



Bartolo G. Flores Jr.

November 18, 1951 - June 18, 2025

Bartolo G. Flores, Jr., 73, of Harlingen, Texas, was called to his eternal home on June 18, 2025.

Born in Uvalde, Texas, Bartolo was the son of Bartolo and Bertha Flores. He was the first in his family to attend college, graduating from the University of Houston, where he met his surviving wife, Maria Isabel Espinoza. After living and studying in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, Bartolo, Isabel, and their two children, Rey and Yara, settled in Harlingen in 1989.

Bartolo was a Medical Technologist at Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco for 27 years before retiring. Bartolo's entrepreneurial spirit also led him to real estate development, and he developed tracts of land into what are now the Nacahuita Estates and Autumnwood residential subdivisions in Harlingen. Bartolo was a loving and dedicated husband and father. He lived his life with kindness, generosity, and compassion, and he had the biggest heart a man could have. He was unequivocally proud of the family he and Isabel had raised, and he delighted in spending time with his five grandchildren. He was an advocate for fairness, justice, and equality, and, from his days as a teenager to his final days, he engaged in social and political activism for the causes he believed in.

An excellent baseball player in his youth, Bartolo continued his love of the game throughout his life and greatly enjoyed following the Houston Astros. He

also found pleasure in river trips to the Texas Hill Country, classic cars, movie nights, Tejano music, and pan dulce con cafecito.

Bartolo is survived by his wife of 48 years, Isabel, his son Rey Flores (Melina Flores), his daughter Yara Flores (Frank Kunker), and his five grandchildren: Caitlin Flores (17), Nicolas Flores (7), Camila Flores (7), Gabriela Kunker (10), and Daniela Kunker (8).

The viewing will take place from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home located at 1702 East Harrison in Harlingen. A rosary will be held at 6:00 pm and a service at 6:30 pm. Services will conclude Sunday evening.

The Flores family would like to thank everyone for their friendship and prayers.

Tribute Wall

JC

“*Sad that we lost touch after high school. Bart and I were close friends since the first grade anr West Garden Elementary and all through school. He was a good baseball player and an excellent student. I always knew he would be successful in life. I always hoped we would speak again.*”

John Carrasco - June 30, 2025 at 10:20 PM

PN

“*Patricia N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bartolo G. Flores Jr..*”

Patricia N. - June 24, 2025 at 11:52 AM

ME

“*Michael, Saila, and Lia Evans purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bartolo G. Flores Jr..*”



Michael, Saila, and Lia Evans - June 22, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bartolo G. Flores Jr..*”



June 21, 2025 at 04:22 PM

AJ

“ Amy and Gary Jessee purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Bartolo G. Flores Jr..



Amy and Gary Jessee - June 21, 2025 at 04:15 PM

DF

“ David Reyes & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bartolo G. Flores Jr..

David Reyes & Family - June 21, 2025 at 03:04 PM

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“ David Reyes & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bartolo G. Flores Jr..



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