



## Joe V. Esparza

December 29, 1935 - March 6, 2024

On Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, Joe V Esparza, loving husband and father passed away

surrounded by his family at the age of 88. Joe was born on December 29th, 1935, in Somerville,

Texas to Jose and Jesusa Esparza. On June 23rd, 1956, he married Patsy Claver Maldonado. In their 27 years of marriage, they raised two sons, Carl Joseph and Steven Joseph, and two daughters, Bettye Carolyn and Monica Ann. On August 19th, 1987, Joe married Linda Sue Locke, and they were married for 28 years.

Joe served in the National Guard and was honorably discharged in 1958. Joe worked 35 years for Alcoa before retiring in 1999. He was an active parishioner for over 60 years at St. Mary's serving on committees and leading the rosary society.

Joe not only had a passion for working cattle and training horses, but he also had a passion for "small talk" and was an incredible storyteller. He had a gift of beginning a story, and 45 minutes later would bring you back to the very beginning of the story.

We will remember Joe for his simple life, hard work, honesty, unconditional love, common sense

approach, his funny “Joe-isms”, his love for polka music and his cowboy beer. Most of all we will remember Joe for his trust, strength, courage, faith and joy in God on whom he humbly relied on.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents Jose and Jesusa, brother Johnny, wife Patsy, son Carl, daughter's Hope and Grace, and wife Sue.

Joe is survived by his daughters Bettye (Jorge) Gomez and Monica (Juan) Curbelo, his son Steven (Heather) Esparza, his stepdaughter Renee (Robert) Pounders, his brother Manuel (Simona) Esparza, his sister Rosie (Anthony) Manfre along with seven grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The recitation of the Rosary will occur at 9:30 a.m. prior to the funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers please donate to: St Mary Our Lady of Lourdes to help the needy, St Jude's children's Hospital or to Hospice Brazos Valley.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home. Express condolences at [PhillipsandLuckey.com](http://PhillipsandLuckey.com).

# Previous Events

## Rosary

APR 6. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
500 W. Osr  
Caldwell, TX 77836

## Funeral Mass

APR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
500 W. Osr  
Caldwell, TX 77836

## Burial

APR 6. 11:30 AM.

St. Mary Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Cemetery  
Caldwell, TX

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Getting to know Mr. E goes back to when Bettye reached out for me to bake and deliver some treats to her precious daddy. Little did I know I would be so welcomed and loved into the family and blessed for almost five years.

Mr. E never let you come or go without a blessing and one (or multiple) thank you! His strong faith was such an example. When we submit, God works and can shower you with blessings!! I will treasure all the memories from spending time with Mr. E daily this last year!

To Bettye, Monica and Steven - thank you for the privilege of spending time with your daddy. Blessings and comfort to you and prayers at this time of loss. With Love, Debbie (alias - the cookie lady)

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**Debbie Lindke** - April 09, 2024 at 03:55 PM



“ Joe was a great neighbor. We lived across the street from him back in the early 70's. We enjoyed visiting with him and Patsy. They were great to know and a person could not have a better neighbor.

Robert and Georgie Nors

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**Robert Nors** - April 05, 2024 at 08:00 PM

JC

“ Jose and Isabel Curbelo purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Joe V. Esparza.



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**Jose and Isabel Curbelo** - April 05, 2024 at 09:58 AM

JC

“ Jose and Isabel Curbelo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe V. Esparza.

Jose and Isabel Curbelo - April 05, 2024 at 09:58 AM

CF

“ Carmen Rosas family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe V. Esparza.



Carmen Rosas family - April 03, 2024 at 08:53 PM

CF

“ Carmen Rosas family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe V. Esparza.

Carmen Rosas family - April 03, 2024 at 08:53 PM

RD

“ Rev. Melvin L. Dornak lit a candle in memory of Joe V. Esparza



Rev. Melvin L. Dornak - April 03, 2024 at 11:33 AM

TF

“ The Gomez-Barquera Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Joe V. Esparza.



The Gomez-Barquera Family - April 03, 2024 at 02:10 AM

TF

“ The Gomez-Barquera Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe V. Esparza.

The Gomez-Barquera Family - April 03, 2024 at 02:10 AM

CP

“ Chuck and Aurora Pollock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe V. Esparza.



Chuck and Aurora Pollock - April 02, 2024 at 08:50 PM

CP

“ Chuck and Aurora Pollock planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe V. Esparza.

Chuck and Aurora Pollock - April 02, 2024 at 08:50 PM

FM

“ A good man and great father, we will miss you. RIP Joe. Frank and Judy

Frank Maldonado - March 28, 2024 at 12:34 PM

SH

“ *Mr. Esparza was one of the kindest & best men I ever knew. I have not seen him in many years, but I have very fond memories of him & his wonderful family. He loved his family so very much. I had great respect for him. Sherry (Hovorak) Helton*

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**Sherry H Helton** - March 15, 2024 at 10:07 PM

JR

“ *I wish you peace and comfort as you grieve. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.  
Mr. Joe was a very sweet and kind person. He will be missed.  
- Josie Rodriguez -*

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**Josie Rodriguez** - March 15, 2024 at 05:21 PM

JF

“ *Joyce Fleetwood lit a candle in memory of  
Joe Esparza*



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**Joyce Fleetwood** - March 10, 2024 at 08:31 PM

NH

“ *Our Deepest Sympathies to the Family 🙏🕊️🕊️*  
*Nancy Hodges*

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**Nancy Hodges** - March 10, 2024 at 03:06 PM

MC

“ *Martha Cook lit a candle in memory of Joe Esparza*



Martha Lopez Cook - March 09, 2024 at 04:50 PM

DW

“ *Dwane Jalane Wiederhold lit a candle in memory of Joe Esparza*



Dwane and Jalane Wiederhold - March 08, 2024 at 02:54 PM

WS

*MR JOE WAS LIKE A DADDY TO ME MONCIA HE WOULD DO ANYTHING LIKE IF I NEED IT A LITTLE HELP FOR SOMETHING HE DO IT I will never never never forget him Me and Andrea I Szilagyi Moncia and all so I love talking to him but he had is friend with i just get my mail and head back to. BRYAN TEXAS MONCIA YOU'LL GOING TO KEEP J J right Moncia he love that donkey ☐ he did Moncia*

WOODY SCHOENAN - March 09, 2024 at 03:18 PM

JR

“ *Sincerest sympathies and prayers for peace and comfort to Bettye, Monica, Steve & families! Your dad was a faithful servant of God while on this earth and Heaven has gained a beautiful angel to watch over you all! RIP Mr. Joe!*

Janice Robertson - March 08, 2024 at 02:38 PM

WK

“ *With Deepest Sympathies - Jack & Rebecca Kocurek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe V. Esparza.*

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**With Deepest Sympathies - Jack & Rebecca Kocurek** - March 08, 2024 at 12:42 PM