



Melquiades Cardenas

December 10, 1929 - December 21, 2025

Funeral services for Melquiades Cardenas Cruz, 96, of Giddings, Texas, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Father Javier Toscano officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home.

Melquiades Cardenas Cruz was born on December 10, 1929, in Mier Noriega, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to Francisco Cardenas and Ricarda Cruz. He was united in marriage to Marcelina Garcia Rodriguez on December 27, 1946. To this union they were blessed with four children. Melquiades worked in construction for many years. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed watching boxing and baseball. He also enjoyed playing baseball in his younger years. Melquiades enjoyed spending time with his family where he was the go-to storyteller.

Melquiades passed away on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at his home in Giddings with his family by his side.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Marcelina Garcia Rodriguez; parents, Francisco Cardenas and Ricarda Cruz; son, Magdaleno Cardenas Garcia; and one sister, Simona Castillo Cruz.

Melquiades is survived by his children, Ofelia Cardenas Garcia and husband Jose Francisco Rivera Carrillo of Giddings, Maria Del Carmen Cardenas Garcia of Giddings, Severa Oralia Cardenas Torres and husband Julian Torres of North Carolina; fourteen grandchildren, Jose Francisco Rivera Cardenas of North Carolina, Alan Alberto Cardenas of North Carolina, Guillermo Bocanegra Cardenas of Giddings, Joaquin Bocanegra Cardenas of Mexico, Jaime Bocanegra Cardenas of North Carolina, Maria Angelica Bocanegra Cardenas of North Carolina, Maria Isabel Bocanegra Cardenas of Mexico, Jorge Bocanegra Cardenas of Giddings, Cesar Julian Torres Cardenas of North Carolina, Jesus Adrian Torres Cardenas of North Carolina, Marco Antonio Torres Cardenas of North Carolina, Juan Cardenas Aleman of Florida, Maria Magdalena Cardenas Aleman of Florida, and Carmen Julia Cardenas Aleman of Florida; fifteen great grandchildren; sister, Santos Castillo and husband Carlos Grinaldo of Mexico, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

DEC **30**. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Chapel Service

DEC **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melquiades Cardenas*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 24, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melquiades Cardenas.*



December 26, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ *From Leida y David planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melquiades Cardenas.*

From Leida y David - December 26, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ *Familia Perez-Bocanegra purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Melquiades Cardenas.*



Familia Perez-Bocanegra - December 25, 2025 at 02:28 PM



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Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - December 24, 2025 at 10:17 AM