



Amado E. Salinas, Jr.

October 16, 1941 - October 29, 2025

Amado E. Salinas of Harlingen, Texas entered eternal rest on October 29, 2025.

Amado was born in Oilton, Texas on October 16, 1941; living his childhood years in Laredo, San Diego, Alice, and Kingsville where he graduated in 1959 from King High School. Upon high school graduation, he attended Texas A&I in Kingsville Texas for one year then enlisted and served in the United States Army as a medical technologist – receiving the National Defense Service Medal during his service and was honorably discharged as a sergeant after serving 12 years. After his service and during his family life, he continued his education graduating from St. Mary's University at San Antonio with a bachelor's degree of Engineering Science and then finally receiving his master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas - Pan American in 1993.

On September 5, 1964, He was united in holy matrimony to his high school sweetheart, Gloria G. Esquivel, in San Diego, California at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and they shared 55 years of loving marriage until her passing. During their lifetime together they raised three children (Marcus, Melissa, and Monica) and saw two grandchildren (Salinger and Rowan) enter their lives. Amado and his family lived in several cities during their time together – San Diego (CA), San Antonio, Raymondville, and finally settling in

Harlingen, as empty nesters.

Amado's education led him to work to ensure that individuals had viable water and proper sewage solutions. He began his career with the San Antonio City Water Board, as a staff engineer and ultimately being promoted to Director of Water Meters in 1977. He then moved his family to Raymondville to become Director of Public Works for 25 years – improving city services to all. He was then recruited to be the General Manager of the Military Highway Water Corporation bringing in millions of dollars of grants for water improvements to the Rio Grande Valley region – and after 22 years retired in 2014. During all of his years of service with each of these entities – Amado received many recognitions of leadership and community involvement from both national and Texas water organizations for himself and those entities which showcased their commitment to ensuring the mission of viable drinking water for everyone.

During his lifetime, Amado was heavily involved in community work for the youth and faithful. While in San Antonio, Amado supported and worked with the Catholic Youth Organization being selected as a coach for youth sports. Upon his move to Raymondville, he continued coaching with the Little League Baseball program for over 25 years. Coaching over hundreds of young men – even to the extent of coaching sons of previous players. Amado became involved in the Knights of Columbus while in San Antonio, and the Lions Club when he moved to Raymondville. This gave him the opportunity to work within these organizations, creating a fellowship with others.

Amado was also involved in faithful service at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Raymondville and Our Lady of Assumption Church in Harlingen. Amado was a CCD teacher and sponsor for over 5 years; served as an advisor on the Parrish council for several terms and was an acolyte during holy communion at his time at the Our Lady of Guadalupe. His faithful service at the Lady of

Assumption involved supporting the Jamaicas church festivals and prayer groups both as a mentor and member.

Throughout his life Amado loved to travel and experience local culture and cuisine. From visiting his favorite spots within Spain and having the opportunity to walk El Camino De Santiago pilgrimage and seeing the many Semana Santa parades. With every visit to Italy – there was a stop to the Vatican to see Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel, The Pieta statue or just waiting for the St Peter’s Basilica’s Century Doors to open and even visiting the Holy Land in Jerusalem – all of this done to re-energize his spiritual faith. He visited the Aztec and Mayan ruins of Mexico, viewed clouds over Machu Picchu, balanced an egg along the equator in Quito, danced the tango in Buenos Aires, and tanned at Rio’s Ipanema beach. He had the opportunity to visit 5 of the 7 continents – from the streets of London to the parks in Paris, from the clock tower in Prague to the Winter Palace in Saint Petersburg, from the Acropolis in Athens to the markets in Morocco, from Vienna’s concert halls to the tapas bars in Barcelona, from the Rum runners in the Caribbean Islands to the Knights Templars’ castle in Malta, from the whale watching in Alaska to Hawaii’s black sand beaches and also seeing Mount Fuji in Tokyo. He did it. With all his travels – domestic and abroad – Amado – observed, listened, and learned. Understanding that he had a small part in this world but a big part in people’s lives. But even with all of this – he stopped to ensure that he spent quality time with all of his immediate and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Esquivel Salinas, his parents – Amado E Salinas, Sr., and Flora Coronado and one sister Rosalinda Salinas Harn.

He is survived in death by his children, Marcus Salinas, Melissa Salinas, Monica Kaul, by his grandchildren, Salinger Kaul and Rowan Kaul, as well as,

his two sons-in-law, Nickolas Robinson, and Richard Kaul.

He is also survived in death by his sisters, Juanita (Janie) Leal, Mary Irene Frisina, and Major General United States Marine Corp - retired Angela (Angie) Salinas.

Lastly, he is also survived in death by over 45 extended family members, as well as many friends from his life.

There will a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 7, 2025 at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Harlingen. Visitation will be held after the Mass at the Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace in Harlingen from 12:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Visitation will continue Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace in Harlingen. The funeral will depart at 1:30 PM for a 2:00 PM burial at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in La Feria, Texas.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Park

14166 U.S. 83 Business
La Feria, TX 78559
(956) 797-2322

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
1313 W Buchanan St
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 423-4670

Burial

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Restlawn Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall



“ Rudy Garza Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Amado E. Salinas, Jr.



Rudy Garza Funeral Home - November 07, 2025 at 01:22 PM



“ Gilbert, Joe Ramos, Joe Flores & Arnolndo purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..



Gilbert, Joe Ramos, Joe Flores & Arnolndo - November 06, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your father Amado. We (Gilbert Peralez, Joe Ramos, Joe Flores and Arnolndo Escobar) have been friends with Amado since we were in Junior High. We all had a great time when we able to get together four years ago. May Amado's soul rest in peace and may he rejoice in reuniting again with his wife Gloria in heaven. You have us in our prayers.

Arnolndo Escobar - November 06, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..



November 06, 2025 at 08:55 AM



“ Aunt Janie and Angie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..

Aunt Janie and Angie - November 06, 2025 at 08:55 AM

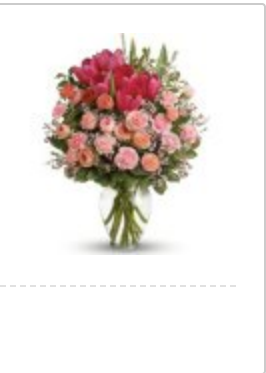


“ Robert K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..

Robert K. - November 06, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ Art and Luke purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..



Art and Luke - November 05, 2025 at 06:17 PM

AL

“ Art and Luke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..

Art and Luke - November 05, 2025 at 06:17 PM

JG

“ Jill, Jay and Jackson Gable purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..



Jill, Jay and Jackson Gable - November 05, 2025 at 11:51 AM

JG

“ Jill, Jay and Jackson Gable planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..

Jill, Jay and Jackson Gable - November 05, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TF

“ The Richard Robinson Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..



The Richard Robinson Family - November 04, 2025 at 04:11 PM

LL

“ Love, Thom & Lance purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..



Love, Thom & Lance - November 04, 2025 at 01:48 PM

LL

“ Love, Thom & Lance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..

Love, Thom & Lance - November 04, 2025 at 01:48 PM

YF

“ Your Quva Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..



Your Quva Family - November 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM

YF

“ Your Quva Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..

Your Quva Family - November 03, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..*



November 03, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ *Mandy M Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..*

Mandy M Robinson - November 03, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Amado E. Salinas, Jr..*



November 03, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *Maria Irene Frisina lit a candle in memory of Amado E. Salinas, Jr.*



Maria Irene Frisina - November 01, 2025 at 10:58 AM

MF

Our sincere condolences to my brother's family on this solemn occasion. Hoping that you're conforted by memories, the caring of others, and the healing of power of time. My family Michelle, Robert, and David and all their children are sorry for your loss. Our prayers are always with you. Sister. Irene

Maria Irene Frisina - November 01, 2025 at 11:12 AM

MS

Thank You - Aunt Irene. I know that you and your family meant a lot to him and us. Lots of memories and laughs. I know that he loved those pumpkin empanadas.

Marcus Salinas - November 03, 2025 at 02:23 PM