



## Maria Mendez

April 17, 1936 - December 12, 2025

Maria Mendez of Harlingen, Texas was called home by the Lord on Friday, December 12, 2025 at the age of 89. She was born in Santa Monica (Los Potreritos Ranch) April 17, 1936 to Eulalio and Angelita Mendez. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jose Maria Guadalupe Villarreal; 8 siblings, Juanita Garcia, Eynes Mendez, Lupita Mendez, Enemencio "Mencho" Mendez, Eulogio Mendez, Raul Mendez, Eulalio Mendez, Jr., and Antonia Mendez.

Maria is survived by her loving family, daughter, Elida Gonzalez; sons, Danny Gonzalez and Albertico Mendez (Catherine Weir); 5 grandchildren, Rocky Gonzalez (Casey), Joey Gonzalez, Tony Gonzalez (Lisa), Daniel Gonzalez, Jr. (Jennifer Cavazos), and Tiffany Elizarraraz (Simi); great grandchildren, Mac, Ian, Brooks, Leandra, Melody, TM, and Rocky Jr.; 2 brothers, Ezekiel Mendez and Francisco "Pancho" Mendez. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Visitation will be held at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 from 2:00 PM until 9PM with the holy rosary to be prayed at 6:00 PM. Visitation will resume at the funeral home on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM followed by a funeral service at 1:00 PM. A funeral procession will guide us to Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in La Feria for burial.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen  
1702 E Harrison Ave  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 425-8200  
rgfhtx@aol.com  
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

## Rosary

DEC 17. 6:00 PM (CT)

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1702 E Harrison Ave  
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## Funeral Service

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DEC 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bobby and Terri Zepeda purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Maria Mendez.



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**Bobby and Terri Zepeda** - December 16, 2025 at 09:16 PM

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“ Bobby and Terri Zepeda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Mendez.

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**Bobby and Terri Zepeda** - December 16, 2025 at 09:16 PM

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“ Eva, chris, and Carlos Chipps purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maria Mendez.



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**Eva, chris, and Carlos Chipps** - December 16, 2025 at 10:09 AM