



## Mr.. Alois Frank Pelzel

February 16, 1935 - September 30, 2025

Alois Frank Pelzel the legendary barber of Pilot Point, TX, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born in Gunter, TX on February 16, 1935, to Joseph Pelzel and Angela Schilling Pelzel. He married Virginia David on November 24, 1962, in Pilot Point. They celebrated over 63 years of marriage together.

Alois was a man who touched many lives being a barber for 55 years. You could sit in his Big Green Chair and hear a myriad of stories. He loved polka music, dancing, and singing. He was always up for a good time. Alois served as an usher at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Pilot Point.

Alois was a big supporter and fan of the Pilot Point Bearcats. He never missed a homecoming parade and attended all games when his sons were active players. Big Al stole the show with his wit and humor at the pep rallies.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Gina Marie Pelzel; parents, Joseph and Angela; and brothers, Carl, Joe, and Earnest; and sister, Rosina Pelzel Felderhoff.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Pelzel; two sons, Greg Pelzel and significant other Shirley, and Glen Pelzel and wife Sandy; seven

grandchildren, Gretchen Counts and husband Dustin, Katie Rogers and husband Tyler, Taylor Medler, Chase Medler and wife Bailey, Billy Self and wife Jessica, Cindy Matlock and husband James, and Chad Tempel and wife Merry; ten great-grandchildren, Copeland and Keeland Counts, Aullie Rogers, Jasmine Matlock, Carson Tempel, Madison Norton, Braxton Self, and Jackson, Tripp, and Tyson DeJernett.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Capital Campaign. Food donations can be delivered to the St. Thomas Parish Hall before the funeral mass.

A rosary with visitation following will be held 5:00PM-7:30PM, Sunday, October 5, 2025, at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00AM, Monday, October 6, 2025, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Pilot Point, TX with Fr. Jason Allan officiating. Interment will follow at St. Thomas Cemetery in Pilot Point, TX. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Thomas Cemetery

St. James St. and Washington St.  
Pilot Point, TX 76258

# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT 5. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

OCT 5. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
400 St. Thomas Aquinas Avenue  
Pilot Point, TX 76258  
<http://www.stthomaspilotpoint.org>

## Interment

OCT 6 (CT)

St. Thomas Cemetery  
St. James St. and Washington St.  
Pilot Point, TX 76258

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mr. Pelzel was Mike's barber for years and he gave my grandson his first haircut



Cindy Butler - October 03, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Even though I came into Poppy's life a little later, he never once made me feel like anything less than one of his own. From holidays to birthdays, he and Nanny always made the effort to be there and show us love. Poppy had such a special way of making people feel welcome—his smile lit up a room, and his heart was pure gold. He was the kind of man who would give you the shirt off his back, work hard all day, and still find the energy to laugh, dance, and sing. I'll always remember his love for polka music and the joy he carried with him wherever he went. I'm so grateful to have known him, to have been loved by him, and to forever carry the gift of being one of his grandkids. ❤️ Love you Poppy! I know you're dancing in heaven now.



From Jasmine, his great-granddaughter: “I love you, Poppy. I wasn't ready for you to go to heaven yet. I wish I could visit you one more time. You always loved me and made me smile and I will always love you.” ❤️

Cindy Tempel-Matlock - October 02, 2025 at 05:54 PM

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*Alois was a wonderful person who I enjoyed very much. he had thousands of stories that kept me laughing constantly.*

*Rest in peace, my friend.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this very difficult time*

*Ken Ballard*

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**Ken Ballard** - October 21, 2025 at 02:13 PM