



## Felipe T. Quezada

September 25, 1946 - February 7, 2026

Felipe T. Quezada, 79, of La Feria went to rest on February 7th. Leaving behind his legacy of love, strength and unforgettable memories. He was born on September 25, 1946 in Jalpas, Zacatecas Mexico to Concepcion Quezada and Maria Delgadina. He is preceded in death by his parents; his beloved son, Felipe Quezada, Jr. and three siblings; Martin Quezada, Jose Quezada and Norma Quezada.

At the age of eight he tragically lost his mother, making him care for his younger sister, sharing differences with his father. His childhood can be described as difficult, being raised by his grandparents, sticking by him through thick and thin. His adventurous childhood began with learning to repair shoes and handcraft rope. He later worked seasonal harvests, picking a variety of crops such as cotton, watermelon, tomatoes, and coffee beans. At times, his work even took him by boat to Baja California. He often spoke about the period in his life when he walked from Laredo to Jourdanton, relying on the kindness of strangers along the way. The journey covered roughly 134 miles on foot and took him about two days to complete. At 18 he was forced to join the Mexican military, which he described as rigorous and hard-fought.

Eventually he made his way to Santa Fe, Tamaulipas. In 1970, he met the love of his life, Josefina. Despite the obstacles and struggles they married in secret on April 9, 1972 in Jalpa, Zacatecas- a forbidden love they chose to

honor. Years after their marriage, they moved from place to place while waiting for his residency to be approved. Once he finally received it, they chose to settle in Harlingen, Texas, as they prepared to welcome their first child. This is where he began working at Tony Butler Golf Course, where Tony Butler kindly offered him a tiny house in the middle of the course. Working there is where he discovered his love for golf, eventually competing in many tournaments. In one of them, he played in a 'his and hers' event, earning first place while they were awaiting the arrival of their second child. After living on the golf course for many years, they eventually purchased land to build their forever home in La Feria, Texas already caring for their final child. He continued working at the golf course as a foreman until deciding to retire after 36 years of dedicated service.

In the formative years of his life, he picked up countless hobbies — truly more than anyone could keep track of. Boxing was one of his first passions, he trained for it in secret, since his father allowed nothing but work. He competed in local matches, winning many and losing many. His passion for baseball grew as well, playing in neighborhood games across Mexico and later cheering on his son, passing the same love for the sport down. After working at Tony Butler, he developed a deep love for golf. His time there allowed him to meet countless people, both on and off the course, many of whom invited him to play in tournaments where he earned numerous trophies. Finally, the unimaginable devotion he had to feeding his family. He always made sure they were not only full of love, but full of food. Barbecuing became one of his greatest passions, and his family and friends can only describe his cooking as truly incomparable.

His life at the ranch became the place where he spent the rest of his days and where his family remembers him best. Even in retirement, he never truly stopped working. He liked to say he was “busy,” and it was true—he kept himself occupied with the countless animals he cared for over the years.

Chickens, doves, lovebirds, dogs, cats, bunnies, guinea pigs, horses, a donkey, pigs, goats, turkeys,—there was always something living under his watch. One thing was certain, every single one of them was well fed and well loved.

Felipe leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 53 years, Josefina Quezada; two daughters, Marta Quezada and Daisy Sandoval (Manuel); six grandchildren, Josselyn Franco, Abby Franco, Manuel "Manny" Sandoval Jr., Jasmine Sandoval, Evelyn Evan Quezada and Felicia Ann Quezada. He is also survived by his siblings, Alma Quezada (Ramon Gonzalez), Guadalupe Quezada (Emeterio Aguilar), Antonio Quezada and Claudia Quezada (Jamir Sanchez).

Visitation will begin Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM and a prayer service will begin at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 12, 2026 with a chapel service beginning at 1:00 PM at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home. Burial will follow to Heavenly Grace Cemetery.

To us he was Felipe, Dad, Grandpa, Tío, Padrino, Primo, Don Felipe, Felipín, El Charrito, Hermano, and Honey — each name a reflection of the love he gave and the place he held in our lives. Though we say goodbye, his warmth, his laughter, and his unwavering devotion will remain with us. He will be remembered always, carried tenderly in our hearts and memories. And like he will always say “ I love you four.”

#### SPANISH OBITUARY

Felipe T. Quezada, de 79 años, originario de La Feria, partió a descansar el 7 de febrero. Deja tras de sí un legado de amor, fortaleza y recuerdos inolvidables. Nació el 25 de septiembre de 1946 en Jalpa, Zacatecas, México,

hijo de Concepción Quezada y María Delgadina.

A los ocho años sufrió la trágica pérdida de su madre, lo que lo llevó a cuidar de su hermana menor mientras enfrentaba diferencias con su padre. Su infancia puede describirse como difícil, siendo criado por sus abuelos, quienes lo acompañaron en los momentos más duros. Su espíritu aventurero comenzó desde pequeño, aprendiendo a reparar zapatos y a elaborar sogas a mano. Más adelante trabajó en cosechas temporales, recogiendo algodón, sandía, tomate y granos de café. En ocasiones, su trabajo incluso lo llevó por barco hasta Baja California. Con frecuencia hablaba de la etapa de su vida en la que caminó desde Laredo hasta Jourdanton, confiando en la bondad de desconocidos a lo largo del camino. El recorrido abarcó aproximadamente 134 millas a pie y le tomó cerca de dos días completarlo. A los 18 años fue obligado a unirse al ejército mexicano, una experiencia que describió como rigurosa y ardua.

Con el tiempo llegó a Santa Fe, Tamaulipas.

En 1970 conoció al amor de su vida, Josefina. A pesar de los obstáculos y dificultades, se casaron en secreto el 9 de abril de 1972 en Jalpa, Zacatecas: un amor prohibido que decidieron honrar. Años después de su matrimonio, se mudaron de un lugar a otro mientras esperaban la aprobación de su residencia. Una vez que finalmente la obtuvo, decidieron establecerse en Harlingen, Texas, mientras se preparaban para recibir a su primer hijo. Fue entonces cuando comenzó a trabajar en el campo de golf Tony Butler, donde el propio Tony Butler le ofreció una pequeña casa en medio del campo. Allí descubrió su amor por el golf, llegando a competir en numerosos torneos. En uno de ellos, participó en un evento de "his and hers", obteniendo el primer lugar mientras esperaban la llegada de su primera hija. Después de vivir muchos años en el campo de golf, finalmente compraron un terreno para construir su hogar permanente en La Feria, Texas, ya con su última hija en brazos. Continuó trabajando en el campo de golf como greenskeeper hasta

retirarse tras 36 años de servicio dedicado.

En los años formativos de su vida, desarrolló incontables pasatiempos — realmente más de los que cualquiera podría enumerar. El boxeo fue una de sus primeras pasiones; entrenaba en secreto, pues su padre solo permitía el trabajo. Compitió en peleas locales, ganando muchas y perdiendo otras. También creció su amor por el béisbol, jugando en partidos de barrio en México y más tarde apoyando a su hijo, transmitiendo la misma pasión por el deporte. Tras comenzar a trabajar en Tony Butler, desarrolló un profundo amor por el golf. Su tiempo allí le permitió conocer a innumerables personas, dentro y fuera del campo, muchas de las cuales lo invitaban a torneos donde obtuvo numerosos trofeos. Finalmente, una de sus mayores devociones: alimentar a su familia. Siempre se aseguraba de que no solo estuvieran llenos de amor, sino también de comida. Asar pollo se convirtió en una de sus grandes pasiones, y su familia y amigos solo pueden describir su sazón como verdaderamente incomparable.

La vida en el rancho se convirtió en el lugar donde pasó el resto de sus días y donde su familia lo recuerda con mayor cariño. Incluso en su jubilación, nunca dejó de trabajar por completo. Le gustaba decir que estaba “ocupado”, y era cierto: se mantenía activo cuidando a la infinidad de animales que tuvo a lo largo de los años. Gallinas, palomas, periquitos, perros, gatos, conejos, cuyos, caballos, un burro, cerdos, cabras, pavos—siempre había algo vivo bajo su cuidado. Y una cosa era segura: cada uno de ellos estaba bien alimentado y bien amado.

Para nosotros fue Felipe, Papá, Abuelo, Tío, Padrino, Primo, Don Felipe, Felipín, El Charrito, Hermano y Honey —cada nombre reflejando el amor que dio y el lugar que ocupó en nuestras vidas. Aunque nos despedimos, su calidez, su risa y su inquebrantable devoción permanecerán con nosotros. Será recordado siempre, llevado con ternura en nuestros corazones y

memorias. Y como siempre decía “ I love you four.”

# Cemetery Details

## Heavenly Grace Memorial Park

26873 White Ranch Rd.  
La Feria, TX 78559  
(956) 797-5614

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen  
1702 E Harrison Ave  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 425-8200  
rgfhtx@aol.com  
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

## Prayer Service

FEB 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Rudy Garza Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Felipe T. Quezada



Rudy Garza Funeral Home - February 11 at 02:24 PM



“ Everyone at Labcorp purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Felipe T. Quezada.



Everyone at Labcorp - February 10 at 04:22 PM



“ Familia Castro Montelongo purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Felipe T. Quezada.



Familia Castro Montelongo - February 10 at 03:09 PM



“ Martha may God give you and your family the strength needed during this difficult time my condolences to you and your family. Tony Gonzalez

Tony Gonzalez - February 10 at 01:11 PM

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“ Your coworkers at LabCorp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Felipe T. Quezada.

Your coworkers at LabCorp - February 10 at 10:25 AM

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“ Your coworkers at LabCorp purchased the Count  
ry Basket Blooms for the family of Felipe T.  
Quezada.



Your coworkers at LabCorp - February 10 at 10:25 AM

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“ Isabel Zamora purchased the Pretty Please for  
the family of Felipe T. Quezada.



Isabel Zamora - February 09 at 04:19 PM