



Jose Francisco Vela

August 29, 1950 - February 15, 2017

Harlingen - José Francisco Vela, 66, surrounded by his family, went to live with the Lord on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at VBMC in Harlingen. He was born August 29, 1950 in Harlingen to Salvador Sr. and Lupita Vela of Harlingen. He is preceded in death by his parents, his son, Jose Casas-Vela, his brother Abie Vela, nephew, Abie Vela and sister, Blanca Estela Vela. Left to cherish his memories are his wife Gracie Guadiana Vela and son Frank Vela.; his siblings Alma Vela (deceased Toby Vela), Irma/Abel Quintanilla, Christina/Virgil García, Maricella/Joe Olmos, Sal, Jr. /Patty Vela, Dora (deceased Abie) Vela, Dody/Jesse Torres, Eduardo/Eva Vela, Walter Vela, and Roland/Yvonne Vela; also 38 nephews and nieces, and 54 great grand nephews and nieces, and a great number of cousins and friends.

Frankie was a gifted guitarist and singer who enjoyed entertaining and leading family and friends in singing. He was also a natural on the piano. Fishing with family and friends brought him much happiness. A favorite pastime of his was barbecuing, and he was known for his delicious brisket. He was a charitable person, who had a ready smile and warm, firm handshake for everyone he met. In his younger years, he was a baseball player (pitcher) for city leagues and at Harlingen H.S., where he graduated in 1970. He retired from TimeWarner after 21 years of dedicated service,

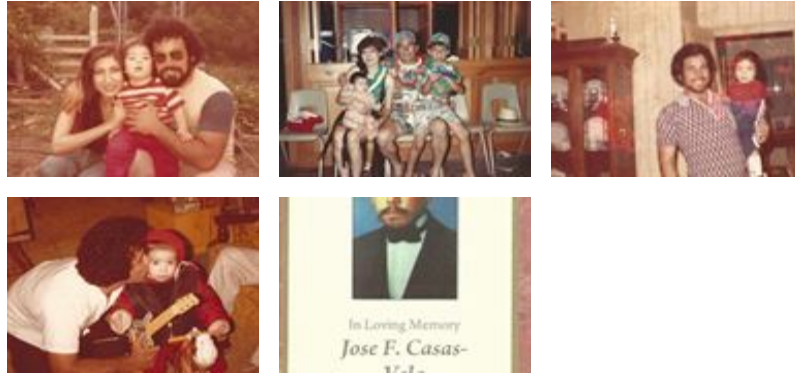
We would like to extend our gratitude to all the caring staff of the NICU at Valley Baptist Medical Center and all the prayers and support from family and friends.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 18th at Rudy Garza Funeral Home from 12 pm - 4 pm for family members; 4 pm - 9 pm for friends, with a prayer service at 7 pm. All services will conclude this evening.

Tribute Wall



“ 18 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Rudy Garza Funeral Home - February 18, 2017 at 09:48 AM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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“ *Gilbert/RosaLinda C. Galvan lit a candle in memory of Jose Francisco Vela*



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*Our most sincere Condolences. We are so sad to hear of your lost Gracie. Gilbert has such fond memories of Frankie. Gilbert and Frankie were childhood friends. The Fair Park Kids.
God Bless you and your family
Gilbert/Linda Cortez Galvan*

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