



## Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr.

November 14, 1964 - November 20, 2024

Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr., born on November 14, 1964, in Rockdale, TX, passed away on November 20, 2024, in his beloved hometown. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, Jerry was known affectionately as "Pops" to his family and friends.

Jerry had a passion for the outdoors and was a huge sports fan. He dedicated much of his life to coaching and playing softball and baseball, but his greatest joy came from umpiring youth leagues, where he positively impacted countless young athletes. His love for family was unmatched, and he cherished every moment spent with them, especially at ball fields.

He is survived by his loving wife, Valerie Kay Cruz, and their three children: Oldest Son Jerry Wayne Cruz Jr. With His Wife Ashlie Black. Daughter Jerryca Virginia Kay Cruz, and Youngest Son Justin Wayne Cruz With His Wife Christan Marie Cruz.

Jerry was also a proud grandfather to seven grandchildren: Jaycee Rhae Cruz, Jayden Fuchs, Conner Fuchs, Justin Wayne Cruz II, Paxton Robert Neal, Elijah Matthew Cruz, and Moriah Grace Cruz.

Jerry is also survived by his brothers, Larry Cruz and Rene Munoz, his sister Hilaria Medina, and Aunts Rosemary Hernandez and Sally Aldama.

A heavy equipment operator by profession, Jerry was known for his hard work, passion, and dedication to those around him. He had a deep love for Texas country and Tejano music, enjoyed watching the Chicago series and The Rookie, and could always be found cheering for his favorite sports teams, including softball, baseball, and football.

Jerry's legacy will live on through the love he shared with his family and the many lives he touched through his generous spirit and unwavering support for others. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home  
1041 US-79  
Rockdale, TX 76567-4513  
(512) 446-5454

## Funeral Service

DEC 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Burial

DEC 3 (CT)

I.O.O.F. Cemetery  
850 N. Main St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..

December 02, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..



December 02, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Jenny Cruz and Family* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..



**Jenny Cruz and Family** - December 02, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ *Love Tito, Kimberly and Joshua Cruz* purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..



**Love Tito, Kimberly and Joshua Cruz** - December 02, 2024 at 11:34 AM

LC

“ Love Tito, Kimberly and Joshua Cruz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..

Love Tito, Kimberly and Joshua Cruz - December 02, 2024 at 11:34 AM

KO

“ Dear Son-in-law,

*I want to convey my sincere appreciation for the love and care you've shown to my dear Valerie. Both Matt and I have always admired you greatly. With Matt's absence, your role in our lives has grown even more meaningful. You have been an exemplary husband, father, and grandfather. You will be profoundly missed. With affection from your mother-in-law, Mrs. Mather Lopez Jr.*

*Please send my regards to my husband, Matthew.*

kim ortiz - December 02, 2024 at 11:22 AM



RA

“ Rockdale Youth Baseball Association purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..



Rockdale Youth Baseball Association - December 02, 2024 at 07:53 AM

TF

“ *The Lopez Gauna Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..*



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**The Lopez Gauna Family** - December 01, 2024 at 03:35 PM

TM

“ *Rest in peace my friend, my condolences to his family. Terry L Mowdy*



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**Terry L Mowdy** - November 29, 2024 at 07:37 PM

KO

“ *Jerry, it was truly difficult to share my thoughts about you, as I have come to the painful realization that you are no longer with us. You always maintained such a positive perspective on life, exuding kindness and a deep love for life itself. Your family meant the world to you, and your affection for them was boundless. I will forever cherish your smile, your compassion, your patience, and your eagerness to lend a helping hand to others. You will always hold a special place in my heart. Please send a warm embrace to my sweet boys for me. Love you, dear brother-in-law ❤️*



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**Kimberly ortiz** - November 27, 2024 at 06:52 PM

KO

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Kimberly ortiz - November 27, 2024 at 04:24 PM

LP

“ We are so sorry for your loss we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers 🙏❤️

liz poll - November 27, 2024 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a Great Man would do anything for you and he never met a stranger. Jerry loved to talk sports and coach. Rest in Peace Jerry Pain Free...

johnny stewart - November 26, 2024 at 02:24 PM

GW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry will be missed greatly He was such a wonderful person.



Gloria Wall - November 26, 2024 at 11:25 AM

BG

“ Our condolences to the Cruz family. I've always had the utmost respect for your family. He was a great person I am glad to call my friend. I was fortunate enough to get to coach Bubbs and Jerry Jr. . Enjoyed talking to Jerry about baseball which he loved the game so much, as well as softball. Just talked to him a couple of weeks ago and he was telling me all about his grandchildren playing ball. He will truly be missed but not forgotten. RIP Jerry.

**Barton Gibbs** - November 26, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ Laura Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr.



**Laura Ramirez** - November 26, 2024 at 09:54 AM

KL

“ Uncle Jerry always made us smile , laugh he was such a caring man, he would always say “man mesh you sure are pretty” and give us the biggest hug like he knew we needed it at that time. I’m a miss you so much I’m so sad for Tia Lou and My cousins, my heart goes out to them ! I love you Uncle Jerry ! Heaven is getting a great Guy and a heck of a coach !!



**kamesha Lopez** - November 25, 2024 at 06:53 PM

AF

“ Annie Rojas and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..



Annie Rojas and family - November 25, 2024 at 02:44 PM

PM

“ Sending my condolences to Jerry Cruz family. So sorry for your loss . I love you all .



Peggy Morrison - November 25, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Laura Ramirez - November 25, 2024 at 02:40 PM

CM

“ We send our thoughts, prayers and condolences 🙏✝️🏰🕊️ from all his family in Dallas, Texas. (I am Richard J. Muñoz's daughter;Christina Muñoz and my mother is Juana Puente de Rosebud, Texas)



Christina R Muñoz - November 25, 2024 at 01:43 PM

RH

“ Jerry was a beautiful soul that would give you the shirt off his back. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to speak. Madison loved to join him and his grandkids when they were fishing. He was a great friend and will be missed.

Robin Heintze - November 25, 2024 at 10:59 AM

LM

“ Sending our Sincere Condolences to the Cruz family. Rest Easy Jerry and fly high with the Angels 😊  
Lori & Frank



Lori Montelongo - November 25, 2024 at 10:20 AM

CT

“ City of Taylor purchased the *Written in the Stars* for the family of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..



City of Taylor - November 25, 2024 at 09:32 AM

CT

“ City of Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Wayne Cruz Sr..

City of Taylor - November 25, 2024 at 09:32 AM