



## Albert Cavazos Jr.

September 30, 1946 - July 15, 2025

It is with heavy hearts and profound love that we announce the passing of Albert Cavazos, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, veteran, and friend, who departed this life on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in Harlingen, Texas, at the age of 78.

Albert was born on September 30, 1946, in Edcouch, Texas. He spent his life devoted to his family, his country, and his community. A proud American and a man of deep conviction, Albert answered the call to serve and enlisted in the United States Army, where he courageously fought in the Vietnam War. During his time in combat, he was wounded in action, a sacrifice he bore with strength and quiet dignity for the rest of his life. His service left a permanent imprint not only on his own life but on the many lives he touched thereafter.

Upon returning home, Albert remained dedicated to serving others, particularly his fellow veterans. He became a powerful and respected voice in the community as the 15th District Commander for the American Legion, where he worked tirelessly for over 40 years to advocate for veterans' rights and ensure that the sacrifices of his comrades were never forgotten. His leadership was marked by integrity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to justice.

Albert was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Maria Rosa Cavazos, the

love of his life and his cherished dance partner. Together, they brought joy to many Saturday nights at the American Legion and VFW halls, where they shared their love for music, dancing, and fellowship with their veteran family. Their bond was unbreakable, and their love story lives on in the memories of all who witnessed it.

Above all, Albert was a family man. He took immense pride in his role as a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his children: Katherine (Jose "Paco") Bedartes, Michael (Stephanie) Cavazos, and Adrian (Maxine) Cavazos. His legacy continues through his 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom were the light of his life. Albert made every effort to be present at every birthday, every holiday, and every family gathering. His laughter, stories, and warmth filled the room whenever he was near. Time with family was his most treasured gift.

Albert's life was one of service, love, and community. Whether marching for veterans' rights, leading local initiatives, or simply showing up with a kind word and a warm smile, he left an indelible mark on everyone he met. His strength, humility, and unwavering dedication will be remembered always.

Albert Cavazos was a warrior, a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a friend to many. His presence was a blessing, and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. We take comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with his beloved Maria Rosa, dancing once again under heaven's stars.

Visitation will be held Monday, July 21, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home and a rosary will begin at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 22, 2025 departing the Rudy Garza Funeral Home at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Harlingen.

Graveside services will take place at 1:00 PM at the RGV Veteran's State Cemetery at 2520 Inspiration Road in Mission, Texas under the auspices of the American Legion Post #205 and Sam Houston Honor Guard. Honored to serve as pallbearers will be his son in law, Jose (Paco) Bedartes, his sons, Albert Michael Cavazos and Adrian Cavazos. Along with his grandsons Xavier Jeremy Cavazos, Kaiden Joseph Bedartes, and Adrian James Cavazos.

### The Soldier Stood and Faced God

The soldier stood and faced God, which must always come to pass. He hoped his shoes were shining, just as brightly as his brass.

“Step forward now, you soldier, how shall I deal with you? Have you always turned the other cheek? To My Church have you been true?”

The soldier squared his shoulders and said, “No, Lord, I guess I haven't, because those of us who carry guns, can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays, and at times my talk was tough. And sometimes I've been violent, because the world is awfully rough.

But I never took a penny, that wasn't mine to keep...

Though I worked a lot of overtime, when the bills got just too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help, though at times I shook with fear. And sometimes, God, forgive me, I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place, among the people here.

They never wanted me around, except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord, it needn't be so grand. I never expected or had too much, but if you don't, I'll understand.”

There was a silence all around the throne, where the saints had often trod. As the soldier waited quietly for the judgment of his God.

“Step forward now, you soldier, you've borne your burdens well. Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets; you've done your time in Hell.”

~Author Unknown~

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Rest in eternal peace, Albert.

# Cemetery Details

## Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 South Inspiration Road  
Mission, TX 78572  
(956) 583-7227

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
412 S C St.  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 423-0855

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

JUL 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery  
2520 South Inspiration Road  
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# Tribute Wall

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Delicia Pierce - July 24, 2025 at 10:45 PM

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“ Kathy and Cavazos Family,

*I was saddened by the news of Albert's passing. My condolences to all the family. Mr. Cavazos was such a caring person and i respected him and Rose for their work in support of our veterans. I had the pleasure of spending time with Mr. Cavazos and his beautiful wife Rose whom I met through James Briseno (now deceased).*



*Rest in peace Mr. Cavazos.*

*Maggie Zuniga  
Port Isabel, Tx*

Maggie Zuniga - July 23, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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*Thank you ma. Mommy and daddy loved you so much 🙏❤️*

Katherine Cavazos Bedartes - July 24, 2025 at 01:56 PM

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“ *I Love You Little Brother!* 🙏❤️



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**Guadalupe Cavazos** - July 23, 2025 at 05:17 PM

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*Thank you Tia Daddy loved you so much*

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**Katherine Cavazos Bedartes** - July 24, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ *Delicia Pierce lit a candle in memory of Albert Cavazos Jr.*



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**Delicia Pierce** - July 23, 2025 at 05:05 PM

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“ God bless Tio Albert's Soul.  
Tio Albert, you are truly loved and we will miss our time shared together.  
Dad, Armando Cavazos, Blanca and I will always cherish the times we spent with you, Tio Tony, Tia Ofelia and cousin Alfredo; we so enjoyed being with y'all as often as possible.  
It is because of you that I am alive. You saved my life at a young age and Blanca kissed you and thanked you upon meeting you for the first time. Blanca and I are very grateful to you and for your being in our lives.  
In God's time we will be together again in His Glory.  
Thank you, Tio Albert for all the blessings you made possible in my life.  
I Love you, Tio Albert!  
Your nephew,  
Alexander Cavazos

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Alexander Cavazos - July 16, 2025 at 05:42 PM

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“ You and me, Tio.  
I love you ❤️  
Until we meet again 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻



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Delicia Pierce - July 16, 2025 at 05:06 PM