



## Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek Jr.

April 26, 1951 - June 24, 2024

Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek, Jr. was called home by our Lord and Savior on Monday, June 24, 2024. He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry Vinklarek, Sr. and Lilian Valek Vinklarek. He is survived by his beloved wife Alicia Melancon Vinklarek and stepsons Coby Savona, Jr. and Travis Cole (spouse Lauren), brother Steve Vinklarek (spouse Debbie), sister Cynthia Vinklarek Dickson (spouse Greg), brother-in-law Raymond Melancon (spouse Sandra), and many dearly loved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Henry graduated from Texas A&M in College Station with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and was ordained a Deacon in the Catholic Church on January 14, 2017. Deacon Henry served at St. Ignatius of Loyola in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and Church of the Holy Comforter in Charlottesville, Virginia (Richmond Diocese).

Henry loved and lived for his family and extended family. He also enjoyed playing golf, riding in the MS150, watching football and rooting for his Texas A&M Aggies and Houston Astros.

Vigil will be Tuesday, July 2, 2024 from 5- 8 pm. Funeral Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 11 am. Both services will be held at St. Ignatius of Loyola, 7810 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, Texas, 77379. Interment will be at 10 am Saturday, July 6, 2024 at Oak Hill Cemetery, 465 SH-95 Smithville, Texas, 78957

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Alzheimer's Association. [https://act.alz.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=digital\\_wallet\\_donations&df\\_id=58099&cyb](https://act.alz.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=digital_wallet_donations&df_id=58099&cyb)

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# Previous Events

## Vigil

JUL 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St Ignatius Loyola Catholic Community Church  
7810 Cypresswood Dr  
spring, TX 77379  
<https://www.ignatiusloyola.org>

## Funeral Mass

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Ignatius Loyola Catholic Community Church  
7810 Cypresswood Dr  
spring, TX 77379  
<https://www.ignatiusloyola.org>

## Burial

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Oak Hill Cemetery  
465SH-95  
Smithville, TX 78957

## Requiem Mass on the Feast of Saint Henry

JUL 13. 8:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Comforter  
208 E Jefferson St.  
Charlottesville, VA 22902



# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Our love and prayers of comfort to you and your family, Alicia, as we remember and honor your beloved Henry.

Sharon Rundall - July 02, 2024 at 11:31 AM

SR

“ Sharon R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek Jr..

Sharon R. - July 02, 2024 at 11:18 AM

BD

“ Bobby And Debbie Coll and Cousin Diane purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek Jr..



Bobby And Debbie Coll and Cousin Diane - July 01, 2024 at 07:48 PM

KM

“ Kathryn Valek McKeever planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek Jr..

Kathryne Valek McKeever - June 29, 2024 at 10:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek Jr..*



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June 29, 2024 at 10:58 PM



“ *Alicia, our hearts go out to you at this time of loss. We are so grateful for knowing Henry and you, and all your acts of kindness -- rides to Mass, delivering communion, checking in with us. With love, sympathy and appreciation. Ann, Alan and Trish Carothers*

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**Trish Carothers** - June 29, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *All my love, Alicia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek Jr..*

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**All my love, Alicia** - June 28, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ *All my love, Alicia purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek Jr..*



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**All my love, Alicia** - June 28, 2024 at 04:00 PM

CB

“ Alicia,  
Randy and I are so sorry to hear about Deacon Henry. We know you did your best to make him enjoy life and be comfortable. He's resting and in God's Arms now.  
Love,  
Randy and Carol Barta

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**Carol Barta** - June 26, 2024 at 09:07 AM

VK

“ Victor & Pauline Klekar lit a candle in memory of Deacon Henry Felix Vinklarek Jr.



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**Victor & Pauline Klekar** - June 25, 2024 at 09:53 PM

TI

“ Deacon Henry was such an example of Christ to me at Holy Comforter. He and Alicia modeled the Sacrament of Marriage so perfectly and beautifully and God's Love was so amazingly reflected through their lives. I was so blessed to know Deacon and love him and Alicia very much. You are both in my prayers ❤️❤️❤️- Tina Blumenfeld and family

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**Tina** - June 25, 2024 at 09:52 PM

AV

Awww  
Thank you so much.

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**Alicia V** - June 25, 2024 at 11:13 PM

MB

“ Alicia, we at Holy Comforter Parish, Charlottesville, Va. we're informed by Fr Joseph Mary yesterday at the Mass celebrated at 6PM for the Nativity of St John the Baptist. Fr. Joseph Mary, of course remembered our beloved D. Henry at the Mass. We were all stunned at his passing and hold fond memories of both of you. We pray for you Alicia and Henry's extended family in this time of grief. Eternal rest grant unto Deacon Henry O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him and may he Rest In Peace. Amen

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**MaryAnn Becksted** - June 25, 2024 at 12:46 PM