



Jose Abel Cantu Sr.

December 4, 1951 - December 8, 2025

Jose Abel Cantu, Sr., 74, entered into eternal rest on December 8, 2025, in Harlingen, Texas, surrounded by his loving family.

A devoted public servant, Jose retired from the City of Harlingen after more than 20 years of dedicated service to his community. He was a man of deep faith, known for his strength, unwavering work ethic, and the genuine warmth he shared with everyone he met. Always smiling, Jose found joy in traveling with his family, spending meaningful time with his loved ones, and caring for his precious dog. His love for his family was the heart of who he was.

Jose is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Rosalva V. Cantu of Harlingen; his children, Jose Abel Cantu, Jr. (Yanamar) of Bacolod, Philippines, and Dr. Danira Vanessa Cantu of Harlingen; and his cherished grandchildren, Summer Jane P. Cantu and Danira Rose Cantu. He is also survived by his siblings: Lucy Quinones (Ventura), Santos H. Cantu (Elizabeth), Moises Cantu (Elsi), Adriano Kantun (Alma), Evelin Cantu, and Eline Lopez (Gabriel); as well as numerous nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adrian Cantu and Rosaura Chan, and by his brother, Victor M. Cantu.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with a service at 7:00 PM at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen, Texas.

Funeral services will take place on Thursday, December 11, 2025. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM at Templo Bethel Church, 916 W. Filmore, Harlingen, Texas. A Celebration of Life will begin at 1:00 PM with Pastor Rafael Rodriguez officiating, and the entombment will follow at Heavenly Grace Memorial Park in La Feria, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Jose Abel Cantu, Jr., Victor Manuel Cantu III, Regino Vaquera, Jacob Vaquera, Benjamin Vaquera, and Jonathan Kantun.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Dr. Todd Shenkenberg and his staff for their consistent care and kindness. The family is sincerely grateful to the nurses at Valley Baptist Medical Center for so lovingly attending to him during his time in their care.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen, Texas.

May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 9:00 AM (CT)

Templo Bethel
916 W. Filmore
Harlingen, TX 78550

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Templo Bethel
916 W. Filmore
Harlingen, TX 78550

Entombment

DEC 11 (CT)

Heavenly Grace Memorial Park
26873 White Ranch Rd.
La Feria, TX 78559
(956) 797-5614

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our most sincere condolences to your family. Family is in our prayers. — Margarito & Virginia Rodriguez, Seguin Tx*

Virginia F Rodriguez - December 11, 2025 at 09:05 AM

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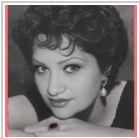
“ *WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY MS. ROSIE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FROM RAMOS ALVAREZ FAMILY - SANTA LUCIA AND MARGIE*

MARGIE RAMOS - December 10, 2025 at 03:25 PM

MH

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family our brother in law worked with him with the City for many years God Bless from the Hernandez, Guadalupe Cantu ,Gonzalez*

Maria Hernandez - December 10, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *Hno. Cantu. I remember him when my mother and I attended Bethel Harlingen church. Very nice quiet hard-working man of God. He loved his children and his wife! Now his race is done. He fought the GOOD fight! He heard the words: "WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT! ENTER INTO THE JOY OF THE LORD!"*

Beatriz Egbenoma - December 10, 2025 at 02:28 PM

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“ *Elisandra Medellin and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jose Abel Cantu Sr..*



Elisandra Medellin and Family - December 10, 2025 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Linda Contreras purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jose Abel Cantu Sr..*



Linda Contreras - December 10, 2025 at 10:20 AM

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“ *Linda Contreras planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Abel Cantu Sr..*

Linda Contreras - December 10, 2025 at 10:20 AM