



## Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo

June 13, 1947 - December 30, 2018

Rodolfo (Rudy) T. Elizondo joined the Lord on Sunday, December 30, 2018 at the age of 71 years. He was with the love of his life and wife of 48 years, Elida, his beloved children Denise (Eric) of Oregon, Amy, and Chris (Gloria) of Maryland. He was the proud and loving grandfather to Lorenzo, Sebastian and Ciel Antonini. Rudy was born on June 13, 1947 in Mercedes, Texas to Conrado and Hipolita Elizondo. He was the second son of eight children that included three brothers (René, Roberto and Roy) and four sisters (Maria, Diana, Dahlia and Susan). Rudy graduated from Mercedes High School in 1965 and then enlisted in the United States Army in 1967. He courageously served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 after which he received the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement. He was honorably discharged as Specialist Five in 1973. Rudy returned to Texas and earned his Bachelor of Science in 1974 from Pan American University. He went on to complete his Master of Science in 1987 from Texas A&I University. Rudy taught for 35 years in the Mercedes Independent School District and served for 27 years as the supervisor of the General Education Development (GED) program. Over the course of his career he impacted the lives of thousands of students. He was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church where he taught confirmation classes. He served the city of Mercedes as President of the Economic Development Corporation and was a member of the American Legion Post 172. We remember him as a deeply loving and supportive husband, father and grandfather, a hero in service to his

country, and an adventurer who enjoyed travel, history, the fine arts, and gardening. He was a champion of education with a zest for life and conviviality. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home (236 S. Ohio Ave., Mercedes, Texas 78570) from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm, with the rosary at 7:00 pm and eulogy thereafter. Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 with a mass at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church (322 S. Vermont Ave., Mercedes, Texas 78570), followed by interment at the Mercedes Rest Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (<http://bit.ly/MMRFteambigdog>) or the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church Building Fund (<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1858>). Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Mercedes Memorial Restlawn Cemetery

301 Jose Cantu Rd.  
Mercedes, TX  
(956) 565-9552

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all . I hope that happy memories can bring you some comfort during this difficult time. In sympathy, Jen Snow*

Jen - January 05, 2019 at 05:37 PM



“ *Red Poinsettia (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.*



January 05, 2019 at 04:45 PM

LM

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Elizondo Family. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to hold forever in your heart.*

Lucía Cantú Miramontez - January 05, 2019 at 03:37 PM

PA

“ *Our condolences to the Elizondo family on their loss from his neighbor and friend, Pete Aguilar and family. Rudy you were one a kind. We will miss you.*

Pete Aguilar - January 05, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.



January 05, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ John & Mary Adame purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.



**John & Mary Adame** - January 04, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.



January 04, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.



January 04, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.*



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January 04, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *Elida my heartfelt condolences to you and the family. Mr Elizodo was a wonderful educator. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Diana Dominguez** - January 04, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *From Dave, John, JD and the entire TTH team. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.*



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**From Dave, John, JD and the entire TTH team.** - January 04, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.*



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January 04, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.*



January 04, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ *Jennifer and Chris Bathurst and Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.*



**Jennifer and Chris Bathurst and Family** - January 03, 2019 at 08:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.*



January 03, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ *RIP Cousin Rudy, you will be missed by many , You were a wonderful Husband , Father , Grandfather, Cousin and Friend to many who Loved you ! You are now with the Lord & among our another Angels who have gone too ! Prayers to All Family 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏*

**Margaret Hart & Roger Hart** - January 03, 2019 at 08:08 PM

CH

“ *Dear Amy - I loved meeting your parents. Your father was charming and his closeness to you was obvious. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! HUGS!*

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**charlotte hardt** - January 03, 2019 at 04:59 PM

NL

“ *Nora+Ed, Lita Leo purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rodolfo "Rudy" Trevino Elizondo.*



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**Nora+Ed, Lita Leo** - January 02, 2019 at 11:00 AM