



## Ernesto Rizo Mechell

January 5, 1946 - February 12, 2025

Ernesto Rizo Mechell, 79, of Bishop, Texas, passed away on February 12, 2025, in Kingsville, Texas.

Born on January 5, 1946, in Bishop, Texas, to the late Edmund and Damiana Mechell, Ernesto dedicated his career to the City of Kingsville and was the proud owner and operator of Estella's Diner. He was a devoted member of St. James Catholic Church.

Ernesto's greatest joy was spending time with his family. He had a passion for fishing and firing up the grill—though his BBQ often ended up more charred than planned. His love for his children was immense, but his grandchildren held an especially cherished place in his heart. A man of deep tradition, he made it a priority to pass down the values of family, unity, and togetherness, ensuring that those he loved remained tightly bonded.

As a devoted husband, Ernesto adored his wife, placing her on a pedestal and admiring her unwavering strength. She was the glue that held everything together, and he never missed a chance to express his love, affectionately calling her his "prieta."

A natural storyteller, he captivated those around him with tales from his past, always eager to share a piece of history with his loved ones. Vacationing in

San Antonio was a tradition he honored, creating priceless memories year after year. Ernesto embraced life with open arms, living each day with passion, purpose, and gratitude, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Ruben Mechell Sr., and sister, Irma Mechell.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years, Estella Mechell of Bishop; daughters, Amanda (David) Staff of Bishop, Audrey Alaniz of Bishop, and Amy (Nick) McCraw of Bishop; sons, John Edward (Roxanne) Alaniz Sr. of Ricardo, Ernesto (Laura) Mechell Jr. of Corpus Christi, and Eric (Nina) Mechell of Kingsville; brothers, Robert Mechell and Danny (Chiques) Mechell, both of Corpus Christi, and Joe (Rachel) Flores of Ricardo; sisters, Sara Saldana of Corpus Christi, Irene Vela of Bishop, and Marylou Pena of Michigan; one sister-in-law, Ramona Mechell; nineteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and many cherished cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church with Father Francis officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St James Catholic Church  
603 W 3rd St  
Bishop, TX 78343  
(361) 584-3250

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ *he was the best grandpa*

Presley - March 04 at 01:18 PM

MK

“ *Melissa Jones and Lauren Kiddy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ernesto Rizo Mechell.*



Melissa Jones and Lauren Kiddy - February 18, 2025 at 09:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernesto Rizo Mechell.*



February 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernesto Rizo Mechell.*



February 18, 2025 at 09:58 AM

DB

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. God's grace and blessings on his family.

Dr. Keith and Diane Bellamy - February 17, 2025 at 03:44 PM

EF

“ Equipment Depot Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ernesto Rizo Mechell.



Equipment Depot Family - February 17, 2025 at 12:18 PM

GQ

“ Gabriel Quinones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernesto Rizo Mechell.



Gabriel Quinones - February 15, 2025 at 10:18 AM

FF

“ Farrah Milota and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernesto Rizo Mechell.



Farrah Milota and family - February 15, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernesto Rizo Mechell.*



---

February 14, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *Estella and all the family, our deepest condolences on the loss of your husband. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.*

*Fito and Janie Garza  
Rosie Deanda*

---

**Janie Garza** - February 14, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ *We are going to miss you Tio Neto. We Love You and we're going to Miss you. Thank You for God for letting me have an Awesome, Joyful Uncle. Fly High Tio with No Pain.*



---

**Michele Dominguez** - February 13, 2025 at 10:06 PM



“ *Neice Sky Mechell & Paul purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Ernesto Rizo Mechell.*



---

**Neice Sky Mechell & Paul** - February 13, 2025 at 07:55 PM