



Samuel C. Lozano

February 19, 1926 - September 6, 2023

Samuel C. Lozano, 97, peacefully passed away on September 6, 2023. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 74 years Olga G. Lozano.

Sam was born in Harlingen on February 19, 1926 to parents, Porfirio Lozano and Virginia Lozano, their eldest son out of eight children.

He is survived by his only son Ronaldo S. Lozano, his grandson Francisco S. Lozano, granddaughter-in-law, Shauna Lozano, and his great-grandson, Isidore S. Lozano.

Sam lived a full life his own way as a leader, scholar, and statesman. The scion of one of Harlingen's pioneer families, he joined the Navy and served his country in WWII then went onto a career as a teacher and principal of Harlingen High, Coakley Middle and Jefferson Elementary schools. He also initiated the state's first Keys Academy. He went on to serve as a City Commissioner and later mayor of Harlingen, building the city into a beacon of prosperity.

TSTC, as several key figures involved in its implementation noted, was his idea to have such an institution in Harlingen. He felt there were many types of learning. He also guided passage of the first pension for HPD officers and their families. These achievements led the City of Harlingen to bestow upon him the 'Key to the City' on June 1, 2022. So even in bereavement, Sam's

accomplishments will outlive him and his legacy will endure.

Visitation will be held Thursday, September 7, 2023 from 12:00 PM until 9:00 PM and a rosary will be conducted at 7:00 PM.

His funeral mass will be held Friday, September 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Alex as Celebrant, interment will follow at Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are Ron S. Lozano, Francisco S. Lozano, Ford Kinsley, Hector Solis, Frank Morales and Rene Perez.

Funeral services are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

SEP 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony Catholic Church
1015 E Van Buren Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Samuel C. Lozano.

September 07, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel C. Lozano.



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“ Ford & Tessie Kinsley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Samuel C. Lozano.

Ford & Tessie Kinsley - September 07, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ Ford & Tessie Kinsley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Samuel C. Lozano.



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