



Jesus R. Madera

January 11, 1931 - April 17, 2026

Jesus R. Madera, age 95, of La Feria, Texas, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, love, and integrity.

He was born on January 11, 1931, in Jalisco, Mexico, to Dario Madera and Natalia Ramirez. At the young age of 17, Jesus came to the United States on his own in search of opportunity and a better life. Through determination and perseverance, he built a life defined by dedication to his family and his craft. Jesus met the love of his life, Maria Garcia in the United States, and they married in 1959 at St. Francis- Xavier Catholic Church. They attended church regularly. They made their home in the community of La Feria where they raised their three daughters. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud family man who found his greatest joy in the people he loved.

A skilled mechanic by trade, Jesus worked most of his life repairing vehicles and retired from Interstate Fruit and Vegetable Company. Even while working full-time, he continued to serve others from his home, repairing cars, doing body work, and painting vehicles. Known for his honesty and fairness, he often charged very modest prices and, at times, nothing at all. One friend fondly recalled bringing her car to him after hearing a rattling noise; after taking it for a drive, Jesus discovered it was simply a hanger in the backseat causing the sound. True to his character, he smiled, shared the simple fix, and did not charge her—an act that perfectly reflected his integrity and kindness.

Jesus loved to barbecue, entertain family and friends, and watch boxing. He also enjoyed playing bingo and taking trips to the casino. Family outings to the drive-in theater were among his cherished traditions, where his wife would prepare meals for everyone to enjoy during the movie.

Music and creativity held a special place in his heart. His mentor took him under his wing and taught him to play the harp, Jesus not only learned to play beautifully, but also crafted his own harps. He performed in a mariachi group that made a cameo appearance alongside the well-known singer Cornelio Reyna. Every Mother's Day, he and his mariachi group would lovingly serenade the special women in his life—beginning with his mother-in-law, then his beloved wife and daughters—followed by a delicious meal prepared by his wife for all to share.

In addition to his love of music, Jesus had a passion for art. He took art classes and painted many beautiful paintings, expressing his creativity and leaving behind pieces that his family will cherish.

He had a fondness for his cafecito and pan dulce, moments that reflected his warmth and appreciation for life.

He is preceded in death by his parents; beloved wife, Maria G. Madera; and five siblings, Hermenejilda Madera, Vicenta Madera, Heraclio Madera, Juan Madera, and Alberto Madera.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his daughters, Lilia Gutierrez (Miguel), Yolanda Kelso (James Rogers), and Leticia Flores (George II); eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren; and four siblings, Ma Felix Madera, Carmen Madera, Santa Maria Madera, and Sabino Madera.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 23, 2026, at the Rudy Garza Palms Chapel in La Feria from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with a rosary to be prayed at 7:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 24, 2026, departing the Rudy Garza Palms Chapel at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM funeral service at St. Francis-Xavier Catholic Church in La Feria. Burial will follow at La Capilla Cemetery.

Jesus R. Madera will be remembered as a hardworking, honest, and generous man whose love for his family and community left a lasting impact on all who knew him. His legacy lives on through his daughters, grandchildren and the many lives he touched.

The family wishes to thank all the staff at Mid Valley Nursing and Rehab, as well as Greater Valley Hospice for all the care, love and support that was given for our dad.

Cemetery Details

La Capilla Cemetery

Santa Rosa, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Palms Chapel
219 S Main St
La Feria, TX 78559
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Rosary

APR 23. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
La Feria, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ *Katty Villanueva and Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jesus R. Madera.*



Katty Villanueva and Families - April 23 at 01:03 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jesus R. Madera.*



April 21 at 07:14 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jesus R. Madera.*

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