



Locadio "Lucky" Guzman Jr.

March 4, 1938 - February 12, 2025

LOCADIO L. GUZMAN JR, age 86, entered the Lord's heavenly kingdom on Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

He was born on March 4, 1938, in Mercedes, Texas to loving parents, Leocadio Guzman Sr., and Andrea Lynch Guzman. Though his parents' marriage was short lived, he lived most of his life with his mother Andrea and stepdad Isidro Castillo. His mother Andrea L. Castillo and Isidro Castillo welcomed four daughters, Connie C. Wright, Lupe C. Rodriguez (Lupita), Maria Isidra C. Cavazos (Cindy) and Maricela C. Abrego. His father Leocadio Guzman Sr. remarried too, and welcomed two daughters, Guadalupe G. Guerrero (Lupita) and Dionila G. Munzler (Nila). Therefore, our father was blessed with six loving sisters.

The only boy in the family, he grew up in Mercedes, TX and was known for going up North living the life of a migrant to support his stepdad Isidro Castillo and mother Andrea L. Castillo in helping provide financial support for the family. He did not complete school but later became a foreman with Valley Steel & Pipe Company in Harlingen, TX.

What stood out about our father Locadio L. Guzman (Lucky) was that he was a prideful man, hardworking and loved all his children. He also dedicated himself to God by becoming a pastor for the Church of Christ for many years

until health began to affect him. He had a wonderful way of praying for all people and his children with all his heart both near and far.

Our father was a man of simple pleasures. A cup of coffee each day, sitting in his recliner in his favorite bermuda shorts by the main door looking outside to see who had come, that was our dad. Outside of work, our father enjoyed taking the family shopping, on local road trips, to Progreso, flea markets, the zoo, and the beach. In weekends, growing up he would take us to visit our grandpa Ramon Perez (Papa) and Grandma Vicenta C. Perez (Mama), aunts and uncles on our mom's side of the family in Donna, Texas where we would meet with our cousins, leaving us with great memories. We also would visit with our grandfather Leocadio Guzman Sr., aunts, uncles, and other cousins on his side of the family. On his free time, he was a total movie fanatic, we watched so many movies and game shows together, he heard music that we learned to enjoy like Elvis, the Beatles, Vicente Fernandez, Country music like Don Williams, Mickey Gilly, Crystal Gayle, Alabama to name a few and when he was in the quiet mood he'd sit at the dining table reading the bible and begin working on his new sermon for church. In his older years, he became interested in coloring books, and making jokes, I think after repeatedly watching the shows "Nosotros Los Guapos" and "El Chavo" they influenced humor in him. We loved the new him because he was always so serious when we grew up.

We will always remember how Dad loved looking spectacular, he loved looking sharp, nicely groomed, and always smelling great. He was so particular in his choice of dressing, was a collector of caps too, especially those with an "Eagle" or an American Flag on them. He also was always well shaven as if his image was a priority in making him feel joy. Locadio's impact on those around him was profound. He taught us the importance of God in our daily lives and showed us the importance of education to better our lives as he did not want us to work in the fields as he had.

In his final days, as we sat by his bedside, Dad's quiet strength never wavered. He faced the end with the same grace and dignity with which he had lived his life. His last words to us were, "Take care of yourselves." Simple, yet profound – just like Dad.

As we say goodbye to our father, brother, and friend "Locadio L. Guzman Jr.," let us remember him for his heart and dedication to God and to all those lives he touched and made a difference in. His legacy will live on through us following his lead in dedicating ourselves in our relationship with God.

Locadio leaves behind his loving family to cherish his wonderful memory, his loving wife of 55 years Maria Perez Guzman ; children, Stella Guzman Moreno (Ramiro), Glandy Guzman Delgado (Godfrey), Alex Guzman (Lorie), Esmeralda Perez Guzman; children with his former spouse, Ellen Cano Bowden (Harvey), Jimmy C. Guzman (Christina); grandchildren, Joey Guzman, Ramsey Isaiah Moreno, Roslynn Starr Moreno, Juan Locadio Ybarra III (John), Justin Jacob Ybarra, Katalina Guzman (Kati), Alejandro Guzman, Priscilla Guzman, Thomas Guzman, Troy Guzman, Rafael Lorenzo Rangel (Ralphy), Christopher Angel Guzman, Christina Sunshine Tullos; great-grandchildren, Sabrina Kay Salazar, Angelina Nichole Salazar, Roberto Guajardo, Mckayla Marie Guajardo, Arturo Salazar, Hailey Rae Segovia, Elise Rose Velasquez, Khaled Dior Velasquez, King Alexander Guzman, numerous other relatives & friends that will miss him dearly.

He is also survived by his sisters, Lupe Rodriguez (Lupita), Connie Wright, Maricela Abrego, Maria Isidra Cavazos (Cindy), Guadalupe G. Guerrero (Lupita), Dionila G. Munzler (Nila).

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leocadio Guzman Sr., Andrea Lynch

Castillo, and Isidro Castillo.

Dad, you will be deeply missed but never forgotten. Your love, your laughter, and your spirit will forever be a part of us. Rest in peace.

Friends and family are invited to gather in remembrance of Locadio (Lucky) at Rudy Garza Funeral Home 1702 E Harrison Ave, Harlingen, TX 78550 on Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM, with a Prayer Service by Ministerio Amor De Cristo Kairos Pastors Ramiro and Zulema Cantu scheduled at 7:00 PM.

Funeral services will continue Monday, February 17, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery 14166 US-83 BUS, La Feria, TX 78559.

Honored to serve as Locadio's pallbearers will be Godfrey Delgado Jr, Ramiro Moreno, Garrison Guzman, Ramsey Isaiah Moreno, Juan L. Ybarra III (John) and Justin J. Ybarra

With profound love and remembrance, the family of Locadio L. Guzman Jr's family have entrusted his funeral arrangements to Rudy Garza Funeral Home, 1702 E Harrison Ave, Harlingen, TX 78550, (956) 425-8200, rgfhtx@aol.com.

Previous Events

Burial

FEB 17 (CT)

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