



Jose P. "Joe" Hinojosa

March 15, 1941 - June 10, 2022

Rev. Jose P. Hinojosa, Sr., 81, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Friday, June 10, 2022. He was born to Pedro and Maria Hinojosa on March 15, 1941. He attended Rio Hondo High School, where he graduated in 1960, and was a member of the Mighty Bobcat football team. He played in the first ever Homecoming game in 1958. He was voted Most Handsome, and Most Popular during his high school years. But his most memorable experience in high school would have to have been when he was sitting in American History class one day and saw a beautiful girl walk by the doorway, his first thought was, "I am going to marry that girl one day." That beautiful girl would one day become his girlfriend and later his wife for 61 years.

Jose served in the U.S. Army right after high school from 1961 till 1967, after basic training he married the love of his life, Irene Quintanilla, on his 20th birthday on March 15, 1961. He was stationed in Korea, West Germany and bases in the United States. Upon receiving his honorable discharge Jose and Irene settled in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he began an apprenticeship training with the US Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center which he would complete in May 1972. Upon completion he was recognized as a Journeyman Aircraft Engine Mechanic. During this apprenticeship he was officially commended by the Department of the Army for submitting a suggestion that resulted in design and fabrication of a plugging plate for air testing T53 Inlet Housings. Eventually he would begin his own business,

Buyers Quality Service. He would repair appliances and had obtained all the warranty contracts for the Western Auto stores in the area. He would also sell appliances in his business office.

On one night in July, 1976, while watching the 700 Club with Pat Robertson, Jose gave his life to Christ and was never the same again. He would, one day, feel the calling to start a ministry in Rio Hondo. He sold his business and his house and moved his family to begin the new ministry which was called Faith In Christ Fellowship Church. He served as pastor from 1979 until his last breath. He loved Jesus Christ and would share the plan of salvation with whom ever he came in contact.

While living in Rio Hondo, Jose worked at General Dynamics and later was the Director of Operations/Transportation for the Rio Hondo ISD.

During football season you would find him under those "Friday Night Lights" watching the Rio Hondo Bobcats. He would follow the Bobcats and enjoyed sitting with his old friends and reminiscing of their old glory days on the football field. In 2018, he organized a reunion for the 60th Anniversary of the 1st ever Homecoming game.

Jose is survived by his loving family, wife of 61 years, Irene Q. Hinojosa, three daughters; Gloria (Omero+) Reyes, Elizabeth Hinojosa, Diana (Lionel) Campbell all of Rio Hondo and his only son; Joe P. (Billie Jo) Hinojosa, Jr. of Burleson, Tx. He was such a proud grandpa to; Ashley Hinojosa, Joe P. Hinojosa, III, and Jordan Hinojosa of Burleson, Tx.; Tzipporah Campbell, Hadassah Campbell and Azenath Campbell all of Rio Hondo. Jose was little brother to Estela Hinojosa and Manuela (Johnny) Rodriguez both of Rio Hondo. He is also survived by a niece whom he considered like daughter; Sylvia (Eddie) Garza. Dear to his heart was his praise and worship leader for over 30 years whom he considered like a daughter; Edna Q. Claus.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 from 3pm till 9pm with a prayer service at 7pm at the Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace. A funeral chapel service will take place on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 1pm and departure to Mont Meta Cemetery will be immediately following with Military Honors under

the auspices of American Legion Post #205.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are; Lionel Campbell, Joe P. Hinojosa, III, Jordan Hinojosa, Jacob Garza, Roque Rodriguez, and Lorenzo Villanueva.

We would like to give special thanks to our dear, special friend, Dr. Suja Perakathu and special neighbor, Chuck (Charlie) Dorham for always being there for us and supporting our husband and father. We would, also, like to thank Dr. Stephanie Garcia, Dr. Sarhill and Dr. Yardley for the medical care they gave.

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

Cemetery Details

Mont Meta Memorial Park

26170 Texas 345
San Benito, TX 78586
(956) 399-3097

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
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Prayer Service

JUN 14. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

JUN 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BG

“ I knew Joe for a long time he knew since I was little. He also knew my dad Frank Garcia Jr and my Heavenly mom Rosie Guerra Garcia. He was a good friend and will be remembered. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers to his family. Rest In Peace Joe. God Bless You. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Brenda Lee Guerra Garcia - June 16, 2022 at 11:21 PM

LH

“ Joe contacted me asking me to attend the RHHS Homecoming game and as the first RHHS Homecoming Queen in 1958. He asked that I crown the newest Homecoming Queen. Due to prior commitments I was unable to attend. Joe was instrumental in making certain the flowers I ordered for the ceremony were delivered to his home and taken to the game. Joe and Irene were truly givers and their kindness and Christian values were always present. Blessings and prayers to all who loved Joe. He made the world a better place for all of us! Lila (Earley) Hamann.

Lila Hamann - June 15, 2022 at 01:57 PM

HB

I played Football in High school with Joe,,, and he told me about helping him at quarterbacking... I talked to joe for over 60 years about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.. enjoyed out talks and love for one another and family with RHHS and friends.. God bless his family.. God loves them and so do I
H.L. Buster Baird class of 1958

H.L. Buster Baird - June 15, 2022 at 02:23 PM



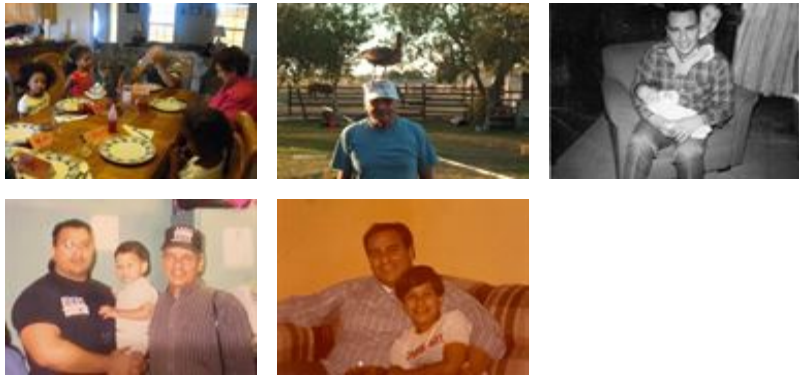
“ Love The Claus Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jose P. "Joe" Hinojosa.



Love The Claus Family - June 14, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ 44 files added to the album Life Tributes



Rudy Garza Funeral Home - June 13, 2022 at 08:35 PM

JA

“ I first met Joe in Junior High School in Rio Hondo in 1952 and we went to school together through High School. Joe was a great athlete and especially excelled at football. More importantly Joe was a great person and always had kind words to say about everyone.

I'm sorry to say that I did not know he had cancer even though we talked regularly on the telephone. He kept me up to date on the happenings in Rio Hondo sports and particularly football. He and I were fond of reminiscing about the game against Lyford at the first homecoming held in Rio Hondo in 1958 and that we beat Lyford even though we were the underdogs. He was fond of saying he made such great runs because of the holes Jack Wagner and I opened for him on the right side of the line. I jokingly reminded him it was really because he was so elusive because he didn't want to get hit. Needless to say to stories got better with each passing year.

I offer my sincerest condolences to Irene and family. Rest in the promise that we will see him again as we gather with Jesus in Heaven

Jerome Allen (Class of 1959)

Jerome Allen - June 13, 2022 at 05:31 PM

SO

“ Supervisors at Harlingen Resident Office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jose P. "Joe" Hinojosa.



Supervisors at Harlingen Resident Office - June 13, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Rudy Garza Funeral Home - June 13, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jose P. "Joe" Hinojosa.*



June 13, 2022 at 08:25 AM

DC

“ *My heart is broken, yet I am so blessed to have had you in my life. My life changed over 38 years ago when you asked me to trust you and I became a child of God and allowed Him to guide my life. I can never repay what you so freely offered through the plan of salvation. I will do my very best to honor your memory for the rest of my natural life with all you taught me. Love you always, Dr. Edna Quintana Claus*

Dr. Edna Quintana Claus - June 12, 2022 at 06:34 PM