



John C. Davis Sr.

July 12, 1973 - February 11, 2026

John C. Davis, Sr., age 52, of Harlingen, Texas, entered eternal rest on February 11, 2026. He was born on July 12, 1973, to the late Guillermo A. Davis, Sr., and Oralia C. Davis.

John was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, mentor, and friend. He was married for 24 beautiful years to his beloved wife, Maria Dalinda Davis. Together, they were blessed with their two greatest treasures and his pride and joy, John Davis Jr., and Jacqueline Marie Davis.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maria Dalinda; his children, John Jr. and Jacqueline Marie; his mother, Oralia C. Davis; his sisters, Dr. Irma C. Davis, Gloria Curry (John†), Diana Sosa (Hector), and Delia Padilla (Omar); his brothers, Robert (Mary), Max (Angie), Gilbert (Rosie), Guillermo Jr., and Daniel; and numerous nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

He is preceded in death by his father, Guillermo A. Davis, Sr.; his grandparents, Maxie and Altagracia Davis; his siblings, Baby Guillermo Davis Jr. and Janie Davis; and his aunts and uncles, Amparo Ponce, Socorro Garza, Petra Tijerina, Manuel Tijerina, Manuel Gallegos, Esteban Davis, and his nephews Lee Roy and Sylvester Davis.

John was a man of unwavering and profound faith. He lived his life in service

to his God, always doing for others, not for recognition or acknowledgment, but simply because it was the right thing to do. He was known to quietly purchase coats for students at his wife's elementary school because he never wanted to see a child go without when he was blessed with the ability to provide. During hospital stays, even while facing his own struggles, he would order meals and snacks for the nurses and CNAs caring for him as a gesture of gratitude and appreciation. Even in difficult moments, he made it a priority to acknowledge others and make them feel valued.

In one of his final acts of faith, during a bedside blessing with his family and the chaplain, John asked for holy water and proceeded to bless every person present. The chaplain shared that she had never witnessed such an act, a powerful testament to the servant-hearted man he was.

John was the rock and center of his family. He had a presence that naturally commanded a room, yet his strength was matched by humility and compassion. He was someone you could confide in without fear of judgment, a steady source of advice and guidance. After the passing of his father on October 13, 2021, John became the pillar of strength for his family beacon of love, empathy, and resilience.

He often reminded those around him, "Trust in God and place your troubles at His feet. It's God's will." Even in his final days, he encouraged his family to stay strong and assured them that everything would be okay because God would take care of them. John faithfully led prayer text threads among family and friends, sending daily prayers and words of encouragement. Regardless of how he felt personally, he took the time to write and share those messages so others could experience the power and comfort of God's presence.

John served for 27 years with the Hidalgo County Adult Probation Department as a Probation Supervisor and most recently retired on May 2, 2025. In his professional life, he led with integrity and compassion. He encouraged his

officers to treat everyone with respect and fairness, reminding them that while people may make mistakes, they are still human and deserving of dignity. He mentored many, and countless colleagues have expressed how deeply he impacted their lives. One colleague shared, "I was so blessed to have crossed paths with John. He was a man of faith, a believer in forgiveness, and a good man. Because of him, I have never been ashamed to tell a friend I love them."

John raised his children grounded in faith, strong values, and an exceptional work ethic. He was blessed to see John Jr. graduate from UTRGV in December with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and looked forward to seeing Jacqueline graduate in December 2026 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a concentration in Biological Sciences. Though he will not be present to witness John Jr.'s journey to law school or Jacqueline's path to medical school, his family is confident he will be there in spirit. They are his legacy, and they will honor him well.

A devoted servant of God, John was active at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, where he led Catechist classes and mentored youth. His faith was not only spoken it was lived daily.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Yet we hold fast to the promise that we will be reunited one day. Until then, we take comfort in knowing he is rejoicing in Heaven with our Lord, reunited with his father, siblings, and loved ones who went before him. His legacy of faith, service, love, and compassion will continue to live on in all of us.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are John Davis Jr., Robert Davis Sr., Daniel Davis, Max Davis, Gilbert Davis, Robert Davis Jr., Joey Padilla, and Matthew Padilla.

Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral

Home. The family will receive guests on Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rosary at 7:00 p.m., and on Monday, February 16, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. at the Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace in Harlingen, Texas.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, departing the funeral home at 12:30 pm for a 1:00 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Harlingen, followed by interment at Ashland Memorial Park in Harlingen, Texas.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
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<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Rosary

FEB **15**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB **16**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

FEB 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Departure

FEB 17. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 17. 1:00 PM.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
Harlingen, TX

Burial

FEB 17 (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Hi John.

I'm here sitting and watching TV with mom and I'm thinking of you. I really miss you so much!! 😭 My life isn't the same anymore. The pain of losing you is so difficult. You were a ray of sunshine and your love was so pure and genuine. You were such a good brother and an awesome human being. You were also a great listener and a good advisor. Your way of "viewing" things or problems was an opportunity for growth and or lessons waiting to be learned. Your optimism was out of this world. You were truly an amazing person. No wonder GOD called you home. HE needed you to help someone else. There are still times I forget you are not here with us anymore. I remember when Hector had a dream about Dad and he shared it with me. I went to my phone to call you....and then I just stood there and stared at the phone in my hand....I realized I could not call you anymore!!! I cried and cried. I understand that you are in a better place and one day we will be together again but it hurts really bad. I love you baby!! I miss you!!! 🙏❤️🕊️

Say 🤝 to dad and give him a big kiss and a tight hug for me. I love you guys so , so much. Life will never be the way it was. We are missing 2 big pieces of our lives.

*Love and kisses
Your Sis, Diana*

Diana Davis-Sosa - April 17 at 04:26 PM

DD

“ Hi John

Wishing you a heavenly Happy Easter. You are truly missed ever day. We didn't get the time to really say goodbye...but I want to thank you for being a great little brother. Thank you for the memories we made. Until we are all together again.

*Your sis,
Diana*

Diana Davis-Sosa - April 06 at 12:32 AM

DD

“ Hi John,

*I cannot believe its been a month that you've been gone. It feels like it was just yesterday. I guess its a way that GOD keeps our mind in a cloud so that we can recover from our loss. My heart is broken because you left us too soon. It brings me some comfort that you are with your creator and daddy. We all miss you and daddy every day. Until we are all together again. 🙏💔🕊️
Love you baby!!*

*Your sis,
Diana*

Diana Davis-Sosa - March 11 at 12:34 PM

DD

“ I LOVE you baby!! I miss you so much!! Until we are together again!! 🙏💔🕊️

*Your broken hearted sis,
Diana*

Diana Davis-Sosa - February 28 at 07:36 PM

FP

“ Big John,

I miss you brother and feel truly blessed to have served under your command. Everything I've learned in my career including a lot of life lessons in general, has been because of you. I picked your brain for years because of your knowledge, both in regards to our profession and life lessons in general. Your ability to always provide wise guidance and your talent for helping people thrive in everything they did was always a gift.

I will miss our conversations, laughs, jokes, lunches, and section gatherings. I'll always remember taking breaks outside just to catch a breather and talk about cars, projects at home, health, and just staring out at the field talking about farming or farm equipment. I remember the mornings with tacos and coffee, getting ready to tackle the day the best we could. As a supervisor, you always guided us and supported us. You have always looked out for everyone's best interest, even when it wasn't what we wanted to hear. You were real, my friend, and for that I will always be grateful.

You were an amazing husband, father, brother, son, and friend. For years, talking about family I knew that you were a big part of what kept your family united and thriving. Just like me, I know they are blessed to have had you leading the way. Your ability to never judge or tear anyone down was inspiring. I know you have begun the next chapter of your life reunited with your loved ones and resting in paradise. Love you my friend.

I've said it time and time again....-Till the wheels fall off my brother.

Your friend Frank

Frank Perez - February 18 at 01:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John C. Davis Sr..*



February 15 at 09:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John C. Davis Sr..*



February 14 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of John C. Davis Sr..*



February 14 at 03:06 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you all I met John in the 3rd grade at Wilson we continued a friendship till I moved away in 91, Rest In Peace and continued prayers for the family*

Hector - February 14 at 10:53 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We went to Wilson Elementary school up through High School. He always knew how to make me laugh. You will be missed....Big John. 🥹

Mardi Harwell Hall - February 13 at 09:43 PM

DD

“ I miss you John. My life will never be the same without you. I pray you are resting in eternal peace and finally reunited with our Daddy. Now we have two guardian angels watching over us and guiding us every day. You will forever live in my heart!! I ❤️ you BABY!! Until we are together again!! 🙏💔🕊️

Diana Davis-Sosa - February 13 at 08:50 PM