



The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Teykl

September 2, 1935 - October 31, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Charles Teykl, of Rosenberg, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2024, surrounded by his family. Born on September 2, 1935, on a farm near Needville, Texas, he graduated from Needville High School, Trinity University, and McCormick Theological Seminary (M.Div., D.Min). In his senior year at Needville, he was named Mr. NHS and Outstanding Athlete. He was baptized, confirmed, and ordained in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Needville, Texas.

Before becoming a pastor, his work experiences included working on the family farm, then at a small-town grocery store, the county drainage district, Yellowstone National Park as a bellhop, as a public-school teacher in San Antonio, and in Chicago industry.

Prior to his retirement in 2002, his pastorates included Luling, Louisiana, Baytown, Plainview, and Rosenberg, Texas. He is Pastor Emeritus at First Presbyterian Church, Plainview. He was active in the communities where he served. He was chairman of the Baytown Human Relations Council, a 26-year Plainview Noon Lions Club member, president of the Athletic Booster Club, and a founder of Meals on Wheels. In his retirement, he was a Temporary Supply Pastor in two Houston congregations and a Parish Associate in Hurst.

In the larger church, he served on numerous task forces, committees, and

commissions in various presbyteries and the synod; was Moderator of three different presbyteries; and a General Assembly Commissioner in 1983 (the reunion Assembly) and 2000.

He practiced a leadership style that valued open discussion and democratic decision-making, encouraging the laity to take initiative in doing ministry. He compiled for his benefit and that of laypeople, *The Worship Leader's Handbook*, which many members and ministers used in numerous congregations. He sought to have a balanced, well-rounded ministry as an effective preacher, a caring pastor, and an able administrator, with humility and humor and a lively sense of God's holy presence. His greatest fulfillment in life has been his family and his ministry.

Charles was an outgoing, gregarious person who enjoyed a good laugh, visiting with people, and sharing stories. So, when you were in his presence, you felt the love of God, of humankind, and of goodwill. You're led to believe that all is not darkness- there is light! With a smile on his countenance, and perhaps a bit of humor, he leaves you lifted with these gifts.

He is preceded in death by his parents, August and Lillie Teykl, wife Randee, sister Joyce Fojtik Robinson, and wife Sylvia Pesak McLelland Teykl. He is survived by daughter Melissa Allen and husband William of Needville, son Dean Teykl and wife Hannah of Lubbock, daughter Elise Lisemby and husband Dennis of Wilson, 6 grandchildren – Miranda Dodge, Steven Vinson, Mackenzie Renteria, Carson Teykl, Taylor and Tia Harrison, 6 great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 9, 2024, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 9122 Church Street in Needville, Texas 77461.

Memorial gifts may be sent to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, or to a charity of one's choice.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

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

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Dr Charles was my Pastor growing up his daughter in Elise and I were best friends. His son Dean and Missy took care of me when I was a little girl he will be missed prayers coming to the entire family. Love you all.*

Jeanette Bownds - November 14, 2024 at 08:15 PM

SL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are praying for your peace and comfort. My family lived nextdoor to Charles and Randee on Ave.O for many years.He was always a joy to see.*



Susan Lincoln - November 09, 2024 at 03:46 PM

VL

“ *Vicki. LITTLETON lit a candle in memory of The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Teykl*



Vicki. LITTLETON - November 08, 2024 at 11:47 PM

PD

“ My wife and I met Charles when he moved back to Rosenberg and became pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church. I taught Sunday School and served on the Session and it didn't take long to realize Charles was a remarkable person. Sometime later we were members of Grand Lakes Presbyterian Church in Katy and when Charles filled in for our pastor one Sunday, I made sure I was who introduced him. It has been a privilege to have known Charles and a blessing to have heard his sermons- rest in peace you great servant of God!

Paige Dean - November 08, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Teykl.



November 08, 2024 at 01:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Teykl.

November 08, 2024 at 01:55 PM

SL

“ Charles married my husband Koy and I. I went to church there with friends in Plainview. I was friends with his daughter Elise and spent the night at their home. He was a loving and approachable person. He was a great listener and counselor. I know he will be missed.
Susie Giles, Rice, Lemons

Susie Giles, Rice, Lemons - November 07, 2024 at 08:21 PM

PT

“ Charles will be forever remembered as a loyal, loving and long-lasting friend and person. In gratitude, Patty Stavinoha Thompson

Patty Thompson - November 02, 2024 at 02:37 PM

MA

Thank you Patty

Melissa Teykl- Allen - November 06, 2024 at 03:05 PM

KR

“ First met him when he married my dad Jack Robison and his sister Joyce
A really good man

Ken Robison - November 02, 2024 at 10:22 AM

MA

Thank you Ken

Melissa Teykl- Allen - November 06, 2024 at 03:06 PM