



Pernal J. "PJ" Keener, Sr.

May 11, 1961 - April 16, 2025

On April 16, 2025, Pernal Julius (PJ) Keener, Sr. (63), from Harlingen, Texas, went to be with our Lord after an extended illness. In his last moments, he was surrounded by his loving family.

Left to cherish his wonderful memories are his wife of 26 years, Juanita R. Keener; sons, Pernal J. Keener Jr. and Michael E. Keener; brother, John F. (Norma Linda) Keener; nieces, Melissa (Sam) Saenz, Brittany L. Keener, and Tanya R. Keener. He is also survived by Jesus Rios, Sr., Linda Rios, Jesus Rios, Jr., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pernal is preceded in death by his parents, Donald W. Keener, Sr. and Lucila G. Keener, and his brother, Donald W. Keener.

Pernal was born in Harlingen, Texas, on May 11, 1961, to Donald W. Keener, Sr. and Lucila G. Keener. He graduated from Harlingen High School and went on to earn his Associate's degree in law enforcement from Texas Southmost College. He also received his Master Peace Officer certificate.

He began his law enforcement career in 1987 in Combes, Texas. He later worked for the La Feria Police Department and the Cameron County Sheriff's Office for many years. He retired in 2016 from the Port Isabel Police Department, having dedicated 29 years of his life to law enforcement. Pernal

was also a volunteer fireman for the City of La Feria.

Pernal enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved fishing, hunting, playing pool, and cheering on his favorite football team, the Houston Texans. He also enjoyed barbecuing with his family.

Pernal will be remembered for his storytelling, his generosity, and kindness. But most of all, he will be remembered for his devotion to his family. He will truly be missed by family and friends.

A special heartfelt thank you to Angela Ramirez.

The Keener family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to APC Homemaker Service for their assistance.

Visitation will be held at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen on Monday, April 21, 2025 from 2:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. with a chapel service at 6:00 P.M. and a rosary to follow at 7:00 P.M. All funeral services will conclude this evening.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 21. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
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<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Chapel Service

APR 21. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

APR 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere Prayers and Condolences . May PJ rest in peace. From you neighbors Judge Sallie and Oni Gonzalez.*

Sallie Gonzalez - April 20, 2025 at 12:52 PM

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Thank you for your service to Texas. And thanks for memories from days long past, cousin!

Glenn Rhoades - April 25, 2025 at 01:34 AM