



## Michael Krueger

December 2, 1954 - June 29, 2021

Michael Charles Krueger of Odessa, TX passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at the age of 66. He was born December 2, 1954 in El Campo to the late Lorence and Betty Krueger.

He was a pharmacist for 37 years. He was a member of the Centennial Class of '76, graduating Summa Cum Laude with his BS in biology from Texas A & M. He then attended University of Texas-Austin and graduated in December 1983 from a four-year program in two years at the top of his class with high honors in BS in Pharmacy. He passed his three-day certification test in January 1984. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Delta Chi fraternities. He started his pharmacist career at the Josey Lane Pharmacy in Carrollton, TX. He moved to Odessa in 1986 where he began working for Safeway Pharmacy. He married the love of his life, Edna Harless, on May 9, 1987 and she joined him in Odessa. He was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School. He was a delivery volunteer with Odessa Meals on Wheels. He greatly enjoyed his hobbies of bowling, hunting, fishing, dominoes and his morning walks, where for over 20 years he would place the neighbor's newspapers closer to their door so they had easier access.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, and his cousins Brian Krueger and his wife Leola, Joy Wurzbach and her husband Earl, Mark Arnold, Rebecca

Arnold, Zane McVey and his wife Melanie, and Patsy Warshaw and her husband Ronnie. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Visitation will be Tuesday, July 6th from 5:00-7:00 pm at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 am Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at the First United Methodist Church in El Campo, TX with Rev. Richard Young officiating. Interment will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Park.

Serving as pallbearers are Alan Trochta, Russell Rasmussen, Tyler Rasmussen, Tony Mader, Thomas Kaspar, and Tom Perilloux.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested for the organizations that meant so much to Mike: Asbury First United Methodist Church, 4001 E. University Blvd., Odessa, TX, 79762; Odessa Meals on Wheels, 1314 E. 5th Street, Odessa, TX 79761; or Odessa Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa, TX 79761.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, Texas, 979-543-8575

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Park

4609 State Hwy 71  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Methodist Church  
1001 Avenue I  
El Campo, TX 77437

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Martin Strarup sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Krueger*



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**Martin Strarup** - July 09, 2021 at 03:44 PM

RP

“ *Edna, I just found out about Mike. My heart breaks for you! I know you two were the fun couple and loved life. I will continue to pray for you and please let me know if you need anything. I'd like to see you and give you the biggest hug! My prayers go out to all family and friends. With much love, Rene' & Timmy Pipes (He met Mike on a plane and Mike kept the conversation going! Very memorable time for Tommy!). Don't forget to Breathe & maybe a few Tai Chi moves. Love!*

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**Rene Pipes** - July 07, 2021 at 10:06 PM

FC

“ *Edna, I'm so sorry for your loss. If you ever need anything, please call me. May God guide you through this time and give you peace and comfort. Your friend, Faye Cox.*

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**Faye Cox** - July 07, 2021 at 05:49 PM

JA

“ Edna, I am so saddened by your loss. I could not believe it when i saw im in the paper. He, to me, was the kindest, happiest man I have ever met. What a personality. And you two together were a match made in Heaven. I pray for your comfort that only God can give and your friends and family who support you. Please call me when you return..You are very special to me. God bless and keep you. You had a love that few have and many who never have it that long. You were everything to Mike as he was to you. Love you,  
Janice Archer

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Janice Archer - July 07, 2021 at 11:11 AM

LM

“ I have so many fond memories of growing up with Mike. He was such a fun guy to be around and just like his dad, there were always jokes and stories! Mike had a servant's heart showing compassion and kindness to all. I will always remember the first time he brought Edna to a class reunion. He beamed with love and pride as he introduced her to everyone as "the love of my life". My prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Edna and their family. Mike and his big, bright smile will be missed.



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lora mount - July 06, 2021 at 08:39 PM

PG

“ So sad to hear of Mikes passing. May God be with Edna and her family to help them through these hard times.. I worked with Mike for several years and he always had a smile on his face. and always had kind words to say to everyone . He will be deeply missed.

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Pattie Gladden - July 06, 2021 at 01:18 PM

BN

“ Mike was a very nice person and will be missed by many. All my sympathy to Edna and her family

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**Brigitte Niquet** - July 06, 2021 at 12:03 PM

JB

“ Mike was such a character, and we loved him and will miss him dearly. Our deepest sympathy to Edna, family and friends.

*Julie Breaux*

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**Julie Breaux** - July 06, 2021 at 07:22 AM

NP

*Mike was one of my ECHS classmates of 1973. I remember him being very smart and quiet. Prayers and hugs to his wife and family. I missed our last class reunion so I haven't seen him in awhile. May he Rest In Peace! Sincerely, Nancy Hlozek Novosad Pfeil*

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**Nancy Hlozek Novosad Pfeil** - July 06, 2021 at 05:54 PM

LC

“ I was so sad to hear of Mike's passing and send my heartfelt sympathy to Edna and Mike's family and friends at this difficult time. I pray the Lord will grant you His loving peace and hope that cherished memories will bring you comfort in the days ahead. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

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**Lorraine Cranek** - July 04, 2021 at 08:09 PM

CC

“ Mike was a good friend and a pillar of our church along with Edna. I always looked forward to seeing Mike and his big smile as a greeter, holding the door for us to enter each Sunday. Today he wasn't there and that makes me sad. We worked on several church activities together as Methodist Men and we would always count on Mike for support. I will miss Mike. As the family has requested, Bonnie and I will make a contribution in Mike's name to Asbury Methodist Church in Odessa and have a cross placed on our Cross Wall so that Mike will be remembered for as long as the church stands..

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**Charles Cotten** - July 04, 2021 at 11:33 AM

RO

“ Great friend! Sorry for the lost!

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**Rozilda** - July 04, 2021 at 10:22 AM

WG

“ Mike was the most kind, caring, compassionate person.

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**Wilma Grant** - July 03, 2021 at 12:16 PM

BW

“ We hope you all find comfort in God, family, and friends to help you through this sad time.

You are in our thoughts and prayers. I remember him being with us with a group of

friends at the dances. He will be greatly missed by his friends. God Bless.

Bernice & Larry Wagner, Jr.

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**Bernice Wagner** - July 03, 2021 at 07:52 AM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy go out to the family. I remember Mike being shy like myself in school. Enjoyed seeing him again at our class reunions. He was a very kind person to know. May you rest in peace Michael '73.  
Classmate Carolyn Voldan Cernoch

Carolyn Cernoch - July 02, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Pam L Vesely lit a candle in memory of Michael Krueger



Pam L Vesely - July 02, 2021 at 03:16 PM

CT

“ Did not know Mike well in high school, really got to know him at our reunions. He will be missed. So Edna for your loss

Charlene Thomad - July 02, 2021 at 03:09 PM

BS

“ Oh, we will miss this guy! Whenever we happened to run into him in EC, he was still the funniest, brightest presence, just as he always was! His facebook quips were always something to look forward to, and he never lost that zest for the fun in life. That man could work a pun. Peace be with you, Mike, and your family.  
Bev Dornak Supak

Beverly Supak - July 02, 2021 at 02:34 PM

DK

“ Edna our hearts are broken for you, YES you were the Love of his Life, as he would say, Big Time. We will never forget him, his corny jokes, his laugh, his generosity and loyalty to you and his friends. He was one of my favorite classmates but not until after we graduated high school, when I came to know him so well. I will miss his texts and jokes out of the blue, his tender heart that he wore so sweetly, and his smile and Love for his Aggies and you. He knew the Lord and I trust that he is whole again and now in the presence of all God's glory.

Donna and Thomas Kaspar - July 02, 2021 at 12:56 PM

AM

“ Michael was my good friend in high school and was quite a character. I send my condolences to his wife and will keep her in my prayers.



Andrea McCann - July 02, 2021 at 11:20 AM

KB

Miss you Mike , and will miss you at our Christmas party this year

Kirk Boyd - July 02, 2021 at 06:41 PM

WH

So sorry for your loss Edna. I've known Mike since we were two in sunday school. He will be missed.

Wanda Hart - July 02, 2021 at 11:11 PM

MW

Such a nice personality! We are blessed to have known Mike! We enjoyed seeing you both at the Class of '73 reunions too! Our sincere condolences to Edna and your family!

Monica Williams - July 03, 2021 at 11:12 AM

PS

*Mike was a neighbor down the street as we were growing up. We would play in his clubhouse. I am so sorry for your loss, Edna. May the Holy Spirit be with you in a special way during this time...*

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**Paul Smith** - July 04, 2021 at 07:40 PM

TS

*Mike and Edna were our neighbors for many, many years in Odessa. My 3 kids grew up with them next door. Always a smile and always a wave in passing. We hold dear the many fun stories over the years. Mike will be missed by many, rest in peace, dear neighbor. Our condolences to Edna and their many friends.*

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**Tammy Shupp** - July 06, 2021 at 01:11 AM