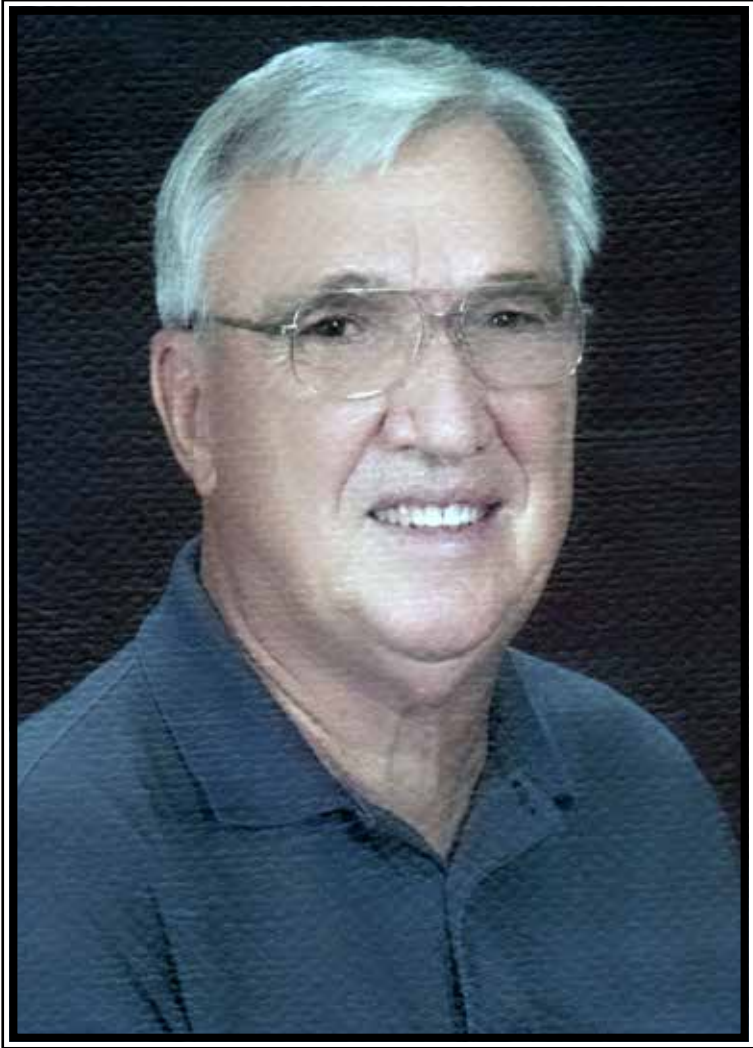


We believe that all the ties of friendship  
and affection which knit us as one  
throughout our lives  
do not unravel  
with death.

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# **Bennie Victor Janecka**

January 22, 1939 + March 11, 2024

Processional

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

## **GATHERING RITE**

### **GREETING AND BLESSING OF THE BODY**

As a reminder of Bennie’s Baptism, his casket has been sprinkled with Baptismal water. Then, a pall, recalling the white garment of his 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-12

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading

John 6:37-40

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts	<i>“Be Not Afraid”</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>“On Eagle’s Wings”</i>
Meditation	<i>“Ave Maria”</i>
Prayer After Communion	

## FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation of Prayer

Song of Farewell:

**PRESIDER:** Saints of God, come to his aid. Hasten to meet him angels of the Lord.

**ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM 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 HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.**

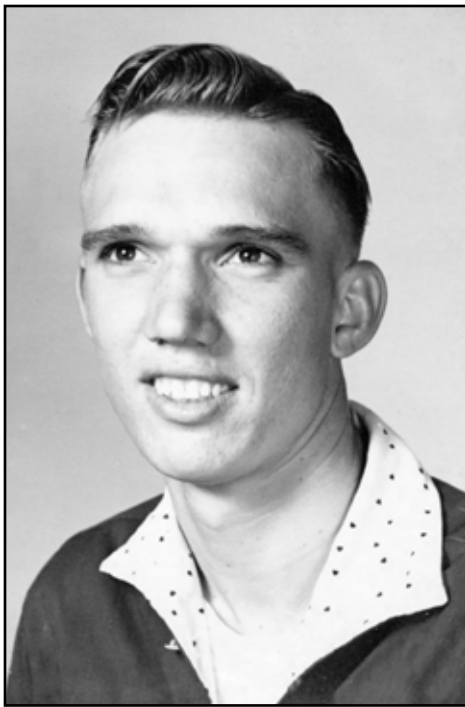
**PRESIDER:** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**ASSEMBLY: RECEIVE HIS SOUL AND PRESENT HIM TO GOD THE MOST HIGH.**

Prayer of Commendation

PROCESSION TO PLACE OF COMMITTAL

Recessional *“Amazing Grace”*



***Bennie Victor Janecka*** was born on January 22, 1939, in Weimar, to Victor and Annie Janecka. He attended St. Michael's Catholic School and Weimar High School where he played several sports and participated in AG related classes. During those years, he was nicknamed "Fox." He grew up on the family dairy farm with his sisters, Georgia Ann, Anna Lee, and Linda. During this time, he meets his wife of sixty years, Maedell Ann Meyer of Schulenburg. They were married on May 18, 1963, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in High Hill, Texas, where they also celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

They lived in Houston for several years while Bennie started working for Graybar Electric.

In 1973, he transferred to Beaumont, where they raised four children, Mark, Melissa, Stacy, and Jason. During those years, Bennie was involved in many organizations, including the American Cancer Society, Texas Pro Life, Gene and Lonnie's Chili Cook Off, Little League, Cub and Boy Scouts, Men of Jude, Young Men's Business League, and of course, the Knights of Columbus. Bennie and his family were founding members of St. Jude Catholic Church in Beaumont, and he also served on the Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Beaumont for many years. He served the YMBL for seven years on the Personal Division during the South Texas State Fair.

During his last year of fair duty, he found out about a vacant restaurant style food booth, which was to become the Beaumont Kitchen Crew. Bennie and Maedell started the fair booth in 1980 with friends, Bill and Kerry Ehrensberger, and Chuck and Mary Gradney. The Gradney family stayed with it a few years, but the Janecka and Ehrensberger families stayed with it until 2003 when the fair grounds relocated.

The Knights of Columbus Council 951 was such a big part of his life. He was a fourth-degree member and past Grand Knight. During those years, Bennie became friends with so many different people.

His humor really stood out. He was definitely the life of the party. Bennie was an avid softball player. He was a left-handed pitcher that struck out and embarrassed many batters. For twenty-five years the “Beaumont Boys” would go to Weimar in August and play in a softball tournament.

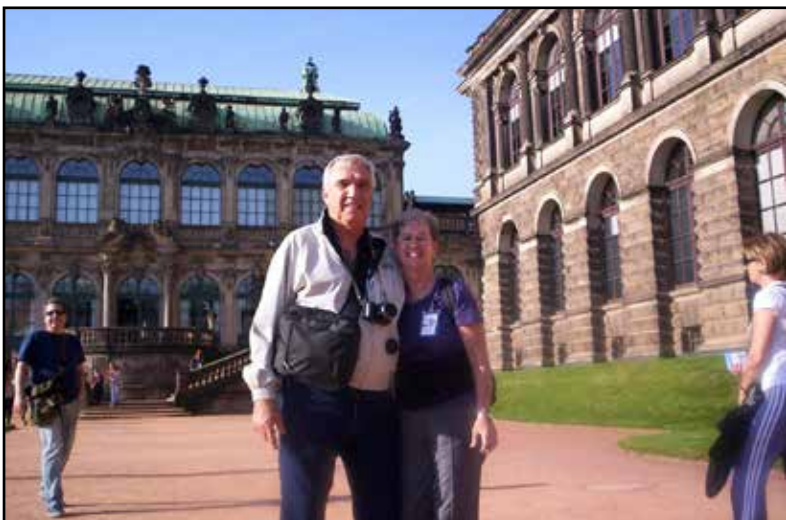
At the age of sixty-two, Bennie retired from Graybar Electric, leaving him plenty of time to spend with his grandchildren, Haley, Haden, Madison, Dylan, Austin, Nolan and Riley. He thought one day he would move back to Weimar, but once the grandchildren came into the picture, that idea quickly changed.

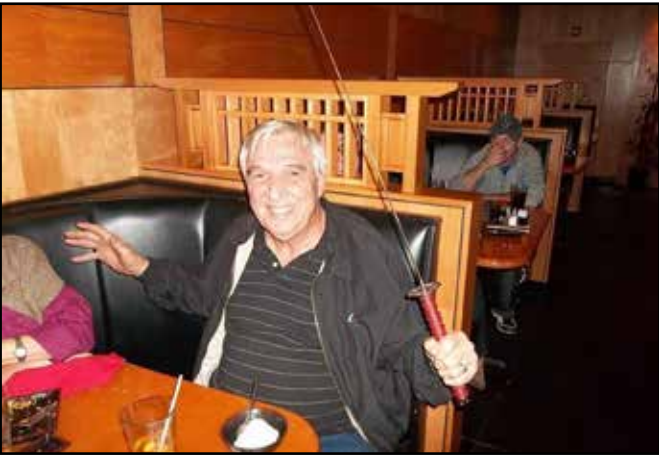
Bennie loved to work on their farms in Schulenburg and Weimar. He also loved to fish and did a lot of bass fishing at Fayette Lake and Sam Rayburn, where he had a camp. Bennie also fished in a retired fishing club around various lakes. During a tournament on Toledo Bend in heavy fog, he and his fishing partner heard an explosion and then heard splashing all around them. Those splashes were from the space shuttle Columbia.

On Monday, March 11, 2024, Bennie Janecka passed away in his home of fifty-one years with his wife, Maedell, by his side. For over sixty years, their love for each other is what most couples strive for but not many reaches. It was an old fashion love that you just don't see anymore.

Bennie is preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Anna; sister, Anna Lee Miller; brothers-in-law, Joe Miller, Mike Lapham and Thomas Urban.

Survivors include his wife, Maedell; four children; six grandchildren; sisters, Georgia Ann Lapham and Linda Urban; brother-in-law, Elmer Meyer; sister-in-law, Dorothy Meyer; and numerous nieces and nephews.



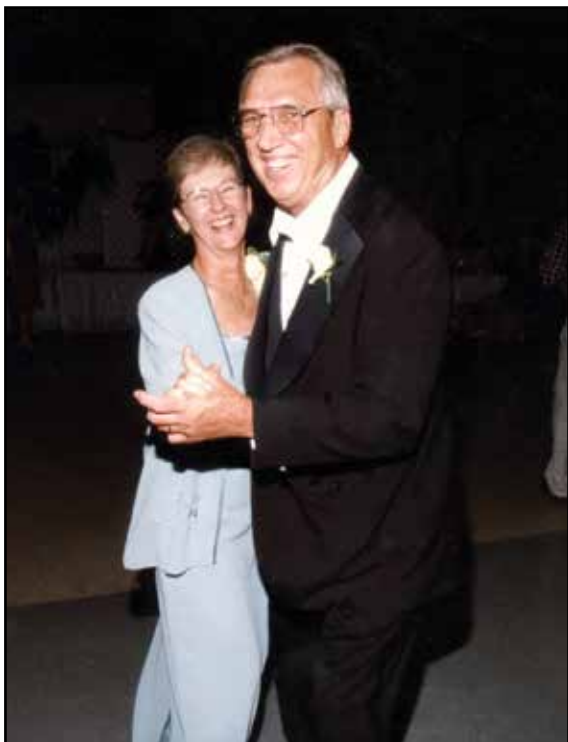






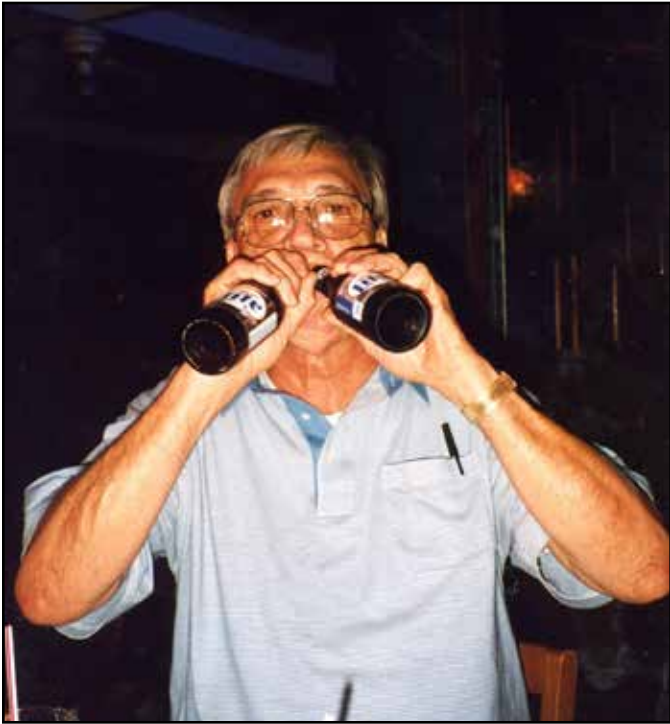


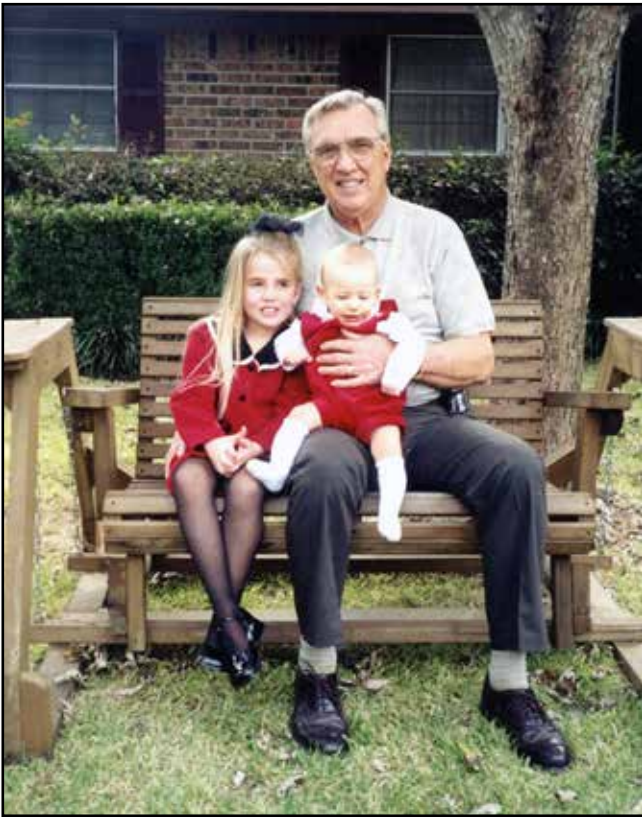


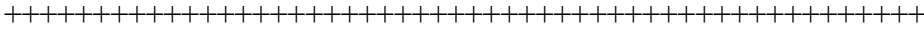




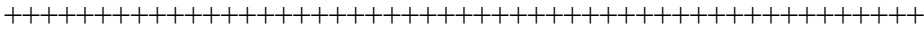








Celebrant and Homilist: Reverend Valentine Mayaka – fmh  
 Placing of Pall: Mark Janecka, Melissa Maraist, Stacy Rogers  
 Jason Janecka, Jim Suire  
 Lectors: Austin Rogers and Dylan Maraist  
 Gift Bearers: Austin Rogers, Nolan Janecka, Riley Janecka  
 Haley Janecka, Haden Janecka, Dylan Maraist  
 Madison Maraist, Stacy Rogers, Thomas Gage  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Celebrant of the Mass  
 Music Ministers: Wanda Lott and James Fasulo  
 Pallbearers: Madison Maraist, Dylan Maraist,  
 Austin Rogers, Haden Janecka, Haley Manuel,  
 Kevin Manuel, Nolan, Janecka, Riley Janecka



Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Community  
 Beaumont, Texas – March 16, 2024

**Interment**  
 High Hill Cemetery  
 Schulenburg, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**  
 Knights of Columbus, Council Number 951  
 9505 College Street  
 Beaumont, Texas 77707

**“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow  
 that you forget the joy of the resurrection.”**  
 Mother Teresa



Please sign Mr. Janecka’s guest book and share your memories at  
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