



Rafael Mendez

September 12, 1962 - October 3, 2024

Rafael Mendez 62, loving husband, father and grandfather of La Feria went to be with the Lord Thursday, October 3, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born September 12, 1962 in Mercedes, Texas to Reynaldo Mendez and Eudelia Flores Mendez who preceded him death.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Rosa Leticia Mendez; 2 sons, Ralph Mendez and Fred Mendez; his grand-daughter, Scarlett Mendez and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rafael loved getting together with family to grill, singing for everyone and watching his two favorite teams play, the Houston Astros and Dallas Cowboys. He was a graduate of the University of Texas-Pan American and taught Criminal Justice in Santa Rosa, Mercedes and the Cano Freshman Academy in Harlingen. He coached varsity football and baseball, he also led multiple state championship law enforcement student teams. Rafael was the owner of Stop & Go Driving School in Mercedes and a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus Post #4554 3rd Degree.

Visitation will begin Wednesday, October 9, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM and a rosary will begin at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 10, 2024 departing the Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes at

9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian burial at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in La Feria. Burial will follow at Heavenly Grace Cemetery.

Funeral services are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Heavenly Grace Memorial Park

26873 White Ranch Rd.
La Feria, TX 78559
(956) 797-5614

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Rosary

OCT 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
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Funeral

OCT 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
La Feria, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rafael " Chuy" Mendez*

On behalf of the 1987 Ramsey II Field Force, Texas Department of Criminal Justice- Institutional Division, under the direction of Major Terry Adkins, Captain Curtis McKnight, Lt. Kelly Gilstrap, and Sergeant Ricky Malovets, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Rafael's Wife Letty, Sons Rafael Jr., Fred as well as the Mendez Families. We pray that God gives his Family peace and strength during this difficult time. May our Friend and fellow Officer go rest easy in the Kingdom of Heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Joe Moya - October 07, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Tio mendez, was an amazing man! He always looked out for us when we were smaller. I will always have the memories of chalups and BBQ at you house on weekend growing up. Along with celebrity Hoilday like 2nd Thanksgiving and 2nd Christmas at your house. You were always very kinda to all you know you. Thank you for being a great uncle.*



Kady Lemmon - October 04, 2024 at 09:23 PM