



## Cruz Garza Jr.

November 5, 1959 - September 30, 2024

Cruz Garza, Jr., age 64 of Rockdale passed away on Monday, September 30, 2024 in Schertz Texas.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, burial will follow in the Garza Cemetery in Rockdale, Visitation will be held on Friday October 4, 2024 from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. A Rosary will follow the visitation at 6:30 PM at the funeral Home.

Cruz was born in Bryan, Texas on November 5, 1959 to Cruz Garza Sr. and Refugia Martinez. Cruz spent nearly all of his life in Rockdale, Texas. He graduated Rockdale High School in 1978 and was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Cruz married the love of his life, Teresa Ann Jezisek, on June 13, 1981 and remained married for 38 years. Cruz and Teresa had two sons, Jason and Steven. They lived and raised their children in Rockdale. Cruz was active and engaged with the youth in the community as a young man and left a lasting impact on many of the children in Rockdale that resonates to this day.

After growing up working in the family ag business, Cruz worked in the Texas land and offshore oil industry until 1987. He then shifted to the manufacturing

sector where he remained until 2020. His mentality focused on integrity and action served him well throughout his career in which he spent the majority in leadership roles. In 2020 he enrolled in TSTC Waco for training in automotive paint and repair. He finished his life doing what he loves, repairing and restoring classic vehicles, until he absolutely could not.

Cruz's love for family and friends was immeasurable. He was ready to do anything at any time and duration necessary for his loved ones. Despite all of the challenges a 20+ year battle with cancer brings, Cruz never missed a family event and was involved in his children and grandchildren's life daily. Cruz wanted the best for everyone he knew and would love to hear about their successes in life. His presence was cherished by so many and he will be greatly missed.

Cruz is survived by lifelong companion Teresa Garza and their children; Jason and Storme Garza with child Cameron Garza. Steven and Olivia Garza with children George, Meredith and Cora.

He survived by his Parents Cruz Garza Sr. and Refugia Garza; brother Carlos Garza, Brother Oscar Garza and Wife Brandi, Sister Irene and Husband Roger Gutierrez, Sister Christine and Husband Dan Marquette. Sisters Toni, Esther and Lydia Garza. As well as many adored nieces, nephews which he loved and cared for as his own children.

He will be survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins that were as dear to him as immediate family.

Serving as Pallbearers will be, Kerry Locklin, James Seaton, John Garza, Marcos Garza, Everett Watson and Dion Butler.

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 548, Rockdale, Texas 76567. Express condolences at [PhillipsandLuckey.com](http://PhillipsandLuckey.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Garza Cemetery

County Road 306  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Rosary

OCT 4. 6:30 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home  
P.O. Drawer 1417  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com

## Funeral Mass

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
234 San Gabriel St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

## Burial

OCT 5 (CT)

Garza Cemetery  
County Road 306  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall



“ *RIP my friend.* 🙏

Vance Facundo - April 27, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Cruz Garza Jr..*



October 04, 2024 at 03:56 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Cruz Garza Jr..*



October 04, 2024 at 08:05 AM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. David Taylor purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Cruz Garza Jr..*



Mr. & Mrs. David Taylor - October 03, 2024 at 09:12 PM

BK

“ Butch K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Garza JR.

Butch K. - October 03, 2024 at 09:00 PM

MZ

“ So very sorry for your loss he was a very kind man, prayers for you all!



Mellissa A Zawadzke - October 03, 2024 at 04:20 PM

LF

“ Luke and The Waco Brandt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Garza JR.

Luke and The Waco Brandt Family - October 03, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Cruz Garza Jr..



October 03, 2024 at 11:22 AM

SN

“ To Cruz's family, we are really sorry to hear of Cruz's passing, we always enjoyed our times together just hanging out and visiting. Rest in peace my friend. Sincerely Scotty and Myra

Scotty & Myra Niemann - October 02, 2024 at 09:40 PM

LL

“ Love you, Lydia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Garza JR.

Love you, Lydia - October 02, 2024 at 05:57 PM

LL

“ Love you, Lydia purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Cruz Garza Jr..



Love you, Lydia - October 02, 2024 at 05:57 PM

GW

“ I am so sorry for your loss



Gloria Wall - October 02, 2024 at 05:53 PM

DS

“ David S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Garza JR.

David S. - October 02, 2024 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cruz Garza Jr..*



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October 02, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ *Rest Easy Cruz 🙏*

*Revelations 21:4*

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”*

*Sending Our Deepest Condolences to all of the Garza Family 🙏*

*Frank & Lori Montelongo*



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**Lori Montelongo** - October 01, 2024 at 05:58 PM