



## Jose Cruz Tapia

April 3, 1934 - January 19, 2025

Jose Cruz Tapia, age 90, entered into rest on January 19, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. A devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother, he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his five children: Flor Valdez (Mario), Mario Arturo Tapia (Ariana), Norma Cortez (Sonny), Leticia Mendez (Raul), and Patricia Tapia, all of Harlingen, Texas. Also cherishing his memory are seven grandchildren: Deborah Sanchez, Cristina Valdez, Alyssa Nicole Tapia, Sonny Cortez Jr., Fabian Cortez, Miranda Mendez, and John Patrick Delgado, as well as five great-grandchildren: Cristopher De La Fuente, Adrian Sanchez, Ian Sanchez, Cadence Sanchez, and Amara Cortez. He is also survived by his two beloved sisters, Consuelo Andrade and Juanita Bernal of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Jose was preceded in death by his wife, Maria Tapia, three brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 27, 2025, from 1:00 pm until 9:00 pm, with a rosary at 7:00 pm at the Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace in Harlingen. The funeral service will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 10:00 am with Deacon Catarino officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in La Feria, Texas.

Pallbearers will include John Patrick Delgado, Fabian Cortez, Mario Valdez, Jesse Salazar, Luis Martinez, and Daniel Andrade. Honorary pallbearers are Sonny Cortez Jr., Adrian Sanchez, and Cristopher De La Fuente.

Jose had many pastimes that brought him joy, including playing dominoes, shooting pool, telling jokes, watching boxing matches, attending the Harlingen High School Cardinal football games on Friday nights, and also enjoyed retelling the story of winning 3rd place in a bicycle race. However, above all, he cherished the time spent with his family, and his presence will be sorely missed.

Jose Cruz Tapia's warm heart, sense of humor, and love for his family will be remembered fondly by all who had the honor of knowing him.

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

# Previous Events

## Burial

JAN 28 (CT)

Restlawn Memorial Park  
14166 U.S. 83 Business  
La Feria, TX 78559  
(956) 797-2322

# Tribute Wall



“ Daniel y Sylvia Andrade planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jose Cruz Tapia.

Daniel y Sylvia Andrade - January 27, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ Daniel y Sylvia Andrade purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jose Cruz Tapia.



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jose Cruz Tapia.



January 26, 2025 at 12:56 AM