



Marco A. Candanoza

February 12, 1940 - June 27, 2026

Marco Anibal Candanoza, 86, passed away on June 27, 2026, leaving behind a family that was, and always will be, his greatest love and his proudest joy. He was born on February 12, 1940, in El Porvenir, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Marco's story is, at its heart, an American one. In 1955, at just fifteen years old, he came to the United States as a migrant worker alongside his parents and eleven siblings. Together they traveled across North America, following the harvests and picking whatever crop was in season. In between, Marco took on any odd job he could find, determined to bring something extra home to his family. Hard work was not something he learned later in life — it was the ground he stood on from the very beginning.

It was during these years that he met the love of his life, Consuelo "Connie." They married when Marco was twenty and Connie was nineteen, the beginning of a partnership that would last 65 years. Side by side, the young couple continued working the fields across the country, until the day Marco decided it was time to bet on himself — and on the two of them. In 1973, that decision led him to found Action Fence Co., a residential fence installation business he started from the ground up. What began as one man's gamble became a cornerstone of his community, and Action Fence served families for more than fifty years. In its final chapter, the business passed into the hands of his son Mark, who has carried his father's name and craftsmanship forward

for the last seventeen years — a legacy built by Marco's hands and entrusted to the next generation.

Marco was, above all, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. The family he and Connie raised was the truest measure of the life he built.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Consuelo "Connie" (Galvan) Candanoza; his three children, Monica Lynne Johnson (Jose Johnson III), Mark Lee Candanoza (Chuy Angelo), and Myra Lynette Martinez (Ricardo Martinez); his six grandchildren, Marlissa Alannah Candanoza, Cristina Ariel Dickerson (Jaboris Dickerson), Katrina Marie Johnson, Sydney Lorraine Martinez, Diego Esteban Johnson, and Elijah Andrew Martinez; and his great-grandson, Noah Alexander Dickerson. He is also survived by his sisters, Guillermina Gamez (Omar Gamez), Mary Gantt (Kenny Gantt), and Rosalinda Roemer (Billy Roemer), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who loved him dearly.

Visitation will begin Friday, July 3, 2026 at 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM and a rosary will be prayed at 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 4, 2026 departing the Rudy Garza Funeral Home at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and burial will follow at Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery. Honored to serve as pallbearers are Diego Johnson, Elijah Martinez, Reynaldo Galvan, Eric Roemer, Hector Juarez and Fidencio Gonzalez and honorary pallbearers are Marlissa Alannah Candanoza, Katrina Marie Johnson, Cristina Ariel Dickerson and Sydney Lorraine Martinez.

Marco Candanoza leaves behind a legacy of grit, devotion, and quiet determination — the kind of man who built a life and a name through nothing but faith, family, and the work of his own two hands. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Cemetery Details

Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery

21037 Godwin Rd
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-2939
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com/ashland>

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-8200
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Rosary

JUL 3. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
412 S C St.
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 423-0855