

IN LOVING MEMORY ...
EUGENE CHMELAR

January 8, 1930 - September 24, 2021



Eugene P. Chmelar passed away peacefully on Friday, September 24, 2021, at his residence in Caldwell, Texas. He was born on January 8, 1930, to Frank and Cecilie (Kneseck) Chmelar in the Harmony community. Throughout his life, he loved playing dominoes, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family..

During World War II, his dad and sister left to work in the Houston ship-yard and his brothers were called to serve in the war. So, at twelve years of age, Eugene ran the family farm of 500 acres. He quit school for several years to help his family and worked at A&M as a cook. He later went back to school, taking double credit courses, and graduated with his class. He married Gertrude (Peters) Chmelar on October 18, 1950. To this union, five children were born. After marriage, he worked at the Continental Can Company, and in the 1960's, he and Gertrude managed the Birch Store. He worked at the Somerville Tie Plant and retired from Alcoa in the early 1980's. After retiring, he started his own oil business, Eugene Chmelar Oil & Gas. He worked in the oil business until he was 88 years old, often pumping, operating, and repairing his own wells.

On May 20, 2005, he married Sharon (Marek) Hovorak. They enjoyed traveling and spending time in Matagorda at their house on the Colorado River.

Eugene's greatest pastime was playing dominoes, especially 42. When he would go on trips with his family, he made sure the dominoes were packed. He passed on to several of his grandchildren and even great-grandchildren his love for the game of 42. He taught his children to believe in God, to work hard, and to make time for each other. He was a kind-hearted, generous man who encouraged his children to live in harmony and to be peacemakers. He was a good listener and was always available to care for, love, and support his family. He instilled in them a great work ethic which will live on for generations. His family will treasure forever the fond memories they have with their Dad and Pawpaw--fishing at Big Creek, hunting at Del Rio, celebrating special occasions, and praying always.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Gertrude, brothers George Chmelar, Manuel Chmelar, and Frank Chmelar, sister Alice Calvin, sisters-in-law Lenora Chmelar and Agnes Chmelar, and brother-in-law Leroy Calvin.

He is survived by his second wife Sharon, children Dorothy Zavodny and husband George (Butch), Selina Arledge and husband Terry, Gene Chmelar and wife Susie, Darrell Chmelar and wife Lori, and Leda Williams and husband Kevin. He is also survived by stepchildren Crystal Matulich and husband Marc, Andy Hovorak, Matt Hovorak and Chris Saenz, 12 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, and 2 step grandchildren.

...At peace with the Lord...

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me do and the God of peace shall be with you...".

PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-9

