



Dennis Carol Ripkowski

February 27, 1936 - December 24, 2019

Dennis Carol Ripkowski (Mr. Rip), a beloved father and grandfather departed this life on December 24, 2019. Dennis was born February 27, 1936 and raised in New Waverly, Texas to parents Louis and Helen Ripkowski. He was a humble, hardworking, kindhearted man; the glass half-full guy who remains positive regardless of the situation. He had a passion for basketball and enjoyed watching his grandson Alec play during Little Dribblers. He was also a frequent attendee at the New Waverly High School basketball games. Above all, he loved and devoted his time to his children who meant the world to him. Dennis is survived by his sons, Aaron, Andrew and Adam; daughter-in-law Janine (Polly) and grandchildren Alec and Jewel Ripkowski; He was preceded in death by his parents Louis, Helen and other members of the Gregory and Ripkowski family. His memories will live on in the hearts of those who've met him.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00pm, Sunday, December 29th, 2019 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. The funeral service is at 11:00am, Monday, December 30th, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in New Waverly, Texas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness during our time of grief.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at ww.shmfh.com

"A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best."

Cemetery Details

Elmina Cemetery

40 Elmina Rd
New Waverly, TX 77358

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfmh.com

Rosary

DEC 29. 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
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Catholic Mass

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
101 Elmore St
New Waverly, TX 77358

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Carol Ripkowski*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *He was there and not forgotten. Condolences from our family to yours Mr. Rip.*

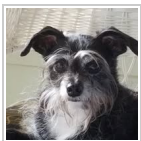


Monica Gonzales - November 15, 2022 at 01:03 AM



“ *Condolences to his friends and family members. He was a very good man and he will be missed.*

Allan Rushing - January 02, 2020 at 11:55 PM



“ *I worked with "Rip" for many years at the Windham School Education warehouse. While he was very "old school", he was always fair and I learned many good things from him that I still carry today. Rest in Peace Mr. Rip, I will never forget you.*

Howard White

Howard White - January 02, 2020 at 10:13 AM

BC

“ *Dennis was a good man and a good friend. We all will miss him dearly. Our prayers and love are with his family. Bill and Geneva Cooney*

Bill and Geneva Cooney - December 31, 2019 at 09:52 AM

EB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Elsie Bates*

Elsie Bates - December 30, 2019 at 07:46 AM

DO

Mama Ruth Vick and I Donna give condolences and prayers for comfort and peace.

Donna - December 30, 2019 at 06:12 PM

DA

“ *Mr. RIP
I will miss getting a hug each Sunday and church. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. You all had a great dad and grandfather. May his soul be free of pain and rest in peace.
Bobby and Darlene Abramski family*



Darlene Abramski - December 29, 2019 at 05:20 PM

DD

“ *My sincerest condolences. There are no words that make the hurt & the sadness in our hearts stop when we lose a person we love so much. Dennis was a great man it was always a pleasure speaking with him. I’m going to miss the stories. His smile could light up a room. I’m truly sorry I could not be at the services to pay my respects since I’ve been sick. The family remains in my thoughts & prayers.*



Diane Donaleski - December 29, 2019 at 04:36 PM

DO

“ *Prayers Aaron and family. Mama sure has great memories of a hard working man and yet never discouraged. Good man. Prayers for all of you.*



Donna - December 29, 2019 at 02:23 PM

MN

“ *Mark Novak lit a candle in memory of Dennis Carol Ripkowski*



Mark Novak - December 29, 2019 at 02:20 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Slott Watson lit a candle in memory of Dennis Carol Ripkowski



Carolyn Slott Watson - December 28, 2019 at 10:47 PM

JS

“ Our hearts go out to his three sons and family! Met Rip during our sons played peewee football all the way to our sons senior year. We saw very quickly how he raised those young men , love , strength, and faith. We still see it in his sons. He is to be missed.

Johnny shaver - December 28, 2019 at 08:34 PM

GW

“ My name is Gerald Wheaton and I was involved in little dribbles with Mr Ripkowski. It was a great honor to have my kids Chad, Craig, Casey and Cayla be a part of Mr Ripkowski's life. Thanks for the friendship and memories!

Gerald Wheaton - December 28, 2019 at 06:36 PM

CM

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May your Dad rest in peace. Our love, Carolyn Shoe McClure and family.



Carolyn McClure - December 28, 2019 at 04:15 PM

GG

“ *One of the finest people at Windham. Such a great man. Blessings.*

Greg Gathright - December 28, 2019 at 01:05 PM

DC

“ *Dennis, Joe and I loved you. You always had time to stop and talk. Make a joke, or just Smile. I was asking about you the other day. The angels are singing because you are there. Love Deborah and Joe Creppon.*

Deborah Creppon - December 27, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Dennis Carol Ripkowski.*



December 27, 2019 at 03:58 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis Carol Ripkowski*



M. Hyvl - December 27, 2019 at 12:11 PM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. One of the best. Prayers for his family*

Jerry Hardy - December 27, 2019 at 11:33 AM

MC

“ So very sorry to hear Dennis passed away.

Mark Chalker - December 27, 2019 at 09:37 AM

CF

“ Charon Frey lit a candle in memory of Dennis
Carol Ripkowski



charon frey - December 27, 2019 at 09:17 AM

SB

As everyone knows, Dennis was such a hard working man...a trait he passed along to his sons. Dennis reared those young men as he had been reared by his mother and dad. He will be missed, not just by family, but by the many friends who have known him. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Sara Hardy Bartee - December 27, 2019 at 09:17 PM

RH

“ You know, I kinda, sorta have a memory from probably 50 years ago of Dennis describing the view through the open windows of St Joseph Catholic Church during Mass when he was supposed to be paying attention to the goings on inside. I am guessing this event occurred late 40's or 50's...

A stray goat was eating the tires off of someone's parked car. I wish I could embellish the story with additional details but that's about all I remember of the conversation, maybe someone else can.

Visualize watching a goat chew the tires off of car while you are supposed to be listening to the homily, now that's something you don't see everyday.

Rick Hacker - December 26, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Dennis Carol Ripkowski.*



December 26, 2019 at 09:07 PM



“ *Karla Thomson-Bruno lit a candle in memory of Dennis Carol Ripkowski*



Karla Thomson-Bruno - December 26, 2019 at 07:40 PM