



David Gatica Vazquez

January 14, 1930 - September 25, 2024

La Feria – David Gatica Vazquez, 94, a lifetime resident of La Feria, passed away at his home on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. He was born in Villa de La Paz, San Luis Potosi, Mexico on January 14, 1930 to David Vazquez and Leonor Gatica. He arrived in La Feria in his early teens and worked odd jobs in the local agricultural industry of the day.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1955 and served a tour of duty during the Korean Conflict as a tank gunner with the 50th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion. He was honorably discharged in 1957. He forever spoke of his time in the military as the most rewarding and proudest moment of his life.

He settled in La Feria to raise his family and over the years built a reputation as a do it-all, self-employed handyman who many referred to as the hardest working man they had ever met. He always enjoyed a good conversation with anyone, even if all you did was listen. He attended thousands of basketball, volleyball, baseball and football games through the years to support his children and grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of hard work and love of family will forever be cherished.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Virginia Vazquez; his children, Laura (Oren) Trevino, Damian (Steffani) Vazquez, Javier (Sarah) Vazquez, Jaime (Ruby) Vazquez, and David (Melinda) Rodriguez; 16 grandchildren, 5 great-

grandchildren; his nephew Ruben Barragan of Matehuala, San Luis Potosi and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at Rudy Garza Funeral Home Palms Chapel in La Feria with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 2, 2024 departing the Rudy Garza Palms Chapel in La Feria at 9:15 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian burial at St. Theresa Catholic Church in San Benito. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park in La Feria, Texas.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Matthew Rodriguez, James Vazquez, Michael Vazquez, Diego Trevino, Dimas Trevino and Julian Trevino. Honorary pallbearers are Aaron Trevino and Joaquin Trevinio.

The Vazquez Family would like to express a special thanks to Mr. Jorge Zayas and Mr. Armando Lopez of Freedom Home Health as well as the staff of the Veterans Administration Clinic in Harlingen for their care and service.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 1. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Palms Chapel
219 S Main St
La Feria, TX 78559
(956) 797-3122
rgfhtx@aol.com
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Rosary

OCT 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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219 S Main St
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Funeral

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Theresa Catholic Church
1300 Combes St
San Benito, TX 78586

Tribute Wall



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of David Gatica Vazquez.* ”



September 30, 2024 at 04:59 PM



“ *Builders First Source/Mercedes TX purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Gatica Vazquez.* ”



Builders First Source/Mercedes TX - September 30, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Builders First Source/Mercedes TX planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Gatica Vazquez.* ”

Builders First Source/Mercedes TX - September 30, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ *Melinda R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Gatica Vazquez.* ”

Melinda R. - September 30, 2024 at 11:31 AM

HG

“ Hector & Arlene Garza purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of David Gatica Vazquez.



Hector & Arlene Garza - September 29, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Gatica Vazquez.



September 29, 2024 at 02:34 PM

KF

“ K&R Ranch Cantu Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Gatica Vazquez.



K&R Ranch Cantu Family - September 28, 2024 at 01:37 AM

KF

“ K&R Ranch Cantu Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Gatica Vazquez.

K&R Ranch Cantu Family - September 28, 2024 at 01:37 AM

EG

“ *Efrain Sedillo and Robert Guevara purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Gatica Vazquez.*



Efrain Sedillo and Robert Guevara - September 27, 2024 at 02:59 PM

EG

“ *Efrain Sedillo and Robert Guevara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Gatica Vazquez.*

Efrain Sedillo and Robert Guevara - September 27, 2024 at 02:59 PM