



Urbano Rivera

December 4, 1942 - June 7, 2022

On Tuesday, June 7, 2022, Sergeant Major Urbano Pacheco Rivera, age 79, went home to be with the Lord.

Urbano, a loving husband to Maria Elva for 54 years, and father of three children was born on December 4, 1942, in Harlingen, TX to Gustavo and Guadalupe P. Rivera.

Urbano graduated from La Feria High School in 1961 and enlisted in the US Marine Corps on March 12, 1964.

Sergeant Major Urbano Rivera retired from the US Marine Corps on March 31, 1990.

Urbano then began working with the US Customs and Border Protection Services in Roma and Brownsville, TX and retired December 31, 2004.

Urbano leaves behind his wife Maria Elva Rivera, his three loving sons, Guadalupe E. Rivera, Pedro F. Rivera and Alfredo E. Rivera (Vivian).

He leaves 4 grandchildren: Samantha & Christina Rivera, Emilee Rivera and Felix Rivera.

Urbano was preceded in death by his parents Gustavo and Guadalupe P. Rivera; his sister Ylda (†Ricardo) Ramirez; brother Gustavo († Lola) Rivera Jr. USN.

Also leaves behind siblings,

Olivia (Alfonso) Mejorado of Lansing, MI;

Jose (Elida) of El Campo, TX;

Rene (Elva) of Laredo, TX;

Minerva (Gabriel) of La Feria, TX;
Olga (Myron) Lasher of Austin, TX;
JoAnne (Lonie) Dupre of Patterson, Louisiana;
Nelda Jean Naquin of New Iberia, Louisiana;
Ralph Edward (Debbie) of Mathis, TX;
several nieces; nephews; great nieces; great nephews,
and dear friends Esmeralda and Alvaro Salazar.

Cemetery Details

Heavenly Grace Memorial Park

26873 White Ranch Rd.
La Feria, TX 78559
(956) 797-5614

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 3:00 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>

Rosary

JUN 13. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
La Feria, TX

Military Honors

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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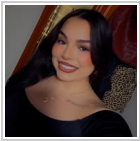
Tribute Wall



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Urbano was one of the greatest men I knew.* ”



Lucy - June 13, 2022 at 07:02 PM



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Christina Rivera - June 13, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Urbano Rivera.* ”



June 13, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Urbano Rivera.* ”



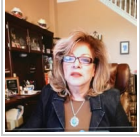
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Rudy Garza Funeral Home - June 12, 2022 at 04:39 PM



“ In 1979 while attending nursing school in Norman, Oklahoma, a fellow student wanted to celebrate her birthday with several of the nursing students.

We gathered at a club her husband picked. While at the club, the group wanted a second pitcher of beer, and since I was the designated driver for some and as I am not a beer drinker, I said I would get the pitcher.

I went to the bartender and noticed he had a Marine tattoo on his forearm. He then pointed to a picture behind him and I noticed it said Parris Island. I asked when he was there and he told me. I followed with, "My brother was a DI at that time." He looked at me and said, "what 's his name?" I said, "Rivera". He dropped the pitcher and said, "sorry, what are the odds? You are Sergeant Hoss's sister?" (that was the nickname given to him at the time as several Marines claimed he resembled Hoss Cartwright of Bonanza). He then pulled the picture for me to see and pointed to Urbano as the DI in the photo. I was surely surprised!

He said, "I don't mean to sound like I'm complaining or anything but he sure was hell on wheels. Though I will admit he gave us what we needed survival-wise as we all knew where we were headed-Nam". He then took the pitcher to the table and said, "The drinks are on the house, in honor of someone special.....oorah! "

Everyone asked what he meant and I shared. They all said the same thing, "What are the odds?"

Olga Lasher - June 11, 2022 at 01:08 PM

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I hate to have lost my wonderful brother but at the same time know that he isn't suffering anymore. My brother was the kindest man I ever knew. When he went to the service he went with one intention, that of supporting the family, my brothers and sisters, Minerva, Gus, Jr., Olga, JoAnne, Nelda & Ralph. Rene had already joined the Army and was doing same, while Jose, +Urbano, Ylda and I were already married. I'll forever be grateful for his love and kindness of his siblings. This was not easy on him but he did it. I was lucky enough to be present, along with my daughter, Lorrie, and granddaughter, Ashley, at his retirement. I wouldn't have missed this as I was very proud of his service to the US Marines, just as I am so proud of my brothers, Rene (US Army), +Gus, Jr. (US Navy), and Ralph (US Marines). May Urbano rest in Heaven as he joins my dad, +Gustavo, Sr. (US Army), and brother, +Gus, Jr. (US Navy). Always proud of our U.S. Servicemen, Olivia Mejorado (AI).

Maria Olivia Mejorado - June 12, 2022 at 01:33 PM