



Gerardo Vela Latigo

November 29, 1950 - February 22, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announced the passing of Gerardo Vela Latigo, 74, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, great grandfather and friend, who departed this life peacefully on Saturday, February 22, 2025. Gerardo was born on November 29, 1950 in Weslaco, Texas to the late Juan Antonio Latigo and Benita Vela.

He graduated from Weslaco High School, Class of 1969. He proudly served in the United States Army and National Guard. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree from Pan American in Edinburg, TX and his Master's Degree from Texas A & M Kingsville. After a successful career working for the United States Department of Agriculture as an Agronomist, Gerardo became a well-respected professional in his field, known for his dedication and passion for research.

Gerardo is preceded in death by his loving parents, and his sister, Rosalinda Anderson (Cesar *).

He is survived by the love of his life, San Juanita Moreno and two daughters, Cynthia Castro (Armando) and Christie Johnson (Randy *). Gerardo is survived by three sisters and three brothers: Jose Latigo, Juan Latigo Jr, (Maria) Benito Latigo (Rose), Mary Latigo, Emma Martinez (Jose), Alma Casarez (Johnny*), six grandchildren: Bianca Laren Castro, Armando Castro

III (Kariely), Nathan Castro, Madelyn Alexandra Johnson, Catherine Megan Johnson, and Alyson Taylor Johnson, and one great-granddaughter, Autumn Harlow Castro.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, February 27, 2025, with a departure at 10:45 am for Mass at St. Pius Catholic Church at 11:30 am. Interment will follow directly to Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery. Military services are under the auspices of American Legion Post #205 of Harlingen, Texas and funeral precession escorts will be held by David Trevino, The Patriot Guard Riders Veterans Motorcycle Club. All services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Rosary

FEB **26**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Departure

FEB **27**. 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Mass

FEB 27. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

St. Pius X Catholic Church
600 S Oklahoma Ave
Weslaco, TX 78596

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dolores Gomez and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gerardo Vela Latigo.*



Dolores Gomez and Family - February 25, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerardo Vela Latigo.*



February 24, 2025 at 06:47 PM


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“ *To the latigo family my condolences to the family may my cousin rest in peace*



Isabel C DE LA ROSA - February 24, 2025 at 06:36 AM

JM

My sincere heartfelt condolences for my lovely sister San Juanita Moreno Latigo and her family as well as Gerardos' family. May God grant you all peace in your hearts joy in your spirits remembering and treasuring all those precious moments you and HIM shared together which No One can Ever take From you !!! God Will leave those in your hearts Forever!! AMEN !!
 *going your way Always*

Josie Moreno - February 25, 2025 at 04:02 PM

RC

*Deepest condolences to the Latigo family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Richard and Margaret Cantu
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Richard/Margaret Cantu - February 26, 2025 at 03:21 PM

LF

My condolences to all the Latigo family he was a great person 🙏 may he rest in peace 🙏

Lily Rodriguez & Family - February 26, 2025 at 10:42 PM