



## Pastor Aniceto Garza

April 17, 1935 - August 27, 2024

Pastor Aniceto Garza of Harlingen, was born to the late Jose Garza and Manuela Betancourt Garza April 17, 1935 in Woodsboro, Texas.

Pastor Garza was ordained in 1961. He graduated from the Instituto Biblico Bautista Mexicano in San Antonio the previous year. His desire was to start an Independent Baptist Church.

He came to the Rio Grande Valley in the summer of 1968 and established Iglesia Bautista Berea. He served as a pastor until God took him Home. He not only served as an Evangelist traveling to Mexico and Central America in the 70's and 80's, but also had a Spanish radio ministry that reached most of Mexico.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife of 64 years, Amalia C. Garza; his daughter, Celeste Garza and 2 grandchildren, Laura Oliver (Johnny) and John Beebe III (Jennifer Islas).

He is preceded in death by his son in law, Lonnie Schnepf.

Visitation will be held Sunday, September 1, 2024 beginning at 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM, a prayer service will begin at 6:00 PM.

Funeral services will be on Monday, September 2, 2024 at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home Chapel of Peace at 9:30 AM the procession will depart the

funeral home at 10:30 AM for burial at Mont Meta Cemetery.

Funeral services are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen.

# Cemetery Details

## Mont Meta Memorial Park

26170 Texas 345  
San Benito, TX 78586  
(956) 399-3097

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 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>

## Prayer Service

SEP 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral

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SEP 2. 9:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ So glad the LORD JESUS CHRIST has taken him home and will be so glad to get to see my father that was a participant in bringing him here to serve the LORD. MJLozano

Mary Jane Lozano - December 27, 2024 at 04:33 PM

JV

“ John, Rodney, Denise, Vivian & Vanessa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Pastor Aniceto Garza.



John, Rodney, Denise, Vivian & Vanessa - August 30, 2024 at 09:10 PM

GT

“ Graciela Leal n Family SA, Tx. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pastor Aniceto Garza.



Graciela Leal n Family SA, Tx. - August 30, 2024 at 02:44 PM

FC

“ *Jeremiah 3:15*

*New Living Translation*

*15 "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will guide you with knowledge and understanding."*

*Father God, blessed be Thy Holy Name. I thank You for the life of Rev. Aniceto Garza.*

*I met brother when I was a child in the original church, Iglesia Bautista Berea. My family and I knew him as Él hermano Garza. Brother Garza dedicated his life to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Serving the Lord faithfully and undeterred, no matter what came his way, finishing the race God set before him. He was a man of strong faith, a spiritual man after God's own heart, always giving of himself to whomever needed him. He baptized my parents and led me in the prayer of salvation. I considered him my spiritual father, taking the time to disciple me in the Word of God. The world lost a godly man but the Kingdom gained another saint. May the peace of Christ be with the Garza family. Until I see you again my beloved brother - Felipe Cardenas and Family.*

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**Felipe Cardenas** - August 30, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Pastor Aniceto Garza.*



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August 29, 2024 at 10:28 PM

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“ Brother Garza was a Pastor dedicated to living a life that exemplified God's mercy and grace. He was in my life from my infancy and throughout my youth and young adulthood. Beneath his quiet meek manner, was a man of true love for the gospel and the lost. He was not perfect, he would be the first to admit that, but he was ever kind, forgiving and gentle. The lesson he taught that I carry to this day is, "Meekness isn't weakness, it is power under control." My deepest condolences to his family, loved ones and those of my home church Iglesia Bautista Berea

*Edith Martinez Thompson*

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**Edith Martinez- Thompson** - August 28, 2024 at 05:59 PM

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*I will remember Hermano Garza as a sweet, compassionate man of God. He took me to several of their family outings and treated me as his own. I was very young but yet understood his teachings. I will forever be thankful to God for putting this great man in my family's path.*

*Edith Alejo-Castillo*

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**Edith Castillo** - August 28, 2024 at 09:44 PM