



Robert Leal

November 15, 1952 - January 17, 2024

Robert Leal, 71, of La Feria entered through the Heaven's Gate on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Robert Leal was born on November 15, 1952, in La Feria, Texas to Benigno Sr. and Guadalupe Leal.

Robert Leal was known as "Venado" to his family, friends and the farming community in South Texas and will be missed. He was a mentor/advisor to many farmers and custom harvesters in La Feria. He was an encyclopedia of John Deere cotton pickers as he was always ready to answer any technical questions about repairing them.

He was ready to discuss local politics as soon as the subject came up. He helped many people that were in need by organizing BBQ plates sales. He was a founding member of the Table of Knowledge at The La Feria Cafe where he attended every day at 5 AM. He will be missed by all.

He is survived by his mother and his sisters, Janie Leal and Mary Leal, brothers, Jose Luis Leal and Benigno Leal Jr., nephews Juan F. Tejada, Justice Perez, and Landon Perez, nieces, Melanie Leal and Lalli Tejada.

Visitation will begin Sunday January 21, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home in La Feria, Texas. Funeral service will begin Monday, January 22, 2024, departing Rudy Garza Funeral Home in La Feria,

Texas at 9:30 AM for a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at 10:00 AM with burial to follow at Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery in Mercedes, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Cemetery

Mercedes, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **21**. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Palms Chapel
219 S Main St
La Feria, TX 78559
(956) 797-3122
rgfhtx@aol.com
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Funeral

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
502 S Canal St.
La Feria, TX 78559
(956) 797-2666

Tribute Wall



“ This was a man that set me on my way. A huge part of my life that impacted the future years of my life. Someone who always love me, worked me to the bone and I loved, remember it, and still talk about it to this day. He was ALWAYS there for me, especially when I needed it the most. I can not say enough what he has done for me. The story's that I have bring me to tears the more I think about all the little things that I learned from him. One thing that I could say is selfless, he treated me like a son ... good and bad times. I will never forget everything that I learned from Robert. From as early as I could remember he was a tower that I looked up too. Even at 17 leaving the valley, giving him a hug, I felt small. I will always remember his laugh. I will remember him taking me in when I made the biggest mistake of my young life and never talked about it but showed me something else. I remember his house like I was there yesterday, spent so much time there that I can remember the smell. I loved when he would rag on me the way he would. Everyone should have someone like Robert Leal in your life and if you don't, be someone like Robert Leal to another person in your life. I love you Robert. Thank you for teaching me everything you did. I love you and always will. John.

John Lievens - January 23, 2024 at 12:04 AM

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“ Just heard of Robert Leal passing away He was a good friend in school back in the late 60's and 70's My condolences to all of his family from Omar Briones in Mesquite Texas.May the Good Lord have him cradled in his arms for there is where he is for sure. Rest in Peace Amigo

Omar Briones - January 22, 2024 at 04:29 PM

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“ *The home when I needed one. The shoulder to lean on. The ear that always listened. Words of discipline , love and laughter. A heart that can't be matched. You will be greatly missed and NEVER forgotten*
I love you so very much! Thank you for all the things you did not have to do.
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Justin Lievens - January 22, 2024 at 10:44 AM