



Sergio I. Gonzalez

August 13, 1938 - March 4, 2018

Sergio I. Gonzalez, 79, a lifetime resident and businessman of Mercedes, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 4, 2018. He was born August 13, 1938 to Marin Francisco and Emma Villarreal Gonzalez in Elsa, Texas. Growing up, Sergio worked in the family owned Texas Bakery. These skills were put to use when he served in the U.S. Army. He had fond memories of his time in the military and enjoyed lifelong friendships with the Delta Devils. Upon discharge, he opened his first restaurant, "Serg's Fried Chicken" in Mercedes. He went on to open two more restaurants, in Mission and Weslaco. Sergio was active in the Mercedes community and served as a City Commissioner and Mayor Pro-tem in the late 1970's and early 1980's and served in the Hidalgo County Housing Authority for several years and advocated for the growth and prosperity of the community. In 2006, he was awarded the Lifetime Service Award by the Mercedes Area Chamber of Commerce. Sergio enjoyed hunting, fishing and classic car shows. As he grew older, he enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, going for long drives and good food and good company. He is survived by his loving family, Wife: Gudelia Gonzalez of Mercedes; Daughters: Irene Gonzalez of Mercedes; Leticia (Aaron) Dixon of Park City, Utah; Emma (Peter) Gonzalez of Sugarland; Raquel Fallon of Houston; 6 Grandchildren who loved and adored him: Jacob, Anthony, Kayla, Luke, Tyler and Zachary; siblings: Norma (Amado) Garcia of Houston, Israel (Millie) Gonzalez of Houston, George (Rosemary) Gonzalez of Houston, Irma (Armando) Flores of Houston,

Maricela (Manuel) Gabaldon of Houston and Ricardo (Marla) Gonzalez of Pearland. He is preceded in death by his parents, Marin Francisco and Emma Villarreal Gonzalez. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 10:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7; 00p.m..Funeral mass services will be conducted on Friday, March 9, 2018. We will depart Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace at 9:30a.m. for a 10:00a.m.mass at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Mercedes. Interment will then follow at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Weslaco Texas. Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 10:00 AM - 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

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“ *My condolences to the Gonzalez family. Although I haven't seen Sergio in quite some time he was always welcoming and kind to me.*

Barry Neil

Barry Neil - March 08, 2018 at 07:54 PM

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Thank you, Barry.

Irene - March 17, 2018 at 09:57 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.*



March 08, 2018 at 04:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.*



March 08, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.*



March 07, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.*



March 07, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Roberto C. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.*



Roberto C. - March 07, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ *Tus Primos, Joel, Fernando, Roberto y Eduardo purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.*



Tus Primos, Joel, Fernando, Roberto y Eduardo - March 07, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.



March 07, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.



March 07, 2018 at 11:49 AM



“ Pedro &Victoria Garcia and Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.



Pedro &Victoria Garcia and Family - March 06, 2018 at 09:46 PM



“ BETTY DIXON & FAMILY purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.



BETTY DIXON & FAMILY - March 06, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sergio I. Gonzalez.*



March 06, 2018 at 11:40 AM