



Charles Edward Maerz

August 1, 1945 - January 16, 2025

Charles Edward Maerz, 79, went to be with the Lord on January 16, 2025. He was born in La Grange, Texas on August 1, 1945 to Lucas and Minnie Alice Lutringer Maerz. He attended school at St. Philip Catholic School and graduated from El Campo High School in 1964. He earned his bachelor's degree in History & Education from Sam Houston State University in 1968. He received his master's degree in both History from Sam Houston State University & Counseling from Prairie View A&M University in later years.

Charles spent his 41 year long teaching career at El Campo Independent School District, retiring in 2010. He taught 6th grade math to a wide range of students at both the old Northside, and the old and new El Campo Middle School. He shared his legacy of character and knowledge with many students and teachers that he mentored throughout his career. While teaching and after retiring, he spent many evenings and weekends working at the local drive-ins, including Bill's Drive-In and Ruben's.

Charles cherished shopping trips and delicious dinners with family and friends, closing out the evening at Starbucks. He had a passion for sharing gifts with the ones he loved and strangers whom he felt needed a little extra kindness, including handing out \$2 bills to little ones, always telling them "if they kept this in their piggy bank they would never be broke."

Charles enjoyed gambling and playing the stock market, big and small. He handed out \$2 Break the Bank scratch-off lotto tickets to everyone and never missed buying Sunday lotto tickets. He loved playing the slot machines in Lake Charles at the casino, and went as many weekends as he could to gamble and chat with fellow gamblers.

He looked forward to cruising around town with his windows down, driving by friends' houses, and visiting his loved ones and friends who were a blessed memory. He liked chatting with the local police when he stopped at Buc-ee's to get a hot chocolate. He also relished the conversations with former students he ran into on his trips around town, as they recalled wonderful memories from his classroom.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Lucas Maerz Jr.

He is survived by his niece, Sheryl Thonsgaard and husband James; great-nieces Courtney Prenzler and her husband Matt, and Ally Hubbell and her husband Keaton; great-great-nieces Mattie Belle Prenzler and Evelyn Hubbell. Also survived by his extended family, Mike and Kimberly Couvillion and their children, Korie, Kyler, and Kenedy, his cousin Lois Dorris and several other cousins and god-children.

Visitation will be held at Triska Funeral Home on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Services will be in El Campo at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church on Friday, January 24, 2025, with a Rosary recited at 1:30 pm followed by a Funeral Mass at 2:00 pm. His rite of burial and committal will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park. Serving as pallbearers: James Thonsgaard, Mike Couvillion, David Sabrsula, Kyler Couvillion, Matt Prenzler, and Keaton Hubbell.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to Erin

Marie Thonsgaard Memorial Fund at First State Bank, St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, or Houston Hospice of El Campo.

The family extends a special thank you to his 3 caregivers, Sarah Ramirez, Linda Cardenas, and Flora Garcia, and Houston Hospice of El Campo.

Condolences may be shared online at www.triskafuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

1617 South Mechanic Street
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-3770

Previous Events

Family Will Receive Visitors

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Rosary

JAN **24**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Philip Catholic Church
304 W. Church Street
El Campo, TX 77437
<http://stphilipapostle.org/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

JAN 24 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ Thank you for the memories of long past family reunions, phone talks, and our less than frequent 'meet-up's We could catch up on years of lapsed time, in just a few brief moments. You will be missed. I am writing this on behalf of myself, Diana (Newlin) Sherman, and Marie (Newlin)Smith, and all our families. May you find rest and peace, and bask in Heaven's Eternal Glory.

Diana Sherman - January 23, 2025 at 05:39 PM

SK

“ Will miss seeing him in our office.
Sloane Kubala



Sloane Kubala - January 23, 2025 at 03:11 PM

RP

“ Mr. Maerz was truly a gentleman, he will be greatly missed!
Condolences to the family!

Rose Pasak - January 23, 2025 at 10:45 AM

TK

“ I often visited with Mr. Maerz at Ruben's where he would share funny stories about my children and others. He was a hoot and a kind friend of mine.

Tana King - January 22, 2025 at 04:29 PM

KC

“ I vividly remember his math classroom and the fun learning environment. I especially remember the candy he would bring from Ruben's to reward us for success. A wonderful man and teacher. RIP, Mr. Maerz.

Kevin Conrad - January 22, 2025 at 11:31 AM

KA

“ Good memories of Charles when I taught at Northside school! He was always pleasant and a good friend. May he rest in peace!
Kathleen Appling

Kathleen Appling - January 22, 2025 at 08:26 AM

VQ

“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all that God will Comfort you in your loss! God bless your family & friends! RIP Charles ☐! He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved him! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - January 22, 2025 at 07:19 AM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Maerz



Vicky Quijas - January 22, 2025 at 06:25 AM

SV

“ *Mr. Maerk was my 6th grade teacher in 85-86. He is the first teacher that ever truly touched my heart and I will remember him always. He was the first teacher ever that I felt encouraged me to be ME. I will forever be grateful and thankful I had him as a teacher, someone to admire and aspire to!*

Stormy Vincent - January 21, 2025 at 12:27 PM

MC

“ *Charles was always such a kind soul. First met him when he worked at Ruben's. I never heard him speak ill of anyone, I always looked forward to seeing him when he was out and about. He could strike up a conversation with anyone. He will be missed, greatly.*

Mary Chambless - January 21, 2025 at 12:12 PM

CW

“ *A kind and friendly man that enjoyed being around his family and friends. He was an awesome teacher and colleague. May he rest in peace.*



Cindy Witcher - January 21, 2025 at 08:57 AM

DW

“ *So sorry for your loss. May Charles rest in peace.*

Diane Williams - January 21, 2025 at 07:58 AM

DR

“ from your great niece and nephew Devon and Cameron



Devon Raney - January 20, 2025 at 07:07 PM

AQ

He was my teacher he was a great teacher and a very special man with lots of kindness and caring,he will be missed dearly.Prayers to the family in time of need and comfort.

Albert Quinones - January 20, 2025 at 08:35 PM

AA

“ Mr. Marez was my teacher when I was in the 6th grade and he also teach my kids and nephews and nieces. He was so nice and such a wonderful teacher. I enjoyed been in his class. May he rest in peace and pertual light 🕯️ shine upon him. My condolences and prayers to his family 🙏

Angie Arismendez - January 20, 2025 at 04:47 PM

RD

Mr.Marez was a wonderful teacher to many .Our condolences to the Families. 🕯️ Prayers 🙏.

Rose Davila - January 20, 2025 at 08:11 PM

AQ

Mr.Marez was my teacher he a kind hearted man and cared about his students he would do anything to help you.Prayers to the family in time of need and peace and comfort.He will be missed dearly.

Albert Quinones - January 20, 2025 at 08:40 PM