



## Natividad Reyes Zapata

December 25, 1927 - June 21, 2022

Natividad Reyes Zapata, age 94 of Rockdale, passed away Tuesday evening, June 21, 2022 at the Rockdale Estates and Rehabilitation.

Memorial services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 2, 2022 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Mr. Zapata was born December 25, 1927 in Rockdale to Feliciano Lombreras and Manuela (Reyes) Zapata. He was a life long resident of Rockdale. He and Mauricia Montelongo were married on June 11, 1948 and just celebrated 74 years together. To this union eleven children were born. Mr. Zapata worked as a farmer for many years, and also worked at the Rockdale lumber yard where he eventually retired from. He enjoyed telling stories of the old days to family and friends, going and taking care of the cemetery, and taking daily trips to town to get the newspaper and their mail. Mr. Zapata liked making trips to San Antonio, listening and singing along to music, telling jokes and laughing along with them and watching baseball.

He is preceded in death by a son, Ruben Zapata; his parents, Feliciano and Manuela Zapata; sisters, Camrne Silva, and Amalia Montelongo; brothers, Simon, Nehi, Eppie, John, Victor Zapata and two newborn boys.

Surviving is his wife, Mauricia Zapata of Rockdale; children, Maurilio Zapata

and wife Dora of Killeen, Rosa Nunez and husband Eusebio of Hutto, Marcus Zapata and wife Janie of Rockdale, Virginia Kelsey and husband Terrance of Temple, Robert Zapata and wife Cindy of Austin, Alice Zapata of Rockdale, Terry Grimaldo and husband Joe of Temple, Irene Lopez of Round Rock, Ricky Zapata of Austin and Felix Zapata of Austin; brothers, Butch Zapata and wife Lucy of San Antonio, Nicasia "Nick" Zapata and wife Terry of Little Rock, Arkansas and Steve Zapata and wife Mary of Rockdale; sister, Dee Lerma of Rockdale; 25 grandchildren, 63 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Natividad Reyes Zapata.* ”



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June 30, 2022 at 04:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Natividad Reyes Zapata.* ”



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June 30, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Jennifer Harrison and Babylon Team purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Natividad Reyes Zapata.* ”



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**Jennifer Harrison and Babylon Team** - June 27, 2022 at 01:01 PM

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“Heaven just gained a wonderful soul. Uncle Nat, you were a true gem. You were a wonderful uncle, brother, father, grandfather & great grandfather. You instilled laughter in your family for which they all have great sense of humor because of you, anyone who is around any Zapata family members that belongs to you, walk through life with that same beautiful smile on their face, all my cousins that belong to you Uncle Nat, will keep your beautiful spirit alive, they are all so much like you and that makes me happy to see, cause when I see them, I see you! Thank you for taking care of Mom (Carmen) when she needed it, we so appreciate you coming check on her and talk to her when she needed it most. WE all love you and WE all will miss you and your quick joke and smile. I loved hearing your stories of the way it was, life made much more sense the way you described it when you would tell your stories...I loved seeing the world through your eyes.



Now rest Uncle Nat, you have been blessed to see so much in your lifetime, you have left an incredible mark on the Zapata family and we will never forget you. Until we see each other again, Rest in Peace my good man~

*Elena Olmos (Silva)*

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**Elena Olmos** - June 27, 2022 at 10:59 AM

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*Thank you so much for those very kind words Elena*

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**Irene Lopez** - July 12, 2022 at 10:10 AM

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“ *Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Natividad Reyes Zapata*



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**Aretha Flores** - June 26, 2022 at 01:58 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Daniel Zapata** - June 25, 2022 at 06:15 PM

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“ *I miss you* ❤️



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**Hope Zapata** - June 24, 2022 at 11:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Natividad Reyes Zapata.*



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June 24, 2022 at 10:12 PM