



Constancio Gonzalez Saldana

May 12, 1942 - January 29, 2025

Constancio Gonzalez, 81, of Harlingen, Texas, entered into rest on January 29, 2025. He was born on May 12, 1942, in Tamaulipas, Mexico, and later made his home in both Texas and California.

He is preceded in death by his parents Delores Saldana and Eva Gonzalez and his beloved children, Magdalena Valdez and Constancio Saldana, Jr. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his children: Johnny Gonzalez (Juanita) of Rio Linda, California; Elizabeth Garcia (Ediberto) of Montgomery, Texas; Sylvia Angeleri (Henry) of Harlingen, Texas; Genaro Saldana (Crystal) of Orville, California; and Priscilla Saldana of Vacaville, California. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, a sister, and the mothers of his children, Gloria Saldana and Estela Saldana.

Constancio spent his early years in the Rio Grande Valley before moving to California at the age of 20 when he married. He was a man of simple pleasures—he loved tamales, old cars, studying animals, and taking long walks. In his later years, he embraced a gentler nature, becoming a caring and devoted father and grandfather.

To his youngest daughter, Priscilla, he was more than a father—he was her superhero, always there to uplift and encourage her. In her own words:

"My father may have been many things to many people, but to me, he was my superhero. He supported me in everything and was always there for me for anything when I truly needed him, no matter how horrible it was. He would always tell me, 'What doesn't break you makes you stronger, mija,' and he reminded me that God would never allow me to go through something without seeing me through it. His love for me was unconditional. Of course he was a very stubborn old man, and no one could tell him anything, but that was just part of who he was. I loved when he recounted tales of his boyhood, running wild and causing mayhem on his family farm. He will be deeply missed.

-From Priscilla, his babygirl