



## Hector P. (Prieto) Sosa

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Hector P. Sosa, aka. Papi, 85, was welcomed into the kingdom of heaven on Sunday, February 17, 2019. He was born in Laredo, Texas, on August 19, 1933, to Jose Sosa and Maria Pizzano Sosa. Papi worked and retired as Maintenance Supervisor at Victoria Palms Resort in Donna, Texas, and married the love of his life, Maria N. Sosa. They raised 9 children together in Mercedes, Texas.

Papi's teachings were endless whether his children wanted to learn them or not. For his children, he was strong in body and in commitment to work. He never missed a single day of work; his perfect attendance being one honor he remembers and reminding them all. He paid off every debt he ever undertook before it was actually due. He was self-made and self-reliant. From his skill with every kind of tool that could fashion and create wood, metal, brick or cement, Papi engaged with the world as a man who would be its master. The most valuable lessons his children learned were not taught in classrooms or found online. They were, in fact, taught right at home by merely watching Papi. With wide amounts of knowledge right at their fingertips, his children were grateful for everything they learned from him. Anyone who knew him, and held his hands, noticed all the wrinkles and scars on his hands. Some bruises were so painful that his skin shook upon being touched. It was evident what it meant for his pair of hands to have worked every day to be able to pay for where his children are today. The bruises on his his hands were the price that he paid for their future. Without Papi, they would not be who they are today.

More than anything else, he loved his time with his family as it grew to include his precious grandchildren and great grandchildren, who affectionately called him Papi as well. He would nod and agree whenever anyone would tell him that his greatest gift was his family as he was blessed with such a large one. His most precious memories were around the dinner table. There were a lot of laughs around the table and you would most likely find everyone joining him there on Friday evenings. It was loud, with everyone talking all at

once, but that is what he enjoyed listening to.

By his side, was his loving wife for more than 55 years. She was the one person that moved him to be the utmost version of who God created him to be. His grandchildren's most memorable time with him were when he bounced them up and down on his knee singing a tune to them. Although he never wrote love letters to his children, his actions always served as a love letter to them. His grandchildren will always know how special Papi was to them, because his children will never let them forget.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Maria N. Sosa; parents, Jose Sosa and Maria Pizzano Sosa; sister, Argelia "Archie" Gonzales, sister, Estella Barbosa; and brother, Ernesto "Nieto" Sosa.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Hilda Ortiz (Frank), Jose L. Sosa (Patricia), Irma Arriaga (Ruben), Adela Espinoza (Joe), Sylvia Kromer (Chris), Hector Sosa, Jr. (Diana), Ruben Sosa, Melinda Ortiz and Rosa Martinez (Robert), his 28 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Jose "CheChe" Sosa and Guadalupe "Lupe" Sosa.

The family wishes to extend their most heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Pam and Staff.

The family will be receiving condolences on Tuesday evening, February 19, 2019, from 1 to 9 p.m. at Ruby Garza Funeral Home, Mercedes; where a Vigil for the Deceased and Rosary will commence at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday afternoon, February 20, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Mercedes. Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at 3 pm the family plot of the Ebony Grove Cemetery, Rio Rico Rd, Mercedes.

Pallbearers will be: Ruben Sosa Jr., Felix Aaron Serna, Chance Arriaga, Tyler Martinez, Carlo Sosa-Ortiz, Jake Espinoza, Gavin Martinez and Christian Kromer.

Cemetery

Events

Ebony Grove Cemetery

Mercedes, TX,

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Visitation

01:00PM - 09:00PM

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes  
236 South Ohio Street, Mercedes, TX, US, 78570

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**Brian Puga** - February 19, 2019 at 09:31 PM

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**Melinda Sosa-Ortiz** - February 20, 2019 at 09:17 PM

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“ Frank & Karina Ortiz Veronica Valdez Selena Lopez purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Hector P. (Prieto) Sosa.



**Brian Puga** - February 19, 2019 at 04:04 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hector P. (Prieto) Sosa.



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**Melinda Sosa-Ortiz** - February 19, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ You will always be remembered and loved. -Melinda

**Melinda Sosa-Ortiz** - February 19, 2019 at 09:27 AM

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“ Melinda, Aaron, Carlo and Chloe Sosa-Ortiz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Hector P. (Prieto) Sosa.



**Melinda, Aaron, Carlo and Chloe Sosa-Ortiz** - February 19, 2019 at 09:19 AM