



Eldon Penner

April 16, 1961 - December 1, 2022

Eldon Ray Penner was born to Denver and Naomi Penner on April 16, 1961, in Morris, MB. He passed away peacefully at South Texas Hospice Center in Victoria, Texas on December 1, 2022, at the age of 61. As a young boy his family moved to St. Mary's ON. Dad talked of many happy and eventful memories from his childhood and youth years. At the age of 12 he was baptized into the Church of God in Christ Mennonite by Min. Paul Toews. On a family trip to Mexico, they stopped in the El Campo, Texas area to visit friends. Dad fell in love with the warmth of the area and, in his late teens, decided to move here to work. His parents and siblings followed his move soon after, and Dad enjoyed South Texas for the rest of his life. Dad spent the first year's land leveling as a way to get to his dream and passion of electrical work. The family started to notice Dad taking a special interest in his youngest sister's education one year. In no time he was engaged to be married to that brown-eyed girl that was her teacher! He married Mom, Teresa Koehn, on Easter Sunday in 1984. God blessed them with 2 sons and 2 daughters.

No matter where life took Dad, it was never long before he was back to the electrical work he learned in his youth. He started Penner Electric and enjoyed the many challenges of solving problems with out of the box solutions. He loved to work and was ready to teach anyone who wanted to learn electrical work. There are quite a few young men that can tell of learning about electricity from Dad's teaching; one of these, Jerry Koehn, started working

with Dad at the age of 13. Mom and Dad accepted Jerry as one of their own children. As we grew older, Dad decided to sell Penner Electric to raise us on the farm. We moved to the Danevang area to the fish farm and quickly learned that, while Dad enjoyed many things in life, farming fish was not on the list! Through all the adjustments of learning how to farm fish Dad always enjoyed his cattle herd. After several years, our family sold the fish farm and moved to Louise to establish a ranch. Many more memories were made converting row crop to pasture. During this time Dad decided to once again start doing some electrical work from the shop on the ranch. Hobo Electric was soon a name he was proud of.

It was always very important to Dad to plant trees and have an established yard no matter where we lived. Trees, cattle ranching, and electrical work were how Dad chose to teach us many life lessons. As most of you who know the Penner Clan will attest, teasing is pretty much just another way of saying “I like you” and we don’t have to wonder who we learned that from!

Dad and Mom both enjoyed being active in our community as well as in the Church. At the age of 30, Dad was called to be a deacon and put his heart in this as he did with everything. It was very important to Dad that we children would come to personally know and serve God and His Church. Dad was asked to serve on the Gospel Tract Board, from which he traveled to various countries around the world. For a number of years this was his passion. He gave freely of his time and enjoyed seeing the Gospel being spread.

After all of us children had left home, Dad became discouraged and followed a selfish path. While these were sad years for our family, we never stopped praying that God would allow Dad a second chance. In the summer of 2021, Dad became sick, and found out he had cancer. Dad began the fight to get well and began to pray for spiritual healing. Our hearts are overwhelmed with gratitude to God, who never stopped calling dad and was waiting to forgive.

Once again Dad answered the call, and we were able to have a period of several months to heal our family. Dad left a clear testimony of the salvation that only comes from God. While it hurts to say goodbye our hearts are comforted in knowing that, as we remain faithful, we will be reunited with Dad in Heaven.

Dad is survived by his wife, Teresa. His children, Paula and Kyle Johnson of Lakin, KS; Dallas and Heidi of Montezuma, KS; Nicole and Andy Reimer of Ringwood, OK; Denver and Amelia of Louise, TX; Jerry and Yolanda Koehn of Louise, TX. Fifteen grandchildren, his Mom, his siblings, Lyndale and Carolyn Penner of Fountain Run, KY; Starla Koehn of Golty, OK; Shirley Penner of Fountain Run, KY; and Bonnie and Jeff Koehn of Ringwood, OK.

He is preceded in death by his Dad, his mother in law Glennis Koehn, and a brother-in-law Doug Koehn.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday, December 5 at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral services begin 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 6 at First Baptist Church in El Campo. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories

US Business 59 and CR 358
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
210 Depot Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Dear Teresa and family, I have a memory of Eldon to share. I couldn't get to this spot from Caring Bridge on my phone, but now at my computer I was able to. When our Tilson house was being built, Eldon stopped by one day and he looked it over and I guess he inspected the wiring. Because he had something to show me, a bare wire right near the back door! I didn't understand all the terminology he used, but he said in a tone of disgust, "Yeah, they just pull all the wires through and yank! and this is what happens" or something like that. Anyway, sheet-rocking was delayed so the electrician could come and redo that. So, I wonder, would our house have burned down by now if Eldon hadn't come and checked it out, unasked? Love to you all, Cheryl Koehn

Cheryl Koehn - December 06, 2022 at 10:56 PM

CF

“ My most sincere condolences to Eldon and his family. Eldon and I started and grew our businesses at about the same time, he was one of my first clients in 1986 when I opened my accounting practice. One of the finest men I had the pleasure of knowing in my life. Also the hardest working man and one of the best businessmen that I ever new. Although we hadn't seen each other for several years, he was always my good friend and he will be greatly missed. May God bless his soul and his family. Chris Frederickson

Chris Frederickson - December 06, 2022 at 06:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eldon Penner.



December 05, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ Teresa and family ... Peggy and I love your entire family. I will keep Eldon in my prayers every day! I will also pray for you and your family. I have many fond memories of Eldon ... many. Doubt I will ever forget him and you Teresa. Kim and Peggy Thornsburg

Kim Thornsburg - December 05, 2022 at 07:43 PM



“ Ray And Linda Jaksch lit a candle in memory of Eldon Penner



Ray and Linda Jaksch - December 05, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ Vickie & Paul Holub lit a candle in memory of Eldon Penner



Vickie & Paul Holub - December 05, 2022 at 03:51 PM

LF

“ Love, Marc, Orlee, & Gavin Arzola & Fam purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eldon Penner.



Love, Marc, Orlee, & Gavin Arzola & Fam - December 05, 2022 at 03:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eldon Penner.



December 05, 2022 at 03:33 PM

KK

“ Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Eldon Penner



Kathy Koudela - December 05, 2022 at 12:43 PM

SP

“ Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of Eldon Penner



Shirley Popp - December 05, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Eldon Penner.*



December 04, 2022 at 04:19 PM



“ *Chris/Susan Dettling lit a candle in memory of Eldon Penner*



Chris/Susan Dettling - December 04, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Donald & Cindy Priesmeyer lit a candle in memory of Eldon Penner*



Donald & Cindy Priesmeyer - December 04, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eldon Penner.*



December 04, 2022 at 05:42 AM

LS

“ Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Eldon Penner



Liz Staff - December 03, 2022 at 06:15 PM

LR

“ I met Eldon, when as an employee of the Texas Department of Public Safety Pierce Station, I contacted him to perform electrical work. I was impressed with Eldon’s professionalism and honesty with which he performed the work. I continued to contact Penner Electric numerous times for electrical work and bids when required. It was during these contacts that I learned of Eldon’s Relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ. Eldon and I held mutual beliefs that we enjoyed sharing with one another.

In June of 2020, I was sworn in to serve on the Board of Directors of the Wharton County Improvement District #1 (Water Board) in Louise. Eldon was serving as the President of the Board and was still serving in that position. I saw again as I had seen in his business the integrity, professionalism and concern that Eldon displayed as we attempted to serve the people in the Louise Community. In addition, Eldon and I shared and praised the Lord Jesus Christ for the Mercy, Grace and Love that he showed to us by dying on a cross for our sin and the trust that we mutually held in Jesus. I Love my Brother-in-Christ, Eldon Penner and I will see him again!

Lawrence Roome

LAWRENCE ROOME - December 03, 2022 at 04:44 PM