even if it meant disassembling a kitchen appliance just to figure out how it worked. She liked to wake up early — well before sunrise most days — and listen to the radio while she sewed and cooked. She loved identifying different species of birds. Her home on Amelia Street had nearly an acre of land she transformed into a farm of her own, harvesting — among many other things — tomatoes, squash, cabbages, persimmons, pecans and figs. She also thoroughly enjoyed finding good bargains and, as a child of the Great Depression, she refused to be wasteful, making the most of leftover food and finding new life in things others might have just thrown away.

Survivors include her children, Eva Storms and her husband, Pat; Frank Rojas and his wife, Charmaine; Marge Marchetti and her husband, Andy; Jesse Rojas Jr., and his wife, Olivia; and Jayne Cano and her husband, Ben; grandchildren, Bill Storms and his wife, Rachael; Laura Leidig and her husband, David; Rick Rojas; Daniel Rojas and his wife, Amy; Joey Marchetti and his wife, Lauren; Tommy Marchetti; Johnny Marchetti; Teresa Marchetti; Peter Marchetti; Andrew Marchetti; Mark Marchetti; Sara Rojas; Ana Rojas; Elizabeth Rojas; Luis Cano; Santiago Cano; Carmen Cano; and Jalissa Martinez; great-grandchildren, Alexia; Patrick; Anthony; Joseph; Gabriel; Zachary; Genevieve; Joe; Anthony; and Paul.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-seven years, Jesse Rojas; her grandson Andy Storms; great-grandson, Bronc Rojas; and her parents.





ROSE GRAZNAK

Nickname--"Rose"

Course--Commercial

Residence--Greensboro, Pa.

Activities-- Press Club,
Chorus, Teen-Age Book
Club.

Favorite Saying--"Boy, he
thinks he's smart."

















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| Celebrant | Reverend Michael Minifie |
| Placing of the Pall | Eva Storms, Frank Rojas Marge Marchetti, Jesse Rojas, Jr. Jayne Cano |
| Gift Bearers | Citlall Rojas, Nayelli Rojas |
| Lectors | Laura Leidig, Santiago Cano |
| Pallbearers | Andrew Marchetti, Billy Storms Danny Rojas, Joey Marchetti Luis Cano, Peter Marchetti |

Interment
Magnolia Cemetery
Beaumont, Texas



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