



Gilbert P. Acuna

October 15, 1942 - April 11, 2025

Gilbert P. Acuna, 82, of Seguin, TX, passed away peacefully at home on April 11, 2025, surrounded by the love of his devoted wife and family.

Born on October 15, 1942, in Kingsville, TX, to Juan and Trinidad Acuna, Gilbert lived a life defined by service, integrity, and deep-rooted love for his family and community.

Family was the heart of Gilbert's life. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife and the mother of his children, Carmen N. Acuna; his parents, Juan and Trinidad Acuna; and his brother, Juan P. Acuna. He leaves behind his cherished wife of 24 years, Angelica Acuna, of Seguin, TX; his loving children, Joanna Acuna-Guerra (Hector), Celina Sharpe (David), Christine Gonzalez (Daniel), and Albert Acuna (Erica), all of San Antonio, TX; and his stepchildren, Omar Curiel (Heather) of Seattle, WA, and Christina Curiel (Abel) of Austin, TX. Gilbert was a proud brother to Reynaldo Acuna (Julia) of Corpus Christi, TX, and Evelinda Cisneros-Flores (Manuel) of Laredo, TX, and brother-in-law to Eddie Bazan of Corpus Christi, TX.

He was a treasured grandfather to twelve grandchildren—Hector, Carmen, Emilia, Daniela, Emma, Thomas, Lizzie, Isaac, Marco, Aaron, Carter, and Jonah—who brought immense joy to his life. Gilbert's legacy extends to a large and loving extended family and countless friends whose lives were

touched by his kindness, humility, and generous spirit.

A gifted athlete and scholar, Gilbert graduated from H.M. King High School, where he shone in football, basketball, and track. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Houston, launching a long and respected career. Returning to his hometown of Kingsville, he married his high school sweetheart, Carmen Narvaez, and built both a family and a business—eventually becoming the proud owner of Leo's Pharmacy, a trusted cornerstone of the community. In 2000, he and Angelica relocated to Seguin to be closer to family, where his commitment to service never wavered.

Gilbert's dedication to civic life was profound. He made history as Kingsville's first Hispanic mayor, serving two terms after three terms as City Commissioner, and at the time, was also the youngest to hold the office. He lent his leadership and voice to the KISD School Board and was appointed by Governor Ann Richards to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. He was a lifelong member of organizations that reflected his faith and values, including the Knights of Columbus, Mutualistas, LULAC, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, the Boy Scouts of America, and several pharmacy associations at the local, state, and national levels.

In Seguin, Gilbert remained deeply involved. He was a proud member of the Sunrise Rotary Club, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and served two terms on the Seguin Economic Development Council. He continued his active faith life as a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Outside of his many roles in public life, Gilbert found joy in simple pleasures: traveling with loved ones, spending quality time with family, and sharing laughs on the golf course with close friends. To all who knew him, Gilbert was a man of wisdom, quiet strength, and unwavering love. His greatest

accomplishment was not in titles or honors, but in the family he raised and the countless lives he uplifted along the way.

Visitation will be held at Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Gilbert will be laid to rest at Kingsville Chamberlain Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Gilbert's honor to the Lone Star Parkinson's Society, Rock Steady Boxing, at 614-CS Business IH35 PMB51, New Braunfels, TX.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to GRMC Hospice and Yaritza Benitez for their compassionate care and support during Gilbert's final days.

Cemetery Details

Chamberlain Cemetery

735 W Caesar Ave.
Kingsville, TX 78363

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home
230 East Ella Avenue
Kingsville, TX 78363
(361) 592-2413

Rosary

APR 15. 7:00 PM (CT)

Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home
230 East Ella Avenue
Kingsville, TX 78363
(361) 592-2413

Funeral Mass

APR 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
1102 E Kleberg Ave,
Kingsville, TX

Tribute Wall

CA

“ My deepest condolences on the loss of Mr. Acuna. He was a wonderful man who raised a great family. He will be missed by many. Prayers for you all. 🙏

Courtney Alvarez - April 18, 2025 at 11:17 AM

JS

“ Mr. Acuna was very special! He was an intellect that understood life! Whenever, I needed a friend, he was there to help. My condolences to the Acuna family. Gilbert to me was a man that made the world a better place. Sincerely yours! Jose A. Soliz (Freddy)

Jose A. Soliz - April 16, 2025 at 02:59 PM

AN

“ My profound condolences to the Acuna family. Wonderful man. He will be missed. Fly high my friend

Andy - April 16, 2025 at 10:55 AM

SR

“ My sincere and deepest condolences to Angie and the family. May God comfort you, give you peace and give you strength during this difficult time.

Gilbert was a wonderful, caring and awesome boss that I had the privilege of working with in Seguin at HEB Pharmacy. He'll be missed by many. Rest in Paradise my dear friend. 🙏



Sylvia Reyes - April 15, 2025 at 11:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gilbert P. Acuna.*



April 15, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *Raquel Escobar lit a candle in memory of Gilbert P. Acuna*



Raquel Escobar - April 15, 2025 at 12:11 PM



“ *David Fragoso lit a candle in memory of Gilbert P. Acuna*



David Fragoso - April 15, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences go out to Mr. Acuna's family. May God cover you with his peace and comfort in this time of mourning. My heart goes out to you all and I will keep you in my prayers and hope that you hold on to the fondest memories of Mr. Acuna and know that God has a place for him in his Kingdom.*

David Fragoso - April 15, 2025 at 11:46 AM

AB

“ Please accept my deepest condolences to all the Acuna family during this difficult time. I hope you all find comfort in the memories you shared and strength in the support of your loved ones. My thoughts are with you and your family. Sincerely, Alejandro Barajas

Alejandro Barajas - April 15, 2025 at 09:51 AM

SS

“ Sending our love and condolences to all of the Acuna family. We love you all!

Sandra Salazar - April 15, 2025 at 09:44 AM

VM

“ Our deepest condolences to all of the Acuna family as you mourn the loss of your beloved father and grandfather. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you all peace and comfort. Sincerely, Virginia Mika

Virginia Mika - April 15, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gilbert P. Acuna.



April 15, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gilbert P. Acuna.



April 15, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gilbert P. Acuna.



April 15, 2025 at 05:57 AM



“ Condolences to the Gilbert P. Acuna family. I am sure Gilbert is praising God in Heaven! In our old neighborhood on (West Avenue “D”) Gilbert was a great inspiration and leader to younger kids growing up in the same “barrio” of Kingsville. Gilbert was one of the very first youths in our neighborhood to get a college degree. He led a pathway for the rest of us growing up in the same barrio to get our college education. Gilbert’s parents Juan and Trini also were pillars in our neighborhood assisting many in our barrio. I thank God and our Lord Jesus Christ that the Acuna family was there in my youth when we needed their help. May the Lord continue to Bless the Acuna family. From your friend Baldemar H. Alarcon and family.

Baldemar H. Alarcon - April 15, 2025 at 01:37 AM

JG

“ *Our hearts mourn with you all. We wish we were closer know that y'all are in our thoughts and prayers every minute of every day.*
Love Jacquelyn and Adelita De La Garza

Jacquelyn La Garza - April 14, 2025 at 08:06 PM

TF

“ *The France Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gilbert P. Acuna.*



The France Family - April 14, 2025 at 07:29 PM

CT

“ *Carrie, Janis, Joanna, and Tracy purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gilbert P. Acuna.*



Carrie, Janis, Joanna, and Tracy - April 14, 2025 at 07:16 PM