



## Arturo Rivera

February 18, 1953 - March 20, 2024

Arturo Rivera, 71, of Relampago, Texas entered through heavens gates on Wednesday of March 20th, 2024. He was born on February 18th, 1953, to his mother Seferina Handy and father Cipriano Rivera. He is preceded in death by his Parents and Siblings: sister; Lydia Armstrong, brother; Reynaldo Rivera, sister Maria "Nena" C. Gomez. He was a very strong and dependable man, always taking charge to do things so others would not have to worry. He really enjoyed the outdoors, going fishing, hoping for a big catch, watching W.W.E. and hanging out with his friends. Arturo was a farmer since the age of 16, a very hard-working and dedicated family man as well as a very kind gentleman who would go out of his way to help others the best he could. His dedication to his work at such a young age will always be remembered by us all and although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands put to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped in aid of Arturo, at Knapp Medical Center, Weslaco Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Weslaco, TX and San Jose Hospice Care of Pharr, Tx. And our sincerest thanks to Edgar and Honeylett, his ICU- RN's that were very helpful and caring of him during his time of need, As well as a special thanks to Antonia Garcia from Tony's Flower shop of La Feria, TX for the beautiful casket spray arrangement.

Arturo was on this beautiful earth for 71 years and 43 of those years were

spent with his loving wife, family and four grandchildren. He is survived by his wife: Evangelina C. Rivera and their two daughters Melinda R. Perez (husband Jose Ruiz Perez, children, Ryan Nathaniel, Amber Lynne and Christian Ivan Perez) and Lisa Rivera (husband Jose Liscano and their daughter, Nicole Jolie Liscano); his 2 brothers; Raul (Ofelia) Rivera and Ramiro (Yolanda) Rivera, his 2 sisters; Becky (J.J.) Gonzalez and Josefina (Dave) Washkowiak.

Visitation will be conducted on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas from 4:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 PM. Followed by mass on Friday, March 22, 2024, to be held at 2:00p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with a burial to follow at Relampago Ranch Cemetery, Mercedes Texas.

All services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 21. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes  
236 S Ohio Ave  
Mercedes, TX 78570  
(956) 565-1175  
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

# Tribute Wall

RV

“ I remember hearing about my brother Rene fishing for Alligator Gar with Uncle Arturo in the canal. Makes me happy to think they are together, fishing again. 🐟

*Rest in Peace*

*Sending you my love and prayers from Illinois, Rosie Valdez*

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**Rosie Valdez** - March 21, 2024 at 11:56 PM

RS

“ This is a memory of Uncle Arturo from my uncle Rey Valdez, Arturo & him were best friends in elementary school, they use to play ball, exercise & compete with each other.

*My uncle Rey was so nervous about his first day of school and when he met Arturo they became close friends & that first day wasn't as scary as he thought.*

*Raquel Valdez Segura*

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**Raquel Segura** - March 21, 2024 at 03:52 PM

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*Not only was he, my best friend In relámpago elementary school but he and I would go to work in the field at the early age of six. God bless you, my friend and rest in the ever lasting arms of our Lord and saves you, Jesus Christ. My condolences to all of his family. He was a great hard-working, dedicated man.*

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**Reynaldo Valdez** - March 21, 2024 at 08:45 PM

RS

“ *Sending our heartfelt prayers & condolences to my Rivera family. I will always remember him as a hardworking, quiet, uncle with a great smile. RIP*  
*Love from Raquel Valdez Segura & family*



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**Raquel Segura** - March 21, 2024 at 03:36 PM

LV

“ *Love, Raquel Segura & Rosie Valdez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Arturo Rivera.*



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**Love, Raquel Segura & Rosie Valdez** - March 21, 2024 at 01:14 PM