



## Ruben Villarreal

October 30, 1955 - July 10, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ has called another warrior to His side as He came down to relieve Ruben Villarreal, 62, of his earthly duties on July 10, 2018 at Valley Baptist Medical Center.

Ruben reported for his earthly duties on October 30, 1955 as a surprise gift to Jose Angel Villarreal and Consuelo Chapa of Harlingen, Texas. Consuelo had just given birth to a beautiful baby girl when the midwives informed her that there was another baby still in her womb. Unexpected, Ruben made his way into the world ten minutes later, and into his family's hearts as the official youngest member of the Villarreal family.

As the baby of the family, Ruben had to demonstrate his determination, grit, and scrappiness to make his way in the world. His attitude shaped him to be the perfect candidate for military service. He promptly enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1974, where he would get his first chance to discover his life's purpose. He earned the opportunity to be a Law Enforcement Specialist for the 301st Security Police Squadron at Carswell Air Force Base, Texas. With a new skillset in law enforcement and a passion for protecting people, Ruben went on to serve with the South Padre Island Police Department (SPIPD) after his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1978. During his time with SPIPD, Ruben received many accolades and earned the rank of Detective Sergeant. His capability was soon recognized at the federal level

when he was hired to be an Immigration and Naturalization Service Federal Agent at the Port Isabel Detention Processing Center. He would go on to serve with INS, now Immigration and Customs Enforcement, for over twenty-five years, until his retirement in 2011.

Throughout his retirement, Ruben spent his time traveling, visiting family members, and in the good company of his beloved wife of 23 years. He enjoyed the simple things in life, such as a good military history documentary or an ice cold Natty Light. Even when faced with the difficult news of an aggressive cancer in his body, he never wavered and once again showed us his fighting spirit. He continued to live his life the way he wanted to live it, not letting cancer rob him of his joy or his sense of humor. He fought long and hard for five years, and in the end, it was his body that yielded, but not his spirit.

Ruben is preceded in death by his parents, his son Daniel Angel Villarreal, his brothers; Noe Villarreal, and Oscar Villarreal, and his sisters; Maria Antonia Villarreal, and Nora Briones.

He is survived by his beloved wife Hilda S. Villarreal, his sons; Ruben Lee (Yolanda) Villarreal, Oscar Noe (Corina) Villarreal, stepsons; Arnoldo Sanchez Jr., Samuel Sanchez, daughters; Veronica Villarreal, Valerie Villarreal, Kimberly J. Villarreal, Brandey A. Villarreal, Jessica Renee Villarreal, his twin sister Ruby (Polo) Navarrette, sisters: Librada (Jesus) Rodriguez, Mary (Dennis) Hall, Janie (Andrew) Rodriguez, Rita (Carti) Yzquierdo, Elizabeth Poarch, brothers; Joe A. (Dora) Villarreal, Frank C. (Janie) Villarreal, and six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Serving as Pall Bearers will be Ruben Lee Villarreal, Oscar Noe Villarreal, Arnoldo Sanchez Jr., Samuel Sanchez, A.J. Cisneros, and Dominic Ramos. Honorary pall bearers include; Joe. A Villarreal, Frank C. Villarreal.



# Cemetery Details

## Mont Meta Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen  
1702 E Harrison Ave  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 425-8200  
rgfhtx@aol.com  
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

## Rosary

JUL 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral

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JUL **13**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
412 S C St.  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 423-0855

# Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ruben Villarreal.



July 12, 2018 at 08:37 PM



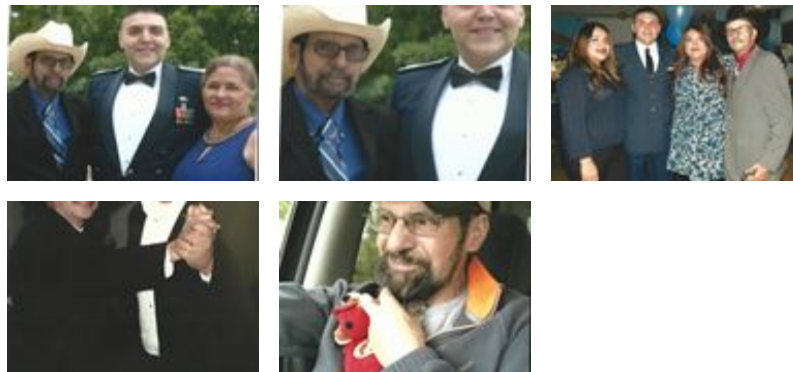
“ Nena Maria Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ruben Villarreal



Nena Maria Chavez - July 12, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ 74 files added to the album LifeTributes



Rudy Garza Funeral Home - July 12, 2018 at 12:08 AM

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“ Words can not describe the hurt my heart carries right now to hear that Ruben passed away I have many memories of Ruben from when we would sit in the living room watching Sunday night football or when we would just sit and talk about things that he had done in his life to when he would just let me sit and cry when times were tough and him telling me to cowgirl up and everything would be okay. Heaven gained another angel I pray that god sends a blanket of peace over Hilda,Arnold,Sam,Oscar,Brandey, and Kimberly may prayers are with you all at this time and I am truly sorry for the great loss

*Cynthia M. Caballero*

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**Cynthia M Caballero** - July 11, 2018 at 11:12 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ruben Villarreal.



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July 11, 2018 at 10:24 PM

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“ Maria Deguzman lit a candle in memory of Ruben Villarreal



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**Maria Deguzman** - July 11, 2018 at 05:38 PM