



Lupe Hernandez

December 12, 1953 - August 11, 2020

Lupe Hernandez, at 66 years of age, departed to heaven on August 11, 2020. Born in Corsicana, Texas on December 12, 1953, to his parents Fidel Hernandez and Regina Hernandez, he was raised as the oldest son of his siblings: Santos Hernandez of San Antonio, Carolina Lopez (Jose) of Mercedes, Dalia Salinas (David) of Mercedes, Angie Perez of Mercedes, and Tina Perez (Dayton) of Harlingen. Those who knew him would describe him as a devoted father to his sons Eli Hernandez, from Brownsville, Tx and Isaac Hernandez, from Edinburg, Tx. He was always available for his sons and would call to check on them every day. He made it a priority in life to let them know how much he loved them and guided them to be upstanding men as husbands and fathers. Lupe was a very caring father-in-law to Maria Cristina Gonzalez Hernandez (Isaac) and Erika Arredondo (Eli). Lupe led by example as an excellent father, son, grandfather, brother, father-in-law, and loyal friend. He valued spending time with all of his family, and his greatest joy was playing with his grandchildren and showing them how much he loved them. His grandchildren: Joanna Faith Hernandez, Isaac Evan Hernandez, Honalee Nen Hernandez, Eli Hernandez II, and Mason Hernandez, were his greatest pride & he loved them unconditionally. As a lifelong resident of Mercedes, he was well-respected in town. He was a very charming and approachable man who could quickly make friends and acquaintances with people he encountered. Lupe was a great listener and good at giving advice about life. Coming from migrant farm workers, he went on to fulfill his father's ambition for his children

to have a better opportunity for a successful future through education. Lupe was the first in his family to graduate from college, where he earned a Bachelor's degree at Pan American University. He began his career as a teacher where he taught for 13 years at La Villa ISD and continued at Santa Maria ISD for 20 years. After his retirement from teaching he worked as a car salesman at several dealerships and sold different types of insurance. He was smart, hard-working, and a people person. Lupe had many passions and joys in life. He loved drinking coffee & going out to eat at restaurants, and often gave recommendations for good places to eat. He enjoyed making food for his family and often had them over for barbacoa in the morning, or to share brisket in the afternoon that he smoked the night before. Lupe loved to shop and he frequented flea markets, always on the hunt for a great bargain. Generally, Lupe loved visiting new places and catching up with friends. He loved sports and was a great fan of the Dallas Cowboys. As a season ticket holder for the Mercedes Tigers, he would attend every football game and looked forward to the annual Tigers Vs Jackets rivalry. He was also a fan of the San Antonio Spurs and attended games on occasion with his family. Lupe will be highly missed by his family and friends. He is at peace drinking coffee with his mother and father, catching up after quite some time. He is watching over his loved ones from heaven and meeting the ones he never got a chance to meet. Viewing will be held at Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes on Tuesday August 18, 2020. Public visitation will be from 1 pm-8 pm, and rosary will be at 6pm. Mass will take place Wednesday August 19, at 11 am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Mercedes with interment to follow at Mercedes Restlawn Cemetery. Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes Texas.

Cemetery Details

Mercedes Memorial Restlawn Cemetery

301 Jose Cantu Rd.
Mercedes, TX
(956) 565-9552

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Tribute Wall

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“*Lupe and Mom were cousins, and I have the greatest memories as a child of seeing Lupe come by and say hello to Mom and play with my youngest brother. When Dad was in the Nursing home, he always came by to give Mom encouraging words and laugh a little. I remember him sharing about teacher retirement, and working after that, he was so happy and we were proud to have family that worked so hard to have a better life. Thank you Lupe for being there for me when my husband passed 6 months ago, it meant alot. May you have eternal rest, and my condolences to all your family.*”



Susanna Escobedo - August 18, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“*Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lupe Hernandez.*”



August 17, 2020 at 11:58 PM

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“*Lupe was the best brother-in-law you could have. He was more like my big brother. He was always available to lend a helping hand, and did it without a second thought. We enjoyed the friendly Tigers vs Jackets football games. If my beloved Jackets losing 6 years in a row to his Tigers made him a little happier, then it was well worth it. He was so thoughtful, and giving. There was always a Christmas gift from him. I will always cherish my memories of him. He was a great son, a great brother, a great father, a great father-in-law, and most importantly, a wonderful grandfather. I am blessed to be married to his sister, and for having him as a brother-in-law for the past 36 years. May God keep you by his side cuñado. Until we meet again, I love you, and miss you.*”

David Salinas - August 15, 2020 at 05:16 PM

GJ

He was a great teacher in Santa Maria school he was t teacher 4 my 3 sons Damian Kevin n Nathan Rojas miss u Gilberto Rojas jr

Gilberto Rojas jr - September 02, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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“*Condolences to the Hernandez Family from his Compadre Hector Garza and Family. May he RIP.*”

HECTOR GARZA - August 15, 2020 at 01:44 PM

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“ *Lupe was the best father in law any one could have. While as wife to his oldest son Eli Hernandez he helped me grow to see there was more to life. I learned to drive cut the grass.. to desire more in life and realise life was to small behind closed doors.. Although my children missed out in many family events Lupe never forgot my Honalee or my Eli which I know he Love with all his life. Lupe with much respect I love you and your departure hurt even me. But more the children. You will be missed and remembered always and forever.*

Always and for ever



Sandra Quintero - August 15, 2020 at 12:22 AM

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“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Lupe was a great friend of our family. He was my coworker at La Villa ISD and my rival during football season - Yellow Jackets vs Mercedes Tigers. You'll be greatly missed!* 🙏❤️😭

Raul and Mari Lozano - August 14, 2020 at 10:39 PM

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“ *Bel lit a candle in memory of Lupe Hernandez*



Bel - August 13, 2020 at 09:46 PM