



Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"

March 6, 1961 - August 8, 2025

Vernon Lee Evanicky ("Uncle Vern"), 64, of El Campo, Texas, passed away in El Campo, Texas, on Friday, August 8, 2025. He was born on March 6, 1961 in Wharton, Texas. He married the love of his life, Julia Leopold on May 14, 1983 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Hillje, Texas.

Vernon was raised in Wharton, Texas, and graduated from Wharton High School in 1979. He farmed for Rancho Grande Farms for 36 years. After leaving there, he worked for Hlavinka's Parts Department for 10 years. Uncle Vern loved to Bar-B-Q and spend time in the kitchen. He and his "Show Us The Money" Cook-off team made many memories over the years and competed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo BBQ Cook-off in 2004. Uncle Vern also loved to spend time in the garden and he and Julie loved to can vegetables together. His most recent passion was making wooden crosses and angels for family and friends. Vernon, Julie, and family never missed spending a week of the summer at the Frio River with their extended family.

Vernon was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2490 of El Campo. He served as an Associate Director for the Wharton County Youth Fair in 1999 and became a Director in 2000. He then served on the Executive Board from 2011 to present. He was a member of County Connection, took over as President in 2006, and he served until 2023. Out at the fairgrounds,

Uncle Vern could always be found serving a cold beer or lending a helping hand anywhere he could. Uncle Vern never met a stranger and touched many lives.

Vernon is survived by wife Julia Evanicky, sons Eric Evanicky of El Campo, Timothy Evanicky and wife Veronica of Rosenberg, grandchildren Joshua, Jordyn, Mackenzie, Arrie, Alexa and Dakota Evanicky, mother Edith Evanicky, brothers Lonnie Evanicky and wife Susan, Glen Evanicky and wife Christine, sisters Clarice Kutach and husband Tony, Debbie Alexander and husband Stephen. Brother-in-laws Leonard (Pat) Leopold, Robert (Cathy) Leopold, Alfred Leopold, sister-in-laws Josephine (Billy) Svatek, Gertrude Laitkep, Loretta (David) Steffek, Fredia (Donald) Sutton along with numerous nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by In-laws Pete and Martha Leopold, Brother-in-laws Tom Burt and Frankie Laitkep, nephew Kevin Harnett, and Deric Tarver, whom he loved like a son.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Hillje with a KC Rosary recited at 6 p.m. The funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 13 at the church. Burial will follow at St. Andrew's Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Keith Dornak, Rodney Jedlicka, Peter Stelzel, Craig Guthman, Craig Hardin, Josh Kocurek, Darrel Kutach, Kevin Till, Ed Weinheimer, and Bennie Woodruff.

Honorary Pallbearers are the Office Staff and Executive and Full Board members of the Wharton County Youth Fair, members of the "Show Us the Money" Bar-B-Q Cook-off Team, the summer Frio River Family, and Godchildren Kayelyn Venglar and Jason Alexander.

Cemetery Details

St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery

Hillje, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Andrew's Catholic Church
270 St. Andrew's St
El Campo, TX 77437

Rosary

AUG 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Andrew's Catholic Church
270 St. Andrew's St
El Campo, TX 77437

Funeral Mass

AUG 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew's Catholic Church
270 St. Andrew's St
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Vern. We will miss him in the parts dept at Hlavinka’s where we were introduced to Vern. ❤️ Brent and Lisa Batchelder

lisa Batchelder - August 14, 2025 at 06:15 PM

LT

“ Our deepest sympathy 🙏 Prayers for the whole family! I know you all will miss him ❤️

Lena Tupa - August 13, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ "God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



August 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".

August 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM

RF

“ Randy Socha Family lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Randy Socha Family - August 12, 2025 at 04:44 PM

MB

“ Mark & Tiffany Bentke purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



Mark & Tiffany Bentke - August 12, 2025 at 10:57 AM

RM

“ ROSE ANN MITCHELL lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



ROSE ANN MITCHELL - August 12, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Timmy Evanicky - August 11, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



August 11, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".

August 11, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Barbara K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



Barbara K. - August 11, 2025 at 05:02 PM

ML

“ From Melissa Locke in East Bernard: I first met Vern at Cub Scout Day Camp in El Campo when my oldest son was a Tiger. Vern was running the BB gun station at camp which was always a favorite. After a couple of years I took an interest in the Archery station. Vern said, "You can run it." I said no way. With his encouragement I took Archery training and ran the station for the next 12 years, and I have been in Scouting now for over 30. Vern was a part of that start, then we met up again at the WCYF Board. I have been the Horse Chairman for as long, as well as helping with Ag In The Classroom. Vern and I always met each other with a hug and well wishes. He will be so deeply missed by me and many others. Prayers for comfort to all.

Melissa Q Locke - August 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM

JH

“ Janet Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Janet Hoffman - August 11, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



August 11, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".

August 11, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



August 11, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Rest In Peace my Friend!



Joshua Barosh - August 10, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ Hope Unlimited Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



Hope Unlimited Church - August 10, 2025 at 04:30 PM

HS

“ Harold & Susan Shafer lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Harold & Susan Shafer - August 10, 2025 at 02:19 PM

KW

“ Kenny, Kelly, & Kent Waters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



Kenny, Kelly, & Kent Waters - August 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM

BB

“ Bud & Cindy Blaha lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Bud & Cindy Blaha - August 10, 2025 at 08:28 AM

CC

“ Dear Julie, Eric and Tim,
I am so sad to hear of your loss. I am keeping you all in my prayers. May God give you strength during this difficult time and bring peace to your hearts.



Cathie Cerny - August 09, 2025 at 01:44 PM

VQ

“ So sorry for your loss! Please know Julie your family are in my thoughts & prayers! God bless you & your love ones! RIP Vernon ☐! He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved him! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - August 09, 2025 at 01:02 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Vicky Quijas - August 09, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BS

“ Brian Svetlik lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Brian Svetlik - August 09, 2025 at 12:46 PM

KK

“ Kathy Koudela lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Kathy Koudela - August 09, 2025 at 09:30 AM

EH

“ Elizabeth Hartwell purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern".



Elizabeth Hartwell - August 09, 2025 at 07:17 AM

DG

“ Im very sorry for your loss. I graduated high school with Vernon. He was always a nice guy. My thoughts and prayers to the family. Diana Gajewsky.

Diana Gajewsky - August 09, 2025 at 12:12 AM

AA

My condolences and prayers go out to Julie and family on the loss of their loved one Vernon Evanicky 🙏🙏. So sorry to hear the loss of Vernon but my prayers 🙏 are with you all. May he rest in peace and pertual light 🕯️ shine upon him 🙏

Angie Arismendez - August 09, 2025 at 12:49 PM

LS

“ Liz Staff lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Liz Staff - August 08, 2025 at 11:04 PM

CH

“ Carol Halamicek lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Carol Halamicek - August 08, 2025 at 09:05 PM

CM

“ Carol Marek lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Carol Marek - August 08, 2025 at 09:03 PM

DD

“ Diane Dluhos lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Diane Dluhos - August 08, 2025 at 08:28 PM

FB

“ Frank And Billie Becak lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern"



Frank and Billie Becak - August 08, 2025 at 08:14 PM

DB

“ Daryl And Michelle Brandes lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern" ”



Daryl and Michelle Brandes - August 08, 2025 at 07:23 PM

DS

“ David & Charlene Linhart Smith lit a candle in memory of Vernon Lee Evanicky "Uncle Vern" ”



David & Charlene Linhart Smith - August 08, 2025 at 07:06 PM