



## Guillermo "Willie" Ruiz Jr.

December 20, 1934 - September 17, 2025

Guillermo "Willie" Ruiz Jr., 90, of Kingsville, Texas, peacefully passed away on September 17, 2025, in Kingsville—just two days after the passing of his beloved wife, Ninfa. After 71 years of marriage, their lives remained closely intertwined to the very end, a lasting testament to their enduring love.

Born on December 20, 1934, in Kingsville, Willie was the cherished son of the late Guillermo and Otila Ruiz.

Willie proudly served as a National Guard recruiter before beginning a respected career as an investigator with the Kleberg County and Hidalgo County Sheriff's Departments. He was known for his integrity, dedication to service, and strong sense of responsibility—both in his profession and in his role as the head of his family.

A true outdoorsman at heart, Willie found his peace at the ranch, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends. As the proud patriarch of the Ruiz family, he was a steady presence and guiding force, always looking after the well-being of those he held dear.

Willie is preceded in death by his devoted wife, Ninfa R. Ruiz; and two sons, Javier Ruiz and Orlando Ruiz.

He is survived by three sons, Guillermo "Billy" Ruiz, Eliseo Omar (Nita) Ruiz, and Ramiro Ruiz, all of Kingsville; eleven grandchildren, Alma (George), Leticia (Daniel), Javier Jr. (Crystal), Luana, Celina (Jason), Vanessa (Manuel), Gina, Omar Jr., Bryan, Yesenia, and Randy Ramiro; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 22, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home, with a Religious Service at 7:00 p.m.

The Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home, officiated by Pastor Ronnie Robinson of Firm Foundation Church.

Burial will follow at Santa Gertrudis Memorial Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Gertrudis Memorial Cemetery

835 W Caesar Ave  
Kingsville, TX 78363

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 22. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Religious Service

SEP 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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SEP **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Rene Marroquin and close cousin to Willie. I am saddened to hear of his passing. We grew up together enjoying hunting and fishing and spending quality time at my place in San Patricio. I have plenty of found memories together. My condolences to his entire family, and will always remember my cousin Willie.



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**rene marroquin** - September 21, 2025 at 01:06 PM

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“ Willie Ruiz is my cousin, He was very close to my parents Osvaldo Cavazos and Rebeca Ruiz Cavazos! My Mom was Willie's Dad (Tio Memo's Sister)! My parents were close to him Willie stayed with my parents while he attended an in service training in San Antonio for the Hidalgo Sheriff's Department! He is an awesome guy and he will be missed as well as Ninfa! My cousins had something in common with me, Willie and Ninfa lost two of their sons Javier and Londie and I lost both my daughters Lisa and Jennifer Vela! It is sad when your children go before you! My deepest sympathy to Omar, Billy and Ramy and all the grandchildren! I will keep them in my heart forever! Both Willie and Ninfa are great loving people and will be missed! Their love is eternal! Love y'all and I am so sad!  
Becky Cavazos Vela

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**Becky Cavazos Vela** - September 19, 2025 at 09:13 PM

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“ *Hector Saenz and the entire Saenz Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Guillermo "Willie" Ruiz Jr..*



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**Hector Saenz and the entire Saenz Family** - September 19,  
2025 at 06:07 PM