



Eugene "Geno" Cortez Escalante

November 15, 1935 - September 19, 2015

Funeral services for Eugene "Geno" Escalante, 79, of Giddings, are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Giddings with Father James Olnhusen officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, September 25, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A Rosary will be recited Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Eugene Cortez Escalante was born on November 15, 1935 in Mumford, Texas to Consuelo and Lucas Escalante. He worked as a truck driver for Butler Brick Company, Alcoa and retired from Union Pacific Railroad. He loved John Wayne movies, reading, walking and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Eugene was the type of person who was always smiling, joking and enjoying life. He was liked by all who met him. His enormous smile is what would make everyone feel warm. Three traits that beautifully sum up Geno's life would be classic, witty and, most of all, courageous.

Eugene passed away the evening of Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Park Bend Health Center in Austin following a battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Robert Salas Jr. and

three brothers, Felix Escalante, Pete Escalante and Johnny Escalante.

Eugene is survived by three children, Rita Bayardo of Manor, Linda Reyes and her husband, Richard of Manor and Eugene Escalante Jr. & his wife, Marcelina of Fairfield, CA; the mother of their children, Pauline G. Aguigui of Manor; ten grandchildren, Sabina Salas (Charity Walker), Carmen Reyes, Tiffany Salas, Leticia Hernandez (Jaime Hernandez), Kristina Surfass (Devin Surfass), Kristal Reyes (Nathan Sargent) Francisco Bayardo (Deserae Bayardo) Eugene Escalante III (Amber Banks) Marissa Escalante and Casey Reyes; eleven great grandchildren, Lucas Morgan, Janese DeLaTorre, Chad Miller Jr., Adrianna Hernandez, Coby Miller, Christina Miller, Jaime Hernandez Jr., Aubrey Bayardo, Julian Hernandez, Ava Bayardo and Selena Escalante; three sisters, Josephina Escalante of California, Margarita Graciano & her husband, Joe of California and Anita Lozano of California; four brothers, Lalo Escalante & his wife, Julie of California, Robert Escalante & his wife, Maria of California, Raymond Escalante & his wife, Diane of California and Fernando Escalante & his wife, Joyce of Giddings; two sisters-in-law, Jean Escalante of San Antonio and Frances Escalante of Giddings as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers will be Francisco Bayardo, Eugene Escalante III, Casey Reyes, Jaime Hernandez, Nathan Sargent, Marcus Escalante and Eric Escalante. Honorary pallbearers will be Lucas Morgan, Chad Miller Jr., Coby Miller, Jaime Hernandez Jr. and Julian Hernandez.

Memorials may be made the American Cancer Society, the Lymphoma Association or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

Giddings City Cemetery

900 West Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin St.
Giddings, TX 78942
(979) 542-3113
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Rosary

SEP **24.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Church Service

SEP 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church
526 S. Grimes
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eugene "Geno" Cortez Escalante*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 24, 2015 at 03:11 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Eugene "Geno" Cortez Escalante.*



September 25, 2015 at 08:08 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 24, 2015 at 04:19 PM



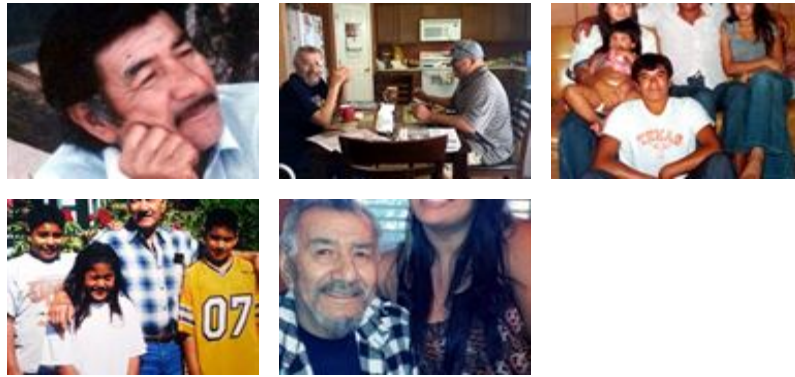
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Geno" Cortez Escalante.



September 24, 2015 at 03:12 PM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 24, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Geno" Cortez Escalante



Michelle Schuetz - September 24, 2015 at 01:22 PM

MS

To the Escalante family, I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. May God continue to give you all strength, comfort and peace. We have another angel watching and taking care of us all. Geno will be missed by many, but will forever be in our hearts. God bless you all!

Michelle Gutierrez Schuetz

Michelle Schuetz - September 24, 2015 at 01:25 PM

GG

“ George Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Eugene "Geno" Cortez Escalante



George Gutierrez - September 24, 2015 at 01:21 PM

GG

I am so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with all of your during this time.

George and Susan Gutierrez

George Gutierrez - September 24, 2015 at 01:22 PM

AW

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out the the Escalante family on their loss. May they find peace and comfort. RIP Eugene!
Angie and Al Wiederhold



Angie and Alton Wiederhold - September 23, 2015 at 09:23 PM

FF

“ from your Pflugerville Home Depot family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Eugene "Geno" Cortez Escalante.



from your Pflugerville Home Depot family - September 23, 2015 at 02:53 PM

IM

“ "Our hearts go to the Escalante family in their time of sorrow. Please know that we are remembering each one of you in prayer, honoring Eugene's memory. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies. May God grant you peace and comfort. Rest in peace Eugene.

Ruben and Mary Cantu
Irma Cantu Manzanares
Houston, Texas

Irma Manzanarez - September 21, 2015 at 07:11 PM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers with the whole family. I will remember all the great memories and laughs I had with Geno well as I would call him Uncle Geno. He was great man and he could make anyone laugh. We all had great times with him at Fernando and Joyce's house when there would be a get together. He will be miss a lot by his family and friends. David & Joan Gersch and Family



Joan Gersch - September 20, 2015 at 05:22 PM