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Abstract: **Aurelia Cerny**

Ms. Cerny was born in 1937 in Wharton County but resided in Fort Bend her adult life. Aurelia talks about her mother's café in East Bernard, Janik's Café and her father worked for Wharton County.

Aurelia and her husband Jerome raised 5 children. She was hired by Texas Instruments as a line operator because she knew how to operate a cotton picker machine. After 23 years, she retired as an engineering technician. Her husband gave up farming to also work for Texas Instruments.

She and her husband enjoyed retirement life in Sugar Land and taking extended road trips. They also have made several trips to Europe including finding the house Jerome's ancestors resided in Dolni Cermna, Czech Republic near the border with Poland.

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Interview Summary

People (in alphabetic order)

Jerome T. Cerny – spouse

Tim Cerny – son

Renee Cerny Palmer – daughter

Aileen Shefcik – sister in law

Places / Businesses

Dolni Cermna, Czech Republic

East Bernard, Texas

Janik's Café

Mensik Grocery Store

Rosenberg, Texas

St. Theresa Catholic Church

St. Theresa Catholic Daughters

Sugar Land, Texas

Wharton, Texas

Events

Aurelia was born in 1937 and grew up in Wharton County.

She and Jerome Cerny married in 1955 and raised 5 children in Fort Bend County. They moved to Sugar Land to be closer to their work at Texas Instruments. Ms. Cerny retired after working their 23 years, as did her husband, Jerome, who died in 2004.

Aurelia talks about her mother's café in East Bernard and having to feed black customers in the kitchen. Her father worked for Wharton County.

They enjoyed retirement, taking road trips around the United States, and traveling to Europe including locating where Jerome's ancestors resided in the Czech Republic.