



Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez

December 14, 1966 - February 19, 2026

Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez, 59, entered into eternal rest on February 19, 2026, in Denton.

Gary was employed with Pinnacle Propane in Denton, Texas, where he dedicated himself wholeheartedly to his work. He had a deep passion for his job and took great pride in the company he served. Always thinking of ways to improve and contribute, Gary never hesitated to share new ideas with his supervisor. His strong work ethic, loyalty, and enthusiasm made a lasting impression on his coworkers and leadership alike. He truly loved what he did and the people he worked alongside.

Known for his warm personality, Gary was a natural jokester who often laughed at his own jokes, bringing smiles to those around him. His unmistakable and "unique laugh" became one of his most cherished trademarks. He enjoyed collecting firearms, fishing, and sharing good spirits with friends and family. A devoted sports fan, he faithfully cheered for the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Cowboys.

Above all, Gary loved his family deeply. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who treasured every moment spent with his loved ones. His greatest joy was his family, and his legacy of love, laughter, and loyalty will live on through them.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lorenzo Almendarez and Cruz Sosa.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Gloria Almendarez of Denton, Texas; his three children, Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez, Jr. (Vanessa) of Harlingen, Texas; Debra Lynn Almendarez of Denton, Texas; and Allyson Nicole Almendarez of Denton, Texas; and his five cherished grandchildren, Jarek Maison Almendarez, Velanie Giselle Almendarez, Gianna Grace Almendarez, Vivienne Grey Almendarez, and Gracelyn Victoria Almendarez of Harlingen, Texas.

He is also survived by his father- and mother-in-law, Jose Angel Montez and Anna Montez; his three siblings, Veronica Alexander of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Lorenzo Almendarez, Jr., and Antonio Almendarez of Harlingen; as well as numerous nieces and nephews who will forever hold him in their hearts.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home. A funeral procession will depart the funeral home on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery under the auspices of American Legion Post 205 and VFW Post 2410.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jarek Almendarez, Jeremy Rosales, Robert Araiza, Tristan Espinoza, Gabriel Benavides, and Sam Cisneros.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Pinnacle Propane for being such a meaningful and supportive workplace for their beloved husband and father.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Rudy Garza Funeral Home in

Harlingen, Texas.

Gary will be deeply missed but forever remembered for his laughter, dedication, and the immense love he gave so freely to all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 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>

Rosary

FEB **25**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Departure

FEB **26**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
1509 New Combes Hwy
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 423-0098

Burial

FEB 26 (CT)

Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery
21037 Godwin Rd
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-2939
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com/ashland>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pete Garza and Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez.*



Pete Garza and Family - February 25 at 03:28 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez.*



February 25 at 02:27 PM



“ *Nora & Sanchez Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez.*



Nora & Sanchez Family - February 25 at 09:01 AM

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“ Growing up with you as my cousin was a gift. I will cherish our memories and carry your laughter in my heart always. You had the most contagious laugh — the kind that made everyone around you feel lighter. I will forever hear it in my heart. Your laughter was a gift to all of us. Heaven is a little louder now with that unforgettable laugh. May God hold you in His arms and give our family peace during this painful time. Until we meet again. Your laughter will echo in our hearts forever Cousin. With Love, Leonor



Leonor Duvall - February 24 at 09:20 PM

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“ The Smelser Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez.



The Smelser Family - February 24 at 09:00 PM

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“ I’m deeply saddened by the passing of Gary. His spirit, his loyalty, and the love he carried for the people in his life were truly gifts from God. Thank you, Gary, for being my ex-husband’s best man at our wedding and his best friend in life. The bond you shared was something sacred — a reflection of the kind of friendship that is guided by faith, love, and purpose.

I pray that Gary’s soul is at peace, embraced by God’s eternal light. May the angels welcome him, and may he rest in the warmth of a love that never ends. Although his journey on this earth has finished, the goodness he shared continues to ripple through the lives he touched.

As you grieve, I hope you feel God’s comfort surrounding you. May He bring you strength, healing, and moments of quiet peace. Hold close the memories of Gary — the laughter, the support, and the blessing of having known someone whose presence reflected pure kindness.

I’m keeping you in my prayers and in my heart. May God lift you up and remind you that love never truly leaves us; it simply changes form and continues on in spirit. Sylvia Flores (Rosales)

Sylvia Flores (Rosales) - February 24 at 04:37 PM

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Sylvia Flores

Sylvia Flores - February 24 at 04:37 PM

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“ Sylvia Flores (Rosales) lit a candle in memory of Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez



Sylvia Flores (Rosales) - February 24 at 04:35 PM

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Sylvia Flores

Sylvia Flores - February 24 at 04:39 PM

BM

“ I have so many I could share. Gary and I worked together for 2 different companies and I was honored to call him a brother in arms as we served in our nation’s military. His desire to serve his clients showed in several occurrences in which he saved customer’s lives and property. His last I know of was a couple weeks before he passed. May God Bless your soul Gary as well as your family. I will miss you my friend.



Bill McHargue - February 24 at 02:12 PM

FM

“ Fernando Marquez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerardo "Gary" Almendarez.



Fernando Marquez - February 23 at 07:31 PM

FM

“ Fernando Marquez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Genaro "Gary" Almendarez.

Fernando Marquez - February 23 at 07:31 PM