



# Dr. Michael Larry Warneke

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**M**ichael Larry Warneke passed away on February 25, 2026 in Pearland, Texas after a long battle with prostate cancer. He is survived by his son, Dr. Richard Warneke, daughter-in-law, Joy Warneke, his grandchildren, Chase Warneke, Carson Warneke, Cooper Warneke, his ex-wife, Dr. Angelle Warneke, and numerous cousins and nieces. He is preceded in death by his father, Merlin Warneke and mother, Bess Warneke.

Born on February 10, 1947, in Ashland, Kentucky, Mike grew up Galena Park, Texas and graduated from Galena Park High School in 1965. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of Houston in 1969. He went on to receive his Doctorate of Philosophy in Nuclear Physics from the University of Houston in 1974.

He completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico in 1976. He eventually decided on a career in medicine. During medical school, he completed a clinical elective in aerospace medicine at NASA and considered becoming an astronaut. He graduated from The University of Texas Health Science Center School of Medicine in 1979.

He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at UT Houston in 1984. Mike started his practice (Progressive Medical Clinic) in Southeast Houston in 1985. With the opening of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in 1986, this became his primary hospital of practice for the next 32 years. He served as Chief of Staff at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital from 2006 to 2008.

From 2010 to 2015, he served as the Director of Quality/Chief Medical Officer for Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital reviewing medical cases to improve the delivery of medical care. He eventually retired from clinical practice in 2018. He considered it a privilege that patients put their trust in him to care for them.

It was a responsibility he did not take lightly. He was a staunch advocate for his patients and his colleagues. In his spare time, he enjoyed flying his single engine airplanes and would be found



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most Wednesday afternoons flying his Mooney M20. In his later years, he transitioned to flying model airplanes with his friends at the local airport.

As much as he enjoyed airplanes, what brought Mike the most joy was spending time with his family. Watching his three grandchildren grow and accomplish their goals filled him with a deep sense of pride. A memorial to honor Mike's life will be held at South Park Funeral Home located at 1310 North Main Street, Pearland, Texas 77581 on Friday, March 6, 2026 from 4 - 7 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of your choosing.



## Events


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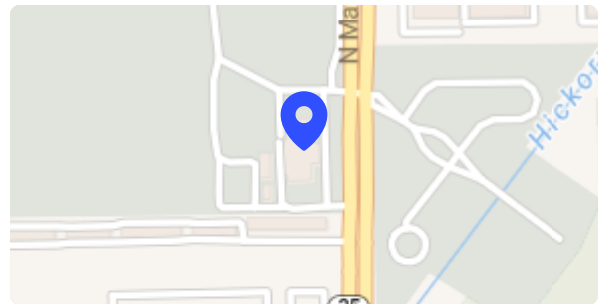
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### Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, March 6, 2026

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

 **South Park Funeral Home and Crematory**  
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581





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**Dongchau Nguyen** posted:

"Nobility has five grades you belong to them all  
Among society's four classes you rank first  
Statesmanship comes from your mind and your heart  
Your duties called you everywhere in this world  
You had served and deserve to be called hero  
You had upheld the highest morality standards  
Your spirit, so great, so upright  
That it emulates the righteous spirit that fills Heaven and Earth  
Paying all attention to every favor people asked  
But no attention to whether people repay  
Contemplating life, pondering who are pure and who are vulgar  
Only then we can say that you have fulfilled your destiny..." translated from True Scholar and Perfect Gentleman (Kè Sī) by Nguyễn Công Trứ  
You are a perfect gentleman a true scholar and of course a talented physicist and devoted physician.  
Thank you Dr. Warneke for all your guidance teaching support and protection throughout my career.  
dongchau

March 6 at 8:08 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



March 5 at 5:37 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Care and Compassion Spray to the Warneke family.



March 5 at 5:37 PM



**David Lawrence** posted:

I was surprised and so sad to hear about Mike. He was a great colleague for many years. Favorite memories: Holding court in the Doctor's Dining Room... he was the King!!  
Dave Lawrence

March 4 at 9:02 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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