



Joseph R. Pipak Sr.

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Deacon Joseph R. Pipak, Sr., 90, passed away January 30th, 2019 in his home surrounded by family.

Rosary will be recited Saturday, January 2 at 5:00 pm. It will be followed by visitation from 5:30-8:00 pm at Radar Funeral home in Longview. A Mass of Christian Burial officiated by Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Strickland will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Longview at 10:00 am on Monday, February 4th followed by interment at Rosewood Cemetery in Longview.

Joe was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania on April 25th, 1928 to his parents John Michael and Anna Susan Pipak. After high school he served as a sergeant in the 7th Cavalry Division of the US Army, and was stationed in Japan during the Allied occupation after WWII. While serving his country, he continued his love for baseball; it was the beginning of playing for various minor league teams with a no-hitter to his credit on June 15th, 1953. While playing ball, he met his wife of 66 years, Gloria Dean Pierce. They soon settled in Longview where he was employed by Eastman Kodak for 38 years. He passed on his passion for baseball by coaching many youth and American Legion baseball teams. He was ordained as Deacon for the Diocese of Tyler and served in that capacity for 31 years at St. Anthony Catholic Church. He was admired and loved by all who knew him and was a role model of true faith and family dedication.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Andrew, Frank, Richard and his sisters Mary Hanushovsky, Pauline Guzik, and Helen Palko, his son David and nephew, Jason Pierce. Those left to cherish his memories are his beloved wife, his sister Nancy Tripoli, his children Joseph R., Jr. (Lisa), Elizabeth Dukes, Steve (Stacey), Daniel (Lynne), and Julie Pipak, daughters-in-law, May Pipak and Melody Pierce and brother-in-law Richard Pierce. Grandad's legacy lives on through 21



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grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to St. Anthony Catholic Church.



Events

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Rosary


 **Saturday**, February 2, 2019

 5:00 PM CT

 **Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601

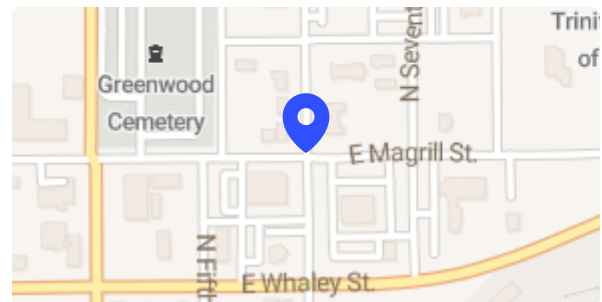


Funeral Mass

 **Monday**, February 4, 2019

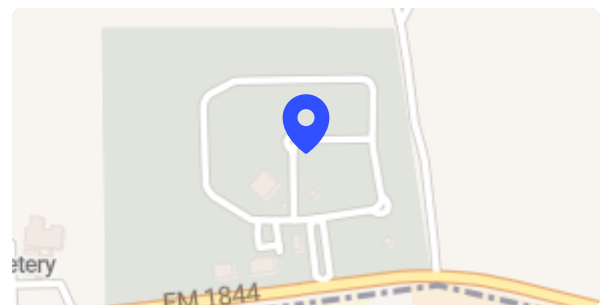
 10:00 AM CT

 **St Anthony Catholic Church**
500 6th Street, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

 **Rosewood Park Mausoleum**
1884 FM 1844, Longview TX 75605





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CM

Carol Molina posted:

Deacon Pipak was such a good man. He was a blessing to his family, his church, his friends and a fine role model for many young baseball players. We said a rosary for him and his family. Love to all of you. Carol and Jesse Molina

February 3 at 4:10 PM

BW

Betty Svrcek Wyatt posted:

Daniel, Lynne, Allison and Pierce. I am so sorry to hear the passing of your loved one. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. Love you, Betty Svrcek Wyatr.

February 3 at 1:05 PM

AL

Art Lebrun posted:

I was saddened to hear of Joe's passing. He and my Dad (Clarence LeBrun) were friends and whenever we visited Dad, I would look forward to the after-Mass get together at the nearby McDonalds. This was an on again/off again thing for many years and Joe and Gloria were usually there along with several others. It was always a pleasure to "catch up". My thoughts and prayers to Gloria and family. Art & Sharon LeBrunOwings, Maryland

February 3 at 11:25 AM

AP

Andrea Pierce posted:

Uncle Joe, You will be truly missed. I always enjoyed the trips to Texas when I was a kid. Love you and Aunt Gloria Andrea Pierce

February 2 at 10:06 AM

RG

Robert Gass posted:

Sending prayers and thoughts to the Pipak family. Many fond memories of Mr. Pipak and the Pipak family from our days at St. Anthony's and St. Mary's. Barbara, Charles Jr., David, Donna, Gloria, Jackie and Robert

February 2 at 8:38 AM



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Chris Pierce posted:

Uncle Joe,I have always looked up to you, even through my adulthood although I have not been around much. I have always thought of you and Gloria and my cousins, and I thank God I came to see you last year. it was a joy to be there once again and to remember all the things you have done, and the man you became over the years. A great person, a great husband, a great father, a great mentor, a pillar of the church and the community. You are a great man Uncle Joe, and I will miss you! Until I see you again on the other side, good bye for now and let Jesus now I can't wait to come home!! love you, Gloria and all my cousins and family there,Christopher Pierce

February 2 at 8:27 AM



Trula, Jacqueline, Zachary, Deanna, And Stephen sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Pipak family.

February 2 at 7:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Pipak family.

February 2 at 7:42 AM



Paul Folzenlogen posted:

Good man who served his God, family, country, & company well. A privilage to have known & to have worked with Joe.Paul Folzenlogen

February 2 at 7:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Pipak family.

February 2 at 4:16 AM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Pipak family.



February 2 at 4:15 AM



Nancy Tripoli posted:

My brother and I shared a memorable trip along with Gloria, his wife and brother Frank. We traveled to Humenne, Slovakia and visited relatives. A beautiful memory with my brother. Sister, Nancy Tripoli

February 1 at 4:13 PM



Sara And Danny Lilly February 19 at 2:45 PM

Just found out that a Great Man of God has left to be with Our Lord. Deacon Pipak was truly a God Sent to us all. He and his beautiful Wife were always always nice to me and my son Danny. Whenever I attended mass at 8am at St Anthonys I knew Deacon Pipak would be there. He was so involved with St Anthonys Church. You will truly be missed. God truly has a beautiful Angel with him 🙏. RIP Deacon Pipak



Fletcher Wright posted:

Joe has always a gentleman and leader at work.He was also a positive influence coaching baseball for so many young men for many years. Fletcher Wright

February 1 at 1:37 PM



Anna Page posted:

Very sorry for you're loss. My God bless and keep you all in his loving arms during the days ahead. May you find peace in knowing he is home. Anna (Mackey) Page

February 1 at 12:41 PM



Nancy Gilstrap February 2 at 4:22 AM

The Lacy Family grieves with the Pipaks. Love, Barbara Lacy, Bob and Nancy Gilstrap, Steve and Cathy Lacy, Cindy Scarborough, and Teri Lacy



Anna Shepeard February 2 at 3:02 AM

you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. It gave me great pleasure to remember him on Veterans day. love



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Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Pipak family.



February 1 at 12:22 PM



Sue Owens posted:

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Uncle Joe. I remember a car trip our families took from Longview to the Astrodome and Galveston Beach. We stayed in Howard Johnson's "suite." Between our two families, I think there were 14 of us. Uncle Joe was always kind, positive and good natured. He leaves behind a wonderful family to carry on his legacy. Sue and Jack Owens

February 1 at 9:46 AM



Fr Gavin posted:

I will offer Mass for Deacon and for the consolation of ALL the family. He was a good man. He loved Family, Church, and County. Peace and blessings always, Fr. Gavin

February 1 at 9:39 AM



May, Joshua, Rachel And Katy sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Pipak family.



February 1 at 9:12 AM



Frank Pipak posted:

When I was 12 (now 69) I traveled back to Texas by car after one of Uncle Joe's iconic trips to PA with his sister, my Aunt Nancy, and the rest of the Texas Pipak family. Nancy and I flew home, my first airline trip and a life long memory. Still have the cowboy boots I got on that trip even though they don't fit. My thoughts and prayers are with our entire Texas family. Celebrate his life. It was well lived! Frank and Michelle Pipak.

February 1 at 7:28 AM



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Anonymous sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Pipak family.



February 1 at 6:14 AM



Jeff W Johnston posted:

We celebrate the life of my longtime mentor and dear friend. I cherish the lessons Joe provided and the many shared learnings. Joe challenged me (and all) to be a better person and to respect others. Joe's strong faith and leadership in the Church was demonstrated in his daily life - - - always. Our prayers are with the family and the many he touched. Thank God for the life, faith, family, and friendship of Joe Pipak! !

February 1 at 5:18 AM



Robby Griffith posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Pipak family. Mr. Pipak, and his presence and leadership in our church, was a beacon of faith for me personally. There is not a doubt in my mind that he is with God now. I know this is a terrible loss for your family. It's a loss for his St. Anthony's family too. I think possibly one of the greatest things you can say about someone after they're gone is, they made a difference or left a mark. He did. He is already missed. Thank you, Mr. Pipak and God bless your family.

February 1 at 4:24 AM



Joe Kalenda posted:

A great man. He and I shared a common bond in our Slavic background and I always enjoyed our brief conversations in Slovak (him) and Moravian (me). He was always a class act!

February 1 at 3:35 AM



Cheryl Klimah posted:

Liz, I just wanted to say how sorry I am in hearing about the loss of your dad. I hope you will be able to be surrounded by friends and family as you celebrate his life. Love, Cheryl (Kennedy)Klimah

January 31 at 3:41 PM



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Janet Guzik Lekang posted:

Richard and I send our love and prayers to the family. I am so glad I made the trip to see uncle Joe and his family a couple of years ago. Love Richard Guzik and Janet Guzik Lekang

January 31 at 12:29 PM



Kay South lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

My fondest memories are Uncle Joe & Aunt Gloria making the long trips from Texas to Pennsylvania to have family visits. Getting all the cousins together at Uncle Jackson & Aunt Helen's for the cook-outs was the BEST !! With heartfelt sympathy!
Kay



January 31 at 10:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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