



Heriberto "Eddie" Saldana, Jr.

July 21, 1934 - December 24, 2021

Heriberto Saldana Jr., "Eddie" to friends, 87, a native of Mercedes, Texas, passed away on Friday, December 24, 2021, Christmas Eve, at his home in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Visitation: 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 2021 with Recitation of Rosary held by Sierra at 7. Mass of Christian Burial: 9:30 a.m. Friday, December 31, 2021 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. Burial: DFW National Cemetery.

All services will be live-streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/GuerreroDeanFuneralHome/>

Eddie Saldana Jr. was born on July 21, 1934, the son of the late Heriberto Saldana and the late Tita Garcia Saldana. He enjoyed life as a retiree after working many years for Bell Helicopter.

He was deeply spiritual, faithful to his God and Church. He was initially registered at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church until moving to St. Michael the Archangel when it was first established. Sundays were always filled with Mass, followed by grilling, a picnic, or just spending time with the family.

Eddie was an avid fan and follower of the Cowboys, Rangers and especially the Texas Longhorns. When younger, he loved coaching football and baseball in the Grand Prairie Sports Associations. He always enjoyed playing lotto scratch-offs.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-two years, Mary Ramirez Saldana; children, Lee Roy Saldana, Sandra Dee Saldana (Russell Avery), Stephanie Ann Saldana Romero (Michael); grandchildren, Candice Crain, Sierra Amanda Gutierrez (Manuel Gutierrez), Danyelle Avery Rodriguez (George), Jordan Gage Avery (Anna), Ariana Nicole Romero, Eric Michael Romero; 12 great-grandchildren; siblings, Jaime Saldana (Thelma), Libby Lopez (Bert) and Nellie Calderia. Also by a dear brother-in-law, Rene Salinas:

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Rosie Salinas.

Cemetery Details

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Mass

DEC **31**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Michael the Archangel Church
2910 Corn Valley Rd.
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Tribute Wall



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Heriberto "Eddie" Saldana, Jr..



December 31, 2021 at 08:09 AM

MR

“BIG ED” I have known u for over 25 years and never have heard a mean thing come out of ur mouth! U were the sweetest and most loveable man! My Family has been blessed to be a part of ur life for so many years! I will miss taking shots with u 🍷 at all the family functions, & u stealing my cigarettes 🚬! I know My Mom, Dad, Candyman & Bobby had a shot ready for you!! ❤️ I bet it was beautiful up there on Christmas as you and all those who have gone before us meet u at the Gates of Heaven! May You Rest In Eternal Peace 🕊️🕊️🕊️

RIP BIG ED!! 🕊️🙏🕊️

My Condolences to Mary, Stephanie and all of the Saldana family! Those who live in the Lord, never see each other for the last time! This is not Goodbye, but see you later! ❤️

With Love,

Madi & The Romero Family (Abilene)

Madi Romero - December 30, 2021 at 01:51 PM

SS

Thank You Sweet Heart for the kind words, yes you have been family since day one. And will forever be sistegirl. Love ya 😍 forever ❤️

Sandra Dee Saldana - December 31, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Heriberto "Eddie" Saldana, Jr..*



December 30, 2021 at 01:44 PM



“ *Romero Family from (Abilene) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Heriberto "Eddie" Saldana, Jr..*



Romero Family from (Abilene) - December 30, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *125 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - December 29, 2021 at 11:07 PM

LR

Hi Pops! I remember the first time I met you and your beautiful wife Mary. You welcomed me in your home as a family member and gave me a good hug. You were telling me a joke, I wish I could remember it. We had conversations throughout the evening. I remember thinking what a happy, kind and spunky guy, full of sunshine and just adorable! It would warm my heart when Sandra would tell me you asked about me often throughout the years. I never heard you complain, even when I could feel you were not feeling well. Loved that you always had a smile for everyone and loved how dapper you looked with your hats. I am very blessed to have met you and your beautiful kind family. Until we meet again and you can remind me of that joke you told me. Love and miss you! Lisa R

Lisa Rincon - December 30, 2021 at 02:36 AM

SG

Such a handsome fellow! Love you Grandpa!

Sierra Gutierrez - December 30, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Heriberto "Eddie" Saldana, Jr..*



December 29, 2021 at 08:15 PM

SS

“ Well I surely don't mind my Memories about this Sweet Old man.....most IMPORTANT MAN IN MY LIFE, ALWAYS TOLD Me DON'T EVER SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF, you'll find yourself smiling and Living Life...How right he was!
I miss your sweet little face Daddy and find so much comfort knowing that I feel you with your ((((((Angel ♥ Wings)))))....they are Huge...I hear you in the Wind, and have always loved that about us. You rest and since you have your Angel Wings it's time to also keep EVIL FAR FAR AWAY FROM US AND OUR CHILDREN....I'LL SEE YOU WHEN IT'S MY TIME DADDY AND THAT GIVES ME RELIEF AND SOLACE.....GIVE HUGS TO EVERYONE IN OUR FATHER GOD'S HEAVENLY HOME.....
I Love the Moon, the Moon 🌙 Loves me,
God Bless the 🌑 Moon, God Bless Me
, For all our Forever Babes, Laters my Sweet King....Samson cries for you too daddy.

Saundra Dee Saldana - December 29, 2021 at 02:33 PM

JF

“ Jaime Saldana & Family purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Heriberto "Eddie" Saldana, Jr..



Jaime Saldana & Family - December 28, 2021 at 10:14 PM

JS

“ In the summer of 1968, Jr. drove me all over the Great Southwest Parkway area to help me land my first major job. Jr. woud dtop me off and pick me up everyday. He never complained. He was just a big brother taking care of his little brother. RIP bro.

Jaime Saldana - December 28, 2021 at 09:53 PM

SS

Awh Too to go back in time, you've always been the Hippest COOLEST Too, with all the Cool Tunes...❤️ Those memories Too.

Saundra Dee Saldana - December 29, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Heriberto "Eddie" Saldana, Jr..*



December 28, 2021 at 05:03 PM

SG

“ *Heriberto Saldana Jr, was my sweet grandfather, I definitely have so many fond memories of him. The ones that stand out in particular was when out of no where he would turn to me, (I can still hear his voice), and sing "Sixteens Tons" by Johnny Cash, and he would have this huge smile right after he finished singing. Miss you grandpa! In our hearts forever! Rest in Paradise*

Sierra Gutierrez - December 28, 2021 at 04:40 PM

SS

I've never heard that in my Life until you two stared that...lol

Saundra Dee Saldana - December 29, 2021 at 02:12 PM