



Henry Lee Preece

November 26, 1948 - January 24, 2026

Henry Lee Preece, lovingly known as “Buster,” peacefully joined his Lord and Savior at 1:37 a.m. on January 24, 2026. He was 77 years old.

Born November 26, 1948, in Cedar Park, Henry was the youngest son of Alvin and Winnie Mae Preece. He made his home in Spicewood from 1973 until his passing, building not only houses through his work as a skilled carpenter, but also a life centered on faith, family, and service.

Henry proudly served his country by serving in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade from May 1969 to November 1970. Just before his deployment, on April 13, 1969, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Delores Ann Roye. Their story began at Ramsey Park in Austin — a simple meeting that blossomed into a lifelong partnership grounded in love and faith.

Together, Henry and Delores helped found Pedernales Valley Baptist Church in Spicewood with the support of Billy Clark and the Southern Baptist Convention. Henry faithfully stepped into many roles at the church — Sunday school teacher, children’s choir director, church music leader, and wherever else he was needed. He believed in serving with a willing heart.

Henry was also known as someone you could count on in a moment of crisis.

As an emergency first responder in his community, he was often one of the first on scene, offering calm, strength, and help until emergency services arrived.

Music was woven into the fabric of his life. Taught to play guitar by his brother at a young age, he carried that gift with him always. Rarely seen without his guitar or harmonica, he loved playing gospel, country, and classic rock and roll. Through song, he shared joy, encouragement, and his unwavering faith. He often said, "Everything in life is temporary, but Jesus is always there."

Above all, Henry was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He raised his children in church, teaching them to love others, to serve where they could, and to trust in the Lord through every season of life. He often reminded his family, "Everything in life is temporary, but Jesus is always there."

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Preece Pendergraft and her husband Tim; his son, Greg Preece and his wife Amanda; and his cherished grandchildren: Ariana, Kamryn, Anthony, Melanie, and Matthew.

A memorial service will be held on March 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at One Chapel Church, 22800 State Highway 71 West, Spicewood, Texas. A graveside service will follow at Hanie Flatt Cemetery, 132 Hidden Springs Court, Spicewood, Texas.

While his family grieves his absence, they rejoice knowing he is home with the Lord he so loved and served. His life was a testament to faith, music, service, and enduring love.

Cemetery Details

Haynie Flatt Cemetery

132 Hidden Springs Court
Spicewood, TX 78669

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ct)

One Chapel Church
22800 State High 71 West
Spicewood, TX 78669

Burial

MAR 14. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ct)

Haynie Flatt Cemetery
132 Hidden Springs Court
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Buster and I met at Ramsey Park in Austin about 1963, the same place he met his wife, Delores. We shared a love of music and he was the person who first taught me to play guitar. Along with some other mutual friends, we formed our first band about 1964 called 'The Beachcombers'. Many bands followed, and we even formed a band with his older brother James called the 'James Gang' (long before the famous rock group).*

Buster was a couple of years older, and finished high school before me and went into the Army to serve in Viet Nam. A few years later, I joined the Air Force.

I will be forever grateful for his patience teaching me guitar and the times we shared together in many different musical groups. We share many friends, birthdays, and other specials times together. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Tom Rice - March 13 at 07:40 AM