



Gilbert Anzaldua

September 13, 1945 - December 1, 2024

It is with great sorrow and profound respect that we announce the passing of Gilbert Anzaldua, a man of unwavering integrity, boundless kindness, and deep devotion, who left this world peacefully on December 1, 2024, at the age of 79. Gilbert was a dedicated family man, an esteemed and proud veteran, whose life and legacy have left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered.

Born in Mercedes, Texas, on September 13, 1945, to Antonio and Josefina Zuniga Anzaldua, Gilbert was a proud alum of Mercedes High School, where he excelled as a star athlete in both football and basketball. His early years foreshadowed the remarkable life of service and dedication that lay ahead.

In 1965, Gilbert answered the call to serve his country, bravely fighting in Vietnam after being drafted. His commitment to his nation continued upon his return as he served in the U.S. Army National Guard. Following his distinguished military career, Gilbert

dedicated himself to the Harlingen Consolidated Independent School District, where he provided invaluable guidance and mentorship to countless students.

A pillar of his community, Gilbert served the American Legion Post 172 in various leadership roles, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to his fellow veterans and the principles they fought to protect. Guided by his Catholic faith, his courage and dedication were evident not only in his military and civic duties but also in his role as a family man.

Gilbert shared a remarkable 52-year marriage with the love of his life, Lilia Anzaldua. Together, they built a family rooted in love and respect. He is survived by his devoted wife Lilia; his loving son Gilbert Roland (Andrea) Anzaldua of Harlingen; and his three cherished grandsons: Noah, Nathan, and Nevan Anzaldua. Gilbert took immense pride in sharing stories of his experiences and imparting life's valuable lessons to his grandsons, whom he adored.

He is also survived by his sister, Maria Elena Rosales of Mercedes. Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Michelle Anzaldua, his brothers Antonio Jr., Eloy, Hilario, Juan Anzaldua, and his sister, Elma Saldivar.

A public viewing will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

with a Rosary at 6:00 pm at Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace in Harlingen, Texas.

A funeral

mass will take place on Friday, December 6, 2024, departing the funeral home at 9:30 am for a 10:00 am funeral mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Harlingen, Texas. A graveside service will follow at 1:00 pm at the Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, Texas with military honors under the auspices of the American Legion Post 172 of Mercedes, Texas.

remembered and cherished. Rest in peace, Gilbert Anzaldua. Your sacrifice, love, and legacy will forever be remembered and cherished.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to, The American Legion Post 172, Mercedes, Texas 78570.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
209 S 10th St.
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 428-6111

Graveside Service with Military Honors

DEC 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery
2520 South Inspiration Road
Mission, TX 78572
(956) 583-7227

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to the Anzaldua family. May our Lord and Savior Jesus The Christ open heaven for Gil and receive him into His loving arms. Lilia and family know that my prayers and thoughts are with you during this very difficult time. Gil was a childhood friend from our old neighborhood in Mercedes. We go back many years, and we have always had a good friendship. My brother Danny called me last night to let me know of Gil's passing. All members of the Rodriguez family are mourning Gil's death. God's blessings always.

Roberto "Bobby" Rodriguez

Roberto "Bobby" Rodriguez - December 09, 2024 at 03:14 PM

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“ Ruben/Marta Garcia (David Posada Aunt) lit a candle in memory of Gilbert Anzaldua



Ruben/Marta Garcia (David Posada aunt) - December 05, 2024 at 05:11 PM