



## Melvin H. Bernshausen

September 5, 1926 - April 4, 2017

Melvin Harry Bernshausen went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday April 4, 2017 blessed and surrounded by his loving family at the age of 90.

Melvin was born in Needville, Texas on September 5, 1926 as the fourth child out of five to Matilda and Arthur Bernshausen. As a young man, he helped his Dad at Dad's Service Station in Needville. He graduated from Needville High School and decided to serve his country in September of 1944 when he enlisted in the United States Aircore as a radio operator and paratrooper and was later discharged as a Sargent December 5, 1948.

He then attended college at the University of Houston where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering earning him a position at Phillips Petroleum in 1952. He met the love of his life, Dorothy Venglar of Rosenberg, they were married November 22, 1952, moved to Sweeny, and raised six amazing sons with a love lasting almost 57 years. After 31 years of working for Phillips, he retired in 1983. He loved gardening, hunting, bees, cooking, making his own wine, and maintaining his peach and pecan orchard. He loved watching Molly B's television show, cigars, and listening to radio KULP. He had wonderful sweetcorn, when the raccoons didn't feast on it all. He was a devout member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville attending Mass and Adoration. While raising his family in Sweeny, Melvin was involved in

getting the VFW started in Old Ocean. He was also involved with establishing Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sweeny.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Venglar Bernshausen and his son, Patrick Bernshausen and wife, Cindi.

Melvin will be missed by his close friend and companion Ethyl Horak of Needville. He is survived by his sons, Arthur Bernshausen and wife, Cecilia of Danbury, grandchildren Melvin and Sarah of Danbury; son, Richard and wife Tina, Of Canyon Lake Texas, granddaughter Wendy Wollard and husband Sam of Glastonbury, CT, grandson Jarred of San Antonio and fiancé, Tiffany; son, Mark and wife Debbie of Easley, SC, grandson Adam and wife Wyatt of West Union, SC., grandson Scott and wife Jessica of Abbeville, SC.; son, Toby and wife Audrey of Angleton, granddaughter, Mandi of Angleton, Miranda of Lake Jackson, grandson, John of Corpus Christi and fiancé, Megan; son, Harry and wife Cynthia of West Columbia, step-grandchildren, Brittany, Matthew and wife, Mariah of West Columbia, Kelsie and fiancé, Will, Brandon James and wife, Magan of Sweeny and their children Ryan, Brandon, Gabriel, and Ely; 15 great-grandchildren; 2 step great-grandchildren.

Melvin was a rock for his family and provided them with numerous stories, fond memories, enough love to last a lifetime, and remained independent until the end. His infamous Sunday dinners and homemade bread will be missed by all. There are too many words to express just how much he meant to each of us and how much he will be missed, but his memory will remain in our hearts forever.

Pallbearers will be Adam Bernshausen, Scott Bernshausen, Jarred Bernshausen, Melvin Bernshausen, Brandon James Bernshausen, and Matthew McDonald.

Visitation will be Friday, April 7 from 5:00-8:00 pm. with the Rosary at 7:00 pm. at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Flowers will be received at the funeral home.

The Funeral Mass will be Saturday, April 8, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Needville, TX beginning at 3:00 pm. Burial will be at Sitta Cemetery in Needville.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218) in Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

**Sitta Cemetery, Needville**

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

St Michael's Catholic Church  
Main St. Needville, TX US 77461  
Needville, TX 77461

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Such a sweet man. And such a good friend to my parents-Gene and Gladys Mach. God bless him and all of you.  
*Mark and Barbara Mach*

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**Mark and Barbara Mach** - April 13, 2017 at 02:11 PM

DD

“ We are very sorry for your loss. From school days in Sweeny with Mark through a career with Phillips, Melvin had a big impact on myself and many others.  
*Doug and Amy Dunham*

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**Doug and Amy Dunham** - April 13, 2017 at 07:43 AM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss, Wendy and family. Your grandfather sounds like a wonderful man, with whom you shared a special love. God bless and comfort you.

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**David and Amy Hunt and family** - April 08, 2017 at 12:02 PM

WE

*Thank you both! We are so thankful for our church family at Emmanuel - we appreciate your love and support!*

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**Wendy** - April 08, 2017 at 09:56 PM

LY

“ So very sorry for your loss. Melvin was a very special man. Whenever we went to pick pears for my parents, it was an experience of sharing recipes and stories about my mom(Willie Mae Tielke). May God grant him eternal joy and comfort each of you.  
Lynn Sury

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**LynnSury** - April 07, 2017 at 04:40 PM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Melvin Bernshausen. I can remember Mr. Bernshausen working at his dad's station from when I was just a young girl. It's funny how that small little building on FM 360 seemed so big back then. He was always so nice to the neighborhood kids and we could always find a cool soda pop at the store. May he rest in peace. God's Blessings to his family during this difficult time.  
Susan (Legendre) Brent

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**Susan Brent** - April 07, 2017 at 02:32 PM

JF

“ Although I never had the honor of meeting your father I felt I knew him through your wonderful stories of him. Let me know if you need anything.

*With sympathy*

**JAMES FIEF**

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**JAMES FIEF** - April 07, 2017 at 07:38 AM

JP

“ Our deepest sympathy on your loss.

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**Jimbo & Sandy Polka** - April 07, 2017 at 05:40 AM