



Ramon Gutierrez

November 6, 1913 - March 3, 2014

MERCEDES TX. - Ramon Gutierrez passed away March 3, 2014, at Valley Grande Manor where he resided since 2010.

Ramon was born in Mercedes, TX, on November 6, 1913. His parents, Francisca and Lorenzo Gutierrez and his wife Guadalupe Ortega Gutierrez preceded him in death.

On November 6, 2013, Ramon celebrated his 100th birthday at a party given by Valley Grande Manor. State Representative, District 39, Armando "Mando" Martinez of Weslaco, TX, presented Mr. Gutierrez with a Congratulatory Certificate from the State of Texas House of Representatives and a Texas flag flown at the State Capitol.

Ramon Gutierrez attended Mercedes Public Schools for a very short time. He was forced to drop out because he needed to help support the family. Nevertheless, he taught himself to speak English and to read and write. He could solve mathematical problems using fractions and percentages.

During his adult life, he managed Rio Banco Farms where he shipped citrus fruit in gift packages all over the world. He worked diligently at his job because he and his wife Lupe did not want their children to miss school as did so many children who migrated north with their parents to work in the fields. Ramon

and his wife Lupe wanted their children to get an education in English and in Spanish. During the summer, the oldest children attended Mrs. Albinita Garcia's kindergarten which was taught in Spanish.

Ramon is survived by his daughter Olga (Adolfo) de Lafuente of Harlingen, TX, his son Oscar (Delia) Gutierrez, Mercedes, TX, daughter-in-law Graciela Gutierrez, Pontiac, MI and grandchildren, Joseph Mendoza, Melissa Mendoza both of La Feria, TX and Margie Pena of Round Rock, TX. Also surviving Ramon are numerous nieces and nephews and sisters-in-law, Cleo Robles and Amparo Gutierrez. He is also survived by 9 other grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Ramon is also preceded in death by his son Ramon Gutierrez, Jr. his daughters Frances Gutierrez and Mary Ester Mendoza. His siblings Josefina Garcia, Guadalupe M. Gutierrez, Eligio Robles and Francisco Robles also preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 6, 2014, from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. A special message by Pastor Jose Lopez will be delivered at 6:00 P.M. followed by a rosary at 7:00 P.M. On Friday, March 7, 2014, doors will open at 8:00 A.M. for a 9:30 A.M. departure from the funeral home.

Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Mercedes, TX. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park in La Feria, TX.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren: Roger Gutierrez, Della de Lafuente, and Joseph Mendoza and his great grandchildren, Robert Williamson, Joshua Ruiz, and Anthony Barrientes.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in

Mercedes, TX.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAR 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
322 S Vermont Ave.
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1141