



Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales

September 2, 1961 - May 27, 2025

Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales, age 63, entered into Heaven on May 27, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on September 2, 1961, in Los Indios, Texas, Tony was the beloved son of the late Abelino Canales and Maria Isabel Hernandez.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Benito Canales. He is survived by his devoted wife and best friend of 41 years, Norma D. Canales; his two sons, Michael Canales and Matthew Canales; two sisters, Blanca Garza (David) and Dora Longoria (Valerio); and numerous nieces and nephews who will forever cherish his memory.

To his sons, Tony was more than a father—he was a role model, mentor, and their greatest supporter. Charismatic and outgoing, Tony poured his heart into giving them the best life possible. His love was unwavering, and his guidance enduring. He taught them to live with compassion, humility, and faith, always encouraging them to dream boldly and pursue life with confidence.

Tony's life was grounded in his deep faith in God. He served faithfully for many years as a Catechist at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and participated in numerous ACTS Retreats, later serving as a dedicated ACTS Team Member. His devotion to the Church and community was a reflection of his selfless nature and desire to help others grow in their spiritual journey.

To his friends and peers, Tony will be remembered as a generous, resilient, and ambitious man of great integrity. He had a gift for connecting with people, making friends everywhere he went with his warm smile and infectious sense of humor. Loyal, empathetic, and trustworthy, Tony was the kind of man others could always count on. He mentored many and lived his life in service to others, never expecting anything in return.

Tony's legacy will live on in the countless lives he touched and the memories shared with his family—particularly the cherished vacations and trips to South Padre Island. Tony was also a great cook and loved grilling for his family and friends, everything he grilled was delicious. His laughter, faith, and unconditional love will forever be remembered.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 30, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Rudy Garza Funeral Home, with a rosary at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025, departing the funeral home at 11:00 AM for a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery.

Though he may be gone from this world, Tony's light, love, and legacy will continue to shine through all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Funeral

MAY **31**. 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MR

“ All I can say is, if Tony was as good of father, brother, mentor & friend as he was a classmate.....then he will be truly missed...RIP my San Benito classmate....Condolences to your family....

Michael Rene Ramirez - June 02, 2025 at 12:28 AM

MM

“ Our deepest condolences to Norma and sons, especially Matthew who I dearly love, and his mot her-in-law, Beatriz Dominguez, who dearly loved Tony, may God be with you all at this sad time. Ou r thoughts snd prayers are with you all.

Maria Olivia & Al Mejorado - June 01, 2025 at 04:27 AM

SC

“ Memories I have so many. I will always cherish the ones when we go to the valley to see family. I will always cherish him and his beautiful wife who came to Houston for my 15 and enjoyed the night with our family. You will be missed but your healed and now watch over your family. Give all the family up there a big hug for me. Love you

Sophia Canales - May 30, 2025 at 08:19 PM

SM

“ Santiago A. Mota purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales.



Santiago A. Mota - May 30, 2025 at 07:57 PM

SM

“ Santiago A. Mota planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales.

Santiago A. Mota - May 30, 2025 at 07:57 PM

MA

“ Mr. C passing away, had hit harder than I expected. He wasn't just a great supervisor—He was the one who believed in me before I believed in myself when I started my job with MSA. He taught me how to trust my judgment, how to lead with patience, and how to speak up when it mattered. What started as a working relationship slowly turned into a real friendship. After He left the job, we stayed close—always checking in, and He was always rooting for me, that's just the type of person he was. Losing him feels like losing a a great friend. I'll carry his lessons with me, always. He will be missed dearly. I pray God grants his family strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Melissa Aguilar - May 30, 2025 at 07:29 PM

GC

“ Gallagher Construction planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales.

Gallagher Construction - May 30, 2025 at 11:04 AM

GC

“ Gallagher Construction purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales.



Gallagher Construction - May 30, 2025 at 11:04 AM

MG

“ Tony’s infectious smile will never be forgotten. To his family— my condolences. May God be with you and comfort you.

From Tony’s San Benito high school classmate, Mary Isabel Gonzales



m Gonzales - May 29, 2025 at 11:26 PM

MN

“ My deepest felt condolences to Tony's circle of love. My heart goes out to his wife and children.



Mati Nieto - May 29, 2025 at 05:28 PM

HH

“ Hillcrest Tortillas, Inc. Hebbroville purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales.



Hillcrest Tortillas, Inc. Hebbroville - May 29, 2025 at 02:09 PM

FT

“ From Ryan Peters and MSA Circuit TX-07 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales.



From Ryan Peters and MSA Circuit TX-07 - May 28, 2025 at 09:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales.

May 28, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pedro Antonio "Tony" Canales.



May 28, 2025 at 07:55 PM