



Juan Rene Garza

November 4, 1951 - February 14, 2026

Juan Rene Garza, 74, of Kingsville, Texas, passed away on February 14, 2026. He was born on November 4, 1951, to the late Alberto and Herlinda Cantu Garza in Kingsville, Texas. He was a devoted husband of over 51 years to Patricia (married December 28, 1974), a loving father to three daughters, and a proud grandfather to six grandchildren who brought him endless joy.

Juan was the definition of a family man and community leader, owning and operating Beto's Community Grocery Store with his family since 1967. He graduated from H.M. King High School in 1970 and then from Texas A & I University in 1974. He began working at the family store at just 15 years old, learning the value of hard work early in life. After college, Juan balanced his time between the store and the Kingsville public school system, where he served as a health and history teacher and coach from 1974 to 1978. On the football field, basketball court, and track, he mentored many junior high students who still fondly refer to him as "Coach," a title he carried with pride.

In May of 1978, Juan stepped away from teaching to join his father full-time in the family business. After his father's passing in August of that year, he took ownership of Beto's Community Grocery Store alongside his brother, Albert. For more than 45 years, he worked tirelessly—seven days a week—serving the people of Kingsville and building what many considered the best meat market in town. Juan knew his customers by first name and by their orders as well,

which often included market cheese, chorizo, or machitos. He never hesitated to take a special request or make someone feel welcome, including his employees. Many customers affectionately called him (and his brother) “Mr. Beto”, a nickname Juan wore with honor, always hoping to make his father, the original Beto, proud. In the mid-1990’s, Juan and Albert expanded the family business by opening A&J’s SuperStop and A&J’s SuperStop #2. In 2001, Beto’s Community Grocery Store was named Business of the Year by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Though hardworking and dedicated, Juan always made time for family and friends. He loved telling a good story or joke and enjoyed deer hunting whenever he could get away from the store. He never missed a Brahma football game when his daughters danced, cheered, or performed in the band, and he and Patsy continued attending games faithfully until his health began to decline. He was also a proud 4-H parent, uncle, and friend, spending years supporting his daughters, numerous nieces and nephews, and friends at the Livestock Show barn.

He cherished time at his small “ranch” tending to the grass, BBQ-ing, and sharing an ice-cold beer with siblings, friends, neighbors, cousins, nieces and nephews. His long-standing Monday Night Football tradition, a weekly gathering of friends since the 1970’s, was a point of pride. He also loved hosting Easter at the ranch, complete with abundant cascarones, and ringing in the New Year with fireworks.

Juan was a devoted member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Council 2623, where he was a fourth-degree member. He also served on the board of Casa de Oro and was a member of Centro Nuestra Señora de Buen Consejo.

Above all, Juan's life was defined by his love for his family and his unwavering commitment to his community. He was a man of integrity, kindness, and generosity who left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him—especially his six grandchildren. To them, he was the grandpa who gladly handed out unlimited candy and juice from the store, who was always ready to pop fireworks, ride his gator, or share a family story that brought laughter and kept traditions alive. They also admire the grandpa who was diagnosed with cancer in 2014 and beat it, survived a major heart attack and quadruple bypass in 2023, and never stopped fighting the cancer that invaded his body in 2025. His positive attitude and sense of humor never wavered despite his illnesses.

Juan left a mark on our hearts that will never fade, and his legacy of love, faith, courage, and hard work will live on in all who were blessed to know him.

Juan is preceded in death by one brother, Alberto "Chubby" Garza Jr.; two sisters, Baby Connie, and Christela G. Mendieta; one brother-in-law, Jose E. Mendieta; and his in-laws, Arturo and Lesvia G. Ramos.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 51 years, Patricia "Patsy" Ramos Garza of Kingsville; three daughters, Celina (Bobby) Garza-Alvarez of San Antonio, Vanessa (Ryan) Garza McAllister of Boston, Ma., and Erica Garza of San Antonio; six grandchildren, Ava, Addison, Bobby, Grayson, Michaela, and John; two sisters, Rosaelia (Andres) Salinas, and Connie (Carlos) Martinez; one sister-in-law, Dalissa Garza; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, with a Rosary recited at 11:30 a.m.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, February 20, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with Father Paulson officiating. Interment will follow at Chamberlain Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Chamberlain Cemetery

735 W Caesar Ave.
Kingsville, TX 78363

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
1102 E Kleberg Ave
Kingsville, TX 78363
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Rosary

FEB 20. 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

HP

“ *My deepest condolences to the whole family of Juan Garza, he was a very sweet man. We will miss him dearly, here at Shoreline Podiatry.*

Hopie Perales - February 25 at 12:05 PM

BA

“ *My deepest condolences to the whole family of Juan Rene Garza. Juan was a good man throughout his life. Both of us had open heart surgery in 2023. We met at Christus Spohn Kleberg Hospital at the Cardiac Rehab center working out. The Cardiac Rehab center was a positive experience for both of us. I know that you are in Heaven and praising God Almighty! Our Lord Jesus Christ never fails us. When it is our time Jesus Christ and his mighty angels make sure we reach our mansion in Heaven! Rest in Peace my friend!*

Baldemar H. Alarcon - February 22 at 01:32 AM

KB

“ *Kleberg Bank purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



Kleberg Bank - February 20 at 01:38 PM

TF

“ *The Kirkpatrick Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



The Kirkpatrick Family - February 20 at 10:55 AM

LV

“ Juan Garza was a man of integrity — a quiet model of what it means to live with purpose, humility, and deep love for others. Being around Juan meant feeling welcomed, valued, and at home. His ranch gatherings were something special. They were never just events, but moments rooted in family, laughter, good food, and lasting friendship. Juan created spaces where people could slow down, connect, and simply enjoy being together — a gift that reflected who he was at his core.

One of Juan’s most beautiful qualities was witnessing him as a father to his beloved daughters, Celina, Vanessa, and Erica. His pride in them was evident in every smile, every story, and every quiet act of care. That devotion was matched only by the love he held for Patsy — a love that was steady, gentle, and unmistakable. Patsy and I often smiled at our shared phrase, “My Juan,” a lighthearted reminder that our husbands shared the same name and that our lives had intertwined in such meaningful ways. Those moments now feel even more precious.

Watching Juan in these past years was not easy. Though illness may have taken weight from his body, it never touched his hope, his faith, or his deep love for family and friends. His spirit remained strong, anchored in the relationships that mattered most.

I will always think of Juan Garza with a smile — grateful for the blessing of knowing him and for the love and friendship I experienced through his beautiful family. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the family he cherished, and the memories that will continue to bring comfort and joy.

Patsy, Celina, Vanessa, and Erica — may God wrap you in His peace and comfort during this difficult time. Please know you are held in love, prayer, and deep gratitude for the beautiful gift Juan was to all of us.....Juan and Linda Villarreal.

Linda Villarreal - February 20 at 07:03 AM

TC

Juan Garza was a man of kindness, humble, he enjoyed life to the fullest. I have known him my whole lifetime. My grandpa use to take us to the store when we were little. Juan use to tell people that he has known my since I was in diapers (not pampers) he would say. My grandpa use to tell us het whatever you want. I will always remember his kind heart, his smile, his kindness. He had so much love not only for his family but also for all his customers. I can say he always helped people out. I remember my grandpa would charge his cigarettes, beer, bread, meat and whatever he was needing by the 3rd week of the month and my grandpa always went to pay them every 3rd of the month. We will always be so grateful for having meet a man like him. Juan we love you and prayed so much for your health. God gave as much time as he could for you to do what needed to be done in this world. We love you and you will be missed by many people! Beto's grocery store will always be Beto's (hope they never change the name). The best cheese and press ham ever! Every time I went in there he knew exactly what I was buying.💖 My heart felt condolences go out to the whole family. Sending lots of prayers for you all.

Terry Caldera - February 20 at 04:24 PM

RV

“ *Roget Eddie. N Velma purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



Roget Eddie. N Velma - February 19 at 11:34 PM

JF

“ *Jose Longoria & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



Jose Longoria & Family - February 19 at 11:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



February 19 at 08:54 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



February 19 at 08:06 PM



“ Oscar and Mary Lou Garza and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



Oscar and Mary Lou Garza and family - February 19 at 07:39 PM



“ Ray, Alex, and Gus Gonzalez! purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



Ray, Alex, and Gus Gonzalez! - February 19 at 06:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



February 19 at 06:08 PM



“ *Luis M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



Luis M. - February 19 at 02:27 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



February 19 at 02:26 PM



“ *Estefany and Mateo Alvarez purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



Estefany and Mateo Alvarez - February 19 at 11:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



February 19 at 11:20 AM



“ *Tom and Jodie OToole* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



Tom and Jodie OToole - February 19 at 09:45 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



February 19 at 09:43 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



February 18 at 09:34 PM

SN

“ Scott and Millie Norris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



Scott and Millie Norris - February 18 at 07:45 PM

TF

“ The Alvarez families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Juan Rene Garza.



The Alvarez families - February 18 at 06:46 PM

EH

“ We feel so grateful to have had you as our neighbors and friends for over 40 years. You were truly wonderful neighbors, and your friendship meant so much to our family.

Ernesto always loved going to Monday Night Football at Juan's Ranchito. Those were special times filled with laughter and friendship that will always be remembered.

Thank you for being such fantastic neighbors and friends. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Our deepest condolences to Patsy and the girls. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.

*With love,
Ernesto & Elsa Hinojosa*

Elsa Hinojosa - February 18 at 06:38 PM

AA

My condolences to the Garza family. Juan was a good friend in our younger years always joking and laughing. May he Rest in peace.

Antonio Acuna - February 19 at 10:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



February 18 at 06:24 PM

AG

“ *Never a better friend or neighbor. Had some great discussions about life. Will miss him dearly Patsy well prayer for you and your family.*

Andy Gonzalez - February 18 at 05:39 PM

DF

“ *Dante & Clarissa Chavarria and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



Dante & Clarissa Chavarria and Family - February 18 at 05:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



February 18 at 01:32 PM



“ *Condolences, to the Family, From Alfred Isassi and family.*

Alfred Isassi - February 18 at 01:21 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



February 18 at 01:00 PM



“ *Our Deepest condolences to the Garza Family. Remember Juan and Chubby from Betos. Always bought our meat order there. They always treated customers like family. I Diana worked as cashier for them in 2000 for about 1 yr. Very nice people. Juan also got to show me some black and white rabbits for my daughter's 4h commitment a long time ago. May he RIP. Gonna miss him.*

Diana Garcia-Lara - February 18 at 12:21 PM



Our Deepest condolences to the Garza Family, Patsy you're in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏🕊️🙏 Aaron & Yolanda Ruiz

Yolanda Ruiz - February 18 at 01:29 PM

AL

“ *Aubrey & Jamie, Hillary and Libby purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Juan Rene Garza.*



Aubrey & Jamie, Hillary and Libby - February 18 at 12:00 PM