



Manuel "Shorty" Zapata Aldama

January 2, 1933 - October 11, 2015

Manuel "Shorty" Zapata Aldama, 82 of Rockdale passed away Sunday, October 11, 2015 at his home. Funeral services will be at 10:00 am, Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home with burial following at I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Friday, October 16, 2015 at the funeral home with a rosary starting at 7:00 pm.

Manuel was born January 2, 1933 in Rockdale to Prudencio and Epifania (Zapata) Aldama. He married Sally Cruz on April 19, 1953 in Rockdale. Manuel worked as a tire man for Gaither Ford for over 30 years before going to work for Bassler Energy Services for 16 years. He loved to go hunting and fishing. He enjoyed watching baseball and football and his favorite teams were the St. Louis Cardinals, Houston Astros, Dallas Cowboys and Houston Texans. He played baseball for the Rockdale Clippers and as he grew older and couldn't play he always looked forward to Sundays to prep the field. Shorty always worked and loved being around and spending time with his grandchildren. Manuel also loved to dance.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Marcelino Aldama, Simon Aldama Sr., and Prudencio Aldama Jr.; sisters, Martha Garcia, Toline Vasquez, Romana Valverde, and Delores Juarez.

Manuel is survived by his wife 62 years, Sally Aldama of Rockdale; son, John

Aldama and wife Amanda of Rockdale; daughters, Erica Aldama of Rockdale and Blanca Aldama of Rockdale; grandchildren, Brandy Cain, Jadon Aldama, Jazzalena Aldama, Ziva-Ann Aldama, Zaniya Aldama, Kyle Hill, Johnathan Aldama, and Harley May; great grandchildren, Amia Aldama and soon to be born, Manuel Aldama; sisters, Tomasita Santos of Killeen, Alicia Gomez and husband Oscar of Killeen and Ofelia Delarosa and husband Luis of Temple; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Cruz Jr., Tim Castaneda, Reynaldo Rubio, Rafael Lara, Urbano Cervantes and Francisco Ramirez.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Miller Bassler and Jerry Cruz Sr.

Cemetery Details

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
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Rosary

OCT **16**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

OCT 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Omg I was just told about my uncles death I feel so empty and its so sad cause he and his sister Austacia were so close from what I remember he and my aunt were the one who introduced my mom to my dad Dementrio Vasquez cause they both as a couple would go dancing every weekend at the saloon in Rockdale I'm so sorry for ur lost and I know in my heart that he is dancing with her and his beloved mother and watching us at this moment if there is anything I can do please let me know and again I'm so sorry for ur loss



Reyes Pacheco - October 19, 2015 at 06:37 PM



“ Reyes Pacheco sent a virtual gift in memory of Manuel "Shorty" Zapata Aldama



Reyes Pacheco - October 19, 2015 at 06:33 PM

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“ "Chorizo" may God grant you eternal rest and may his perpetual light shine upon you. My Dad thought the world of you and always enjoyed visiting with you. Thanks for the great memories. "Go Clippers"



Eddie Zapata - October 13, 2015 at 09:39 AM