



Raul de los Santos

December 13, 1942 - March 5, 2025

Raul de los Santos, 82, of Harlingen was called home by the Lord on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born in San Benito on December 13, 1942 to Roberto and Vicenta de los Santos. Raul is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Roberto de los Santos and Ricardo de los Santos; and sisters, Elma Rangel and Nelda Garcia.

Raul leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Berta de los Santos; 2 daughters, Celina Nelson and her husband, Andrew, and Isela de los Santos. He is also survived by his precious grandchildren who will miss him dearly, Jonathan Nelson, Hannah Nelson, Aaron Nelson and Sarah Nelson; brother, Rene de los Santos and his wife, Berta; sister, Norma Vega; many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Raul was a devoted husband and loving father. Berta and Raul were blessed with 56 years of marriage. Raul was never shy to express his love for Berta. During mass one Valentine's Day, he stood on the pew to throw his wife a kiss across the church. When he won prizes at the HOPE Stroke Support Group, he always shared with Berta. He gave her the most thoughtful and beautiful cards for all occasions. In their younger years, Raul and Berta were known as exceptional dance partners. As he grew older, the number of guapangos decreased but his humorous character increased as he often shared jokes

with everyone he encountered. Raul was known for taking every opportunity to embrace teachable moments. In the Scurlocks grocery store parking lot, he bounced across two bumpers proving to his daughters that one should never walk between parked cars. (Unbeknownst to him, the other car was occupied by a napping driver.) Raul demonstrated perseverance and strength as he healed from a stroke and heart surgery in 2010. He became an active member of the HOPE Stroke Support Group and volunteered by praying, passing out door prizes, telling jokes, and sharing about his experience. He was a compliant patient who took his health seriously. He was a man of faith who volunteered often at church. Every morning, he sat with his daily readings before reading the newspaper. Raul was a kind, loving man who overcame obstacles through his faith in God. He provided for his family emotionally, spiritually and financially. He leaves behind a legacy of love and faith.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude for healthcare providers at Valley Baptist Medical Center-Harlingen, Golden Palms Skilled Nursing Facility, Sun Valley Rehabilitation, and The Medical Team Hospice. Additionally, we are grateful for the compassionate care provided by the following physicians and their staff: Dr. Stephanie H. Garcia, Dr. Luna Salazar, Dr. Flores, Dr. Sarhill, Dr. Shenkenberg, and Dr. Nolan Perez.

Cemetery Details

Mont Meta Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
1509 New Combes Hwy
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 423-0098

Military Honors and Burial

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mont Meta Memorial Park
26170 Texas 345
San Benito, TX 78586
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Tribute Wall

MF

“ Your "Sweet Enormous Welcoming Smile" I will miss the most. We didn't visit much but the few times at the Mendez family gatherings this memory I will keep of you. Raul may you rest now, your work on earth is complete. May God grant your love ones Peace & Courage for the road ahead. Ralph & Marie Fernandez (San Antonio, Texas)

maria fernandez - March 17, 2025 at 09:22 PM

NG

“ Thank you for being such wonderful friends. Both you and your wife were always so kind to me and my mom Ernestinea Mares. May you RIP Sir. 🙏 the Mares and Nora Garcia family

Nora Mares Garcia - March 10, 2025 at 12:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raul de los Santos.



March 09, 2025 at 07:26 PM

CA

“ May our Lord God bring much peace and comfort to the family, relatives and friends of Raul De Los Santos in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CMA Gateway Apostles - March 08, 2025 at 09:14 PM

TV

“ *Mr. Delos Santos was always the sweetest man, always smiling. He was a true old fashioned gentleman. I had the privilege of meeting him through his daughter Isela. I will always carry memories of him cracking jokes and offering to help at the Harlingen Senior Community Center. My prayers are with Mrs Delia Santos, Isela and the entire family. May God grant you strength during this difficult time and joy in all the memories.*

Tabita Vallejo - March 08, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raul de los Santos.*



March 08, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ *Tammy (Ikerd) and Matt Hunter purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Raul de los Santos.*



Tammy (Ikerd) and Matt Hunter - March 08, 2025 at 09:16 AM

TH

“ *Raul and Berta were a second family to me while growing up. He was always quick with a joke and a smile. I always felt welcomed and loved. May Raul be dancing with Jesus now. Father, please surround this family with your comforting presence and peace.*

Tammy Hunter - March 08, 2025 at 09:11 AM

TB

“ *The Finer Things BookClub planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raul de los Santos.*

The Finer Things BookClub - March 07, 2025 at 08:17 PM

TB

“ *The Finer Things BookClub purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Raul de los Santos.*



The Finer Things BookClub - March 07, 2025 at 08:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raul de los Santos.*



March 07, 2025 at 06:13 PM

CA

“ *CMA Gateway Apostles purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raul de los Santos.*



CMA Gateway Apostles - March 07, 2025 at 04:18 PM

PF

“ *Pauline Yanes and family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Raul de los Santos.*



Pauline Yanes and family - March 06, 2025 at 11:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raul de los Santos.*



March 06, 2025 at 06:14 PM