



## Dorothy Vacek

June 27, 1935 - December 20, 2008

Dorothy Vacek, 73, of Corsicana passed away on December 20, 2008 at her home. Visitation will be held Monday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with a Rosary Service at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in East Bernard. Dorothy was born on June 27, 1935 to Frank John and Erma Annie Hoering Barta. She fell in love with home economics after taking her first course in 1953. She enrolled in Wharton County Junior College in 1953, and during orientation met a young man named Jerome Vacek. They were both enrolled in a dance class, and three times a week Jerome asked her to dance. He proposed to her on New Years Eve, 1955. They were blessed with three children. Dorothy taught home Economics for 44 years in El Campo, New Braunsfels, and at the Corsicana Independent School District. During her years in education she won numerous awards and honors. Upon retiring from CISD in 2005, Dorothy opened up an antique and gift shop in downtown Corsicana, and became involved in the Downtown Merchants Association, and very active in the Corsicana/Navarro County Chamber of Commerce. Dorothy and Jerome loved to travel and spend time with their family. They became tour directors and took small groups to see many parts of the world. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Raymond Barta; sister, Joyce Barta Ritter Roessing; and nephew, Dustin Barta. Survivors include her loving husband of

53 years Jerome; sister, Katherine Barta Cook and husband John; brother, Frank Barta and wife Kathy; sister, Mary Gonzales and husband Tom; sister, Janice Nelson and husband Perry; brother, John Barta and wife Debbie; daughters, Michelle Vacek Carpenter and husband Richard; Lisa Vacek Boesen and husband Mike; son, Chip Vacel and wife Page; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers memorial are suggested to the James L. Collins Catholic School.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Vacek*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Dorothy was my mentor and friend. She will always be present in my teaching and in my heart. We were blessed to know and love her. Our prayers are with you all.*

**Pete and Leilani Rose** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to read about Mrs. Vacek's passing. Like so many who have written before me, I too was a student of Mrs. Vacek's (1973). I hated sewing with a passion but she was always patient and kind with me even though I bugged her for guidance at every step along the way sewing my outfit for her fashion show. I still remember the old Mercedes she used to drive too. I always thought she was a fine lady driving a fine car.*

**Liz Picou Sansom** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *i did know her when i went ot cisd she was a lovely lady and she did so much god bless you all i know the pain that you all are going through i lost my parents and you never really get over it you just forget for a while*

**shelly matthews kendall** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ My heart goes out to each and every family member of this wonderful woman.

*I became to know her back as a child when she taught my Aunt homebound in Richland. I then had her as a teacher in high school. She taught me many useful and knowledgable skills that I have and always will use. I will never forget her for she always seemed to remember me long after I had graduated.*

*I will keep all of you in my prayers.*

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**Shelia Buckner Ybarra** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends during this time of sorrow. Dorothy was a wonderful supporter and friend of East Texas Tourism and will truly be missed.

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**Mary Ramos** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ We will miss Mrs. Vacek soo much!!! Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerome and the rest of the Vacek Family! Please do not hesitate to call if we can do anything to help.

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**Adriana Clark and Marcus Hill** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *My dearest friend, I hope the angels are taking good care of you. You are, no doubt, looking to see that their robes are in first class order and need no mending.*

*You leave so many with such loving memories of you. You were kind and helpful to a new teacher early in the 80s and to all your students who will surely carry a bit of you with them. We are blessed to have had you in our lives.*

*My love, prayers and sympathy to your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ann (Banks) Schieferstein*

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**Ann (Banks) Schieferstein** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *This lady was a very special person to me. She not only taught from the books but from the heart. She really made a difference in my life, and her words of wisdom still are with me. She will be missed by me. My prayers are with her family and friends, for we have truly lost a wonderful person here on earth, but Heaven has gained an angel.*

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**Linda Selby Hardin** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *To the Vacek family my heart and prayers got out to you. Chip- you and my brother Dameon was friends in high school. I was a little girl when ou use to come to the house. But I just want to let you let you know the Mrs. Vacek was loved by so many people. To be honest to she made the woman i am today.*

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**Danielle Milton** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I will miss her dearly. She was a great lady and would do any thing for you. She will be dearly be missed. JUSTIN

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**Justin Jewell** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I became friends with Dorothy, as her shop was 2 doors down from our office. I loved her from the first minute I met her. Dorothy was absolutely the most sweet, kind and caring lady I have ever known. Even when her health got bad, she still had that sweet smiling face and always asked about how others were. She would have done anything to help anybody and everyone that knew her, knew that. I will miss her so very much! My heart just breaks for all of her family, but please know that I will certainly keep all of you in my prayers in the days to come.

Love,  
Linda Darby

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**Linda Darby** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I will sure miss that beautiful smile she always had. Mrs. Vacek was my home economics teacher. She always had a way of making all of her students feel so very special. I always looked forward to her class. My prayer are with the family. I know you will miss her.

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**Debbie Talley** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Dear Jerome and Family  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Dorothy will always be a special person to me as she was such an encourager, especially when I was new to the Ag Workers Board. Her smile will always be with us in that Board room. To say I'll miss seeing her at those Ag Workers meeting is an understatement - I will, though, remember her always and look forward to our visits with her again in heaven someday.  
God Bless  
Billy Wayne & Cathy Denison*

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**Billy Wayne & Cathy Denison** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Michele, Lisa and the entire Vacek family. I'm saddened to learn of Dorothy's passing. I know how you must feel now, I too lost my mother earlier this year also to a lengthy illness. It's important to go through the grieving process as you must be doing now. The grieving is for our loss, not of your mother's. You must remember, in heaven there is no need for doctors, nurses, hospice, medication nor treatments. Our mothers will never again suffer as they did here on earth. She was a joy to be with and I feel blessed to have known her. God bless you and your family.*

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**Mark Hambrick** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Mrs. Dorothy Vacek*

*To The Vacek Family:*

*Mrs. Vacek was a former teacher of mine. She was always very nice and helpful and I learned alot from her. she will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.*

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**Latasha Bolden** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *To know Dorothy was to LOVE her! She always had a sweet smile. What wonderful neighbors JoAnn & Gary have had all these years! We share your sadness and will miss seeing your Mom when we visit Corsicana. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Dorothy will celebrate Christmas in heaven!*

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**Jeannie James** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Dorothy's sweet smile will be missed by all who knew her. She was the best at everything she did, and her truest joy was helping others. I have never known a sweeter or more caring person.*

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**Marianne Anderson** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I was so saddened to hear of Mrs. Vacek's passing. She was truly a teacher that had such a wonderful impact on all of her students. And, such a kind, warm, and gracious lady that will be greatly missed. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Amy McNeel Stewart** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I am really saddened to hear the loss of this beautiful person. I was honored to have Mrs. Vacek for homemaking in school. I still have all the tasty recipes she shared with her class. She will be remembered as one of the best teachers I ever had. She has made an impact on the citizens of this town also. She will definitely be a great loss to this community. I have you all in my prayers!! Love yall!

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**Carol Arnett** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Chip, your mother was a wonderful teacher and friend. She was a great asset to CHS. She will be missed dearly. You are all in my prayers!!

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**Penny Lewis Henry** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ What a dear, special woman Dorothy was! She was so caring and giving to the students and the faculty at CHS. I, like every other faculty member at CHS, loved her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest in peace, sweet angel.

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**Mona Curington** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I took Dorothy's place at Collins Middle School when she was expecting Chip. I did my best to be as great as a teacher as she was, but of course that was impossible. She was such a talented, caring, giving person. She always had a beautiful smile. After moving from Corsicana, I was able to see her at the summer conferences for the Home Economics teachers. She was regarded to be one of the top teachers in the state of Texas in Home Economics. I was in her store a few months ago and we had a nice visit. She will be greatly missed. May God bless your family.

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**Beverly Johnson Fitzgerald** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I was one of Mrs. Vacek's students in her Home Economics class at Corsicana High School. She always told me I was the best one in her class. She always helped me to feel better about myself and have self confidence in whatever it was that I was doing. She was the greatest teacher/friend I had ever met. She always had an unlimited amount of patience and love to give anyone. My sincere condolences to her family and may God's love give you strength during your time of loss.

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**Jake Humphries** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ To Chip: What a kind and gracious lady your mother was. Many times she helped me out with small everyday matters, either with her wealth of knowledge or with some tangible assistance, but always by truly going above and beyond with her generosity. I'll always remember that about her.

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**Lora Wood Duncan** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ To:Jerome and Family

*My words cannot express the love I had for Mrs. Vacek. She inspired me and so many others along her journey in life.*

*Her kind thoughts and soft spoken words are what I will remember the most about her. But more importantly what she did for our community and how much she loved our city.*

*She was truly a great asset to our community and The City of Corsicana is a better place because of her efforts.*

*I am a better person for having known her.*

*Your all in my thoughts and prayer.*

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**Stephen G. Andrews** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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**Stephen G. Andrews** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Chipper, I am at a lost for words. I really thought she was doing better when I talked to her a few weeks back. I know there is a hole in our street as I drive past so many time a day knowing that she is not there. She was a great teacher. I use what she taught me in my everyday life still today. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Just remember she isn't suffering anymore and is at peace in God's presents now. She will be waiting for all of us when God calls us home to glory. Davelyn and Family

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**Davelyn Bray Casbeer** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ What a gracious, warm, welcoming lady. We shall all miss her so. My thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy's family. God bless all of you.

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**Monica Miller** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was privileged to become acquainted with Ms. Vacek during my teen years when I had health issues and had to do homeschooling for a year. Actually back in 1968 it wasn't even spoken of as homeschooling, but was a home-bound program. Ms. Vacek came out to my home in Richland three times a week and was very loving and compassionate. Even though my continued education was of great importance to her; yet the issues physical seemed top priority to her. I have esteemed her for knowledge she has shared with so many young people, helping them be prepared to be successful in their lives. She has never forgotten my family. Though I moved from the area in 1974, over the years my family has often shared information regarding Ms. Vacek's continual giving of herself. Whether it be my mother or other family members Ms. Vacek always recognized "The Raney Family." To the family may I express my appreciation to you for having allowed her to touch so many lives. Our prayers will continually be with each of you through the days ahead.

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**JOYCE RANEY SMALLING** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Mrs. Vacek was Martha Stewart before there was ever a Martha Stewart. She was a warm, caring person. She will definitely be missed.

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**R. Mark Miles** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ To the Vacek Family:

*It was with great sadness that I read about Mrs. Vacek's passing. I've told my daughter numerous stories about all the fun we had in homemaking. Mrs. Vacket was a wonderful, kind and talented teacher. Though I could never get the hang of sewing I did get the hang of cooking with her help. I still cherish many of the recipes she taught us. She will always be part of my fondest memories from school.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May God give you strength, peace in your heart and surround you with His love as you go through the days and months ahead.*

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**Pam Hatley Caldwell** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Mrs. Vacek was the most kind, generous person. She was always friendly no matter where you saw her. I worked with her for the Democratic Women's Organization and loved to go to the antique shop and just sit and talk. She is what a community volunteer should aspire to be. She will be dearly missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jenny Holton*

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**Jenny Beamon Holton** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *Navarro County has lost a great woman. We will miss you.*

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**R. Lowell, Brandy, Kieley and Eli Thompson** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Dear Family and Friends, I am SO Sorry for your loss, Mrs. Vacek was one of my FAVORITE teachers, everytime I came back to Corsicana, I would go see her and my other favorite teacher. She touched my life in so many ways. I loved her as a teacher, then loved her as a friend. She was such a wonderful lady and will be GREATLY missed. God Bless you during this time of loss, you have a great Angel watching over you.  
Michelle

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Michelle (Sparkman) Edmondson - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Michelle, Lisa and Chip,

*My memories of your mother hold a special place in my heart. She was the friend and substitute "Mom" that taught me and other so much as she entered our lives as a teacher and left as so much more.*

*I will never forget the time I ripped a seam in my pants and went to her to fix it. She handed me the needle and thread and told me to get to work. As I sat in the homemec. room and struggled with the pants, I fumed that she wouldn't help me out. It wasn't until the next time I was faced with a "clothing emergency"[as she called it]that I realized just how much she had helped me.*

*I still have the recipes she gave us all those years ago.*

*She taught so much about life and living in those classes, it saddens me that the kids today have and are missing such a great experience.*

*At such a time as this, I pray God holds you all close and gives you comfort and peace. May you always remember sweet memories and smile.*

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Beverly Smith Herrin - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dorothy was a great friend/ teacher.  
She will be greatly missed. She gave so much of herself to her  
students and her fellow teachers.  
Our prayers are with you

Coach Shiflet& Lana

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**Ronnie shiflet** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Michelle and Lisa,  
I am so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. She was such a  
caring person. I remember her from my childhood on Dobbin Circle  
and also from working with her at CHS. Her love and patience for  
her students always amazed me. She truly saw the good in  
everyone. I'm sure the Lord is pleased to welcome such a dear  
woman into heaven. I pray He comforts you and your families during  
this time.

~Janet Jamison Houston

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**Janet Jamison Houston** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OL

“ Sorry to read of the loss of your dear wife annd mother.May the  
many fond memories bring joy and peace to your heart. Jesus's  
promise at John chapter 5:verse 28 and 29 bring comfort and hope.

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**oLEVIA** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Sorry we could not be at Dorothy's service. She was a remarkable  
lady, always smiling. Our prayers are with each of your. Jerome take  
good care of yourself.

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**Jaynie & David Johnston** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Mrs. Vacek and Mrs. Dunlap inspired me to run for President of FHA even though I could not sew a button on an outfit. Mrs. Vacek was always supportive, nurturing, and giving. She has made a difference in the lives of thousands and will be deeply missed. What a blessing to have known such a beautiful person.

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**Taminisha Perry White** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I knew Mrs Vasik from school. I graduated in 1992. She was a wonderful teacher and person that everybody truely loved. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. May god bless you all.

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**Stephanie Lewis Poarch and Family** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ She was such a wonderful person and will be missed

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**Charla Till** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Jerome, Michelle, Lisa and Chip: Your wife and mom will be dearly missed by all who loved her. She had the smile of an angel and the heart to match. Any memories that I have of her are cherished. She had an open heart and open arms for all who were blessed to know her. God bless you all during this very difficult time. Know that our prayers are going out for you.

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**Mary (Schriefer) Gorden** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Dorothy was my Homemaking teacher at CHS. She was a big influence on my life. I had planned all along to be a teacher someday. I became a vocational homemaking teacher. She was a sincere person, a really good teacher. She loved her craft and made others enjoy it too. I am sure she will be missed by many. My prayers go out to all her family and loved ones.

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**Eva Stubbs McGaughey** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I wasn't able to sign the guest book at the time of the announcement of her passing. I was sorry to hear that Mrs Vacek passed away. She will truly be missed & remembered for all she has done & accomplished in her life. She was a real Blessing to our community. Theresa

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**Theresa Mesker** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Lisa,  
I am so saddened by the news...I just heard today about your mom. She was one of the sweetest people I ever met. I know your heart is broken but the Lord will be by your side in the days ahead. I have you and your family in my prayers. Please email me so I can get in touch with you. Love you - Debra

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**Debra Bates Payne** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Frank, Sorry to hear of your loss & wish to extend my sympathy. My mom "went home" this past August to join my dad. Phil's been gone 5 years now this past Dec. 22 so I know what it is to go through this so close to Christmas. But you know they are in a much better place and we will be together again one day. May God's peace and comfort be with you now and in the days ahead. Maxine

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**Maxine Edwards** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Our prayers are with you, as you mourn the loss of such a wonderful lady. She was a good friend to this newspaper and to everyone here. We loved her dearly.

*God Bless You All!*

*Julianne*

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**Julianne Dodge** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM