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Dr. Charles Wayne Preuss, (75), of Katy, Texas, passed away on November 12, 2025. He was born on January 3, 1950, in El Campo, Texas to Charles W Preuss Jr and Emma Gerla Preuss.

Charles grew up in El Campo, where he became an all-state track athlete at El Campo High School and earned a spot on the Junior Olympic team. His talent on the track team took him to Rice University on an athletic scholarship, beginning a lifelong love for the Rice Owls. He held football season tickets for years and was a loyal fan through every season.

After graduating from Rice, Charles earned his medical degree from Texas Tech University. Later, he went on to receive a pharmacy degree from the University of Texas at Austin and spent more than 30 years working as a pharmacist. He was known for the kindness, devotion, and care he showed to the people he served.

In 1977, Charles and Jeanette (Jan) Chovanec went on their first date at a local dance (at the urging of Charles' parents who played matchmakers). Destiny struck and after a Christmas Eve proposal in 1978 they were married

June 30, 1979. They built a life together that centered on family and a shared love of travel. Their daughter, Ashley, was their pride and joy. In his later years, Charles especially loved being "Pawpaw" to his granddaughters, Eliza and Emma. He never missed a chance to spoil them, and they brought him tremendous happiness.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charles W Preuss Jr and Emma Gerla Preuss, and by his wife, Jan Chovanec Preuss. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Ashley and Kenny Spain; his granddaughters, Eliza (6) and Emma (17 months) Spain; his brother, Gary Preuss; and his sister-in-law, Cindy Fontana Anderson.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 21, 2025, at St. Philip Catholic Church in El Campo (304 W. Church St.). The Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Mass at 10:30 a.m. A procession to Holy Cross Memorial Park Cemetery will follow. A luncheon honoring Charles will be held at Mikeska's BBQ in El Campo after the burial.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Rosary

NOV 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

RP

“ So so sorry to hear of Charles’ passing, he was a wonderful man, and we know he is with his lovely wife , Jeanette! They are dancing away in Heaven! Our condolences to his wonderful daughter and family! Dan and Rose Pasak

Rose Pasak - November 23, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III.



November 20, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III.



November 18, 2025 at 08:38 PM

AD

“ Aunt Bea, Terry & Wanda, Rachel & Danny purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III.



Aunt Bea, Terry & Wanda, Rachel & Danny - November 18, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ *Condolences to the family*



Gilbert Delgado - November 17, 2025 at 10:56 PM



“ *Sharon (Habernal) And Gene Bena sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III*



Sharon (Habernal) and Gene Bena - November 16, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ *Praying for your family. Rita Wright, a friend of Gary's.*

Rita Wright - November 16, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III.*



November 16, 2025 at 02:24 PM

MC

“ Mike and Debbie Chisler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III.

Mike and Debbie Chisler - November 16, 2025 at 02:24 PM

JA

“ I remember my cousin and the good times we had as children. Those were wonderful days in the past when families got together often!!
I am sending love and blessings to Ashley and her family. As I have often been told that “the memories of our loved ones keep them alive and with us!!”
May his memory be a blessing to all of us!!❤️

jan Ammann - November 15, 2025 at 10:55 AM

CR

“ Cindy Riha lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III



Cindy Riha - November 14, 2025 at 08:12 PM

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“ ECHS Class Of 1968 lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III



ECHS Class of 1968 - November 14, 2025 at 08:10 PM

SC

“ Dear Cynthia and family, I am so sorry for your loss and offer my heartfelt sympathy to you. May memories of happier times remain with you always and bring you some comfort in the days ahead. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving comfort. May he rest in peace.



Sandra Cranek - November 14, 2025 at 06:41 PM

LC

“ Linda Condel lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III



Linda Condel - November 14, 2025 at 02:47 PM

AF

“ Ashley's Texas Friends purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Dr. Charles W. Preuss III.



Ashley's Texas Friends - November 14, 2025 at 01:12 PM