



## Gilbert Echavarria Sr.

March 9, 1940 - December 8, 2017

Harlingen - Gilbert Echavarria, Sr. affectionately known as "Daddy Daddy" entered into rest December 8, 2017. He is preceded in death by his parents; Pablo and Librada Echavarria and two brothers, Teodoro (Ted) Echavarria and Ezequiel Echavarria.

Gilbert is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Dolores Echavarria; six children, Cynthia (Miguel) Cantu, Gilbert Echavarria, Steve Echavarria, Maricruz (Armando) Alanis, Magda Echavarria, Felicia Echavarria (Isidro Ramirez); 7 grandchildren, Brittany (Jesus) Vega, Joseph (Amanda) Alanis, Miguel Cantu, Jr., Lilly Cantu, Lyla Rose Echavarria, Ace Lucas Ramirez, and Lucas Rizo; a great-grandson, Matthew Davis Vega; 4 brothers, Gregorio, Vicente, Pablo and Ernesto; 4 sisters, Oralia Foley, Angela Pedraza, Margarita Ragsdale and Dalia Cano and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will begin today (Sunday) from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM and prayer service will be at 7:00 PM with Rev. Bill Davis from First United Methodist Church of La Feria officiating. Funeral services will be held Monday, December 11, 2017 departing the Rudy Garza Funeral Home at 11:00 AM for a graveside service at Restlawn Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

ME

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**Magda Echavarria** - December 10, 2017 at 01:38 AM

BV

“ My grandpa ❤️ the only grandpa I have ever known. His fishing, how he would always roll his ciggierates and we knew better to sit on his chair. He got to see my first born son, and always told me que chulo he was. I remember how he would try for me to sneak cookies or ciggierettes. I thank God he gave us time to say goodbye. He told me he was tired and he would watch me from heaven. He wasn't scared to go, he was ready. He was fearless. The night before he died he wasn't talking, just sleeping. I had a talk with him, and before I left my last words were I love you so much grandpa, I see you when I see you... I'm leaving and he squeezed my hand hard. That morning he past. But I'm blessed with 26 years of love and happiness from this man. Best Grandpa I have ever had. I love you grandpa forever. I will see later 🙏 Your in a better place now, but forever in my heart.



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**Brittany Vega** - December 10, 2017 at 01:07 AM

CA

“ I remember many times going with you daddy on road to different towns because things that broke in the gins you had to fix or weld. I remember picking you up because you didnt want to drive home from the R&R

Going outside to help you use the tac welder and fold and cut metal. The first time you took me and jojo on the boat and I was so afraid of getting sick and you told me just keep looking out to sea and that I would be ok when all of a sudden dolphins start jumping out of the water. He was right I was so excited about seeing dolphins that I wasnt afraid.

I will never forget how much you loved us, things you told, showed, and taught us. You will always be my super dad. FYI pops I will miss you more than you know.

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**Cookie Evhavarria Alanis** - December 10, 2017 at 12:07 AM

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**Magda Echavarria** - December 10, 2017 at 12:33 AM

CC

*WOW! Where do I start there are so many. We would do things together as a family. We would go to dances with him and mom and even grocery shopping. He and mom loved to dance. There were times that they would just about dance the entire night. When it came to buying groceries he was worse than a kid but all kinds of junkies in the shopping cart.*

*The look in his eyes when he would come home after a day of fishing and he was showing off his catch. The first thing on his mind was his famous fish fries.*

*One Christmas he even brought Santa Claus to our house so that we could get our gifts right from Santa's hands.*

*I remember how he had tears in his eyes when I showed him my diploma from UOP.*

*Dad "THANK YOU" for being my dad and for being a grandpa to my kids. THANK YOU for always providing for us and for always making sure we were taken care.*

*You will always be in my heart. I love you DAD and always will.*

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**Cynthia Echavarria Cantu** - December 10, 2017 at 01:25 AM

ME

*Like the time he told me to clean the fish for the first time and I did with soap and water..... 😊*

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**Magda Echavarria** - December 10, 2017 at 01:49 AM

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**Cookie Evhavarria Alanis** - December 10, 2017 at 09:11 AM