



Jose Refugio Mendoza

July 5, 1966 - June 24, 2015

Jose Refugio Mendoza, 48, a resident of Grand Prairie, died on Wednesday, July 24, 2015 at a local hospital in Arlington.

Born July 5th 1966 in Rio Bravo Tamaulipas, Mexico. He was the greatest Dad and Best friend, always wanting the best for his kids and grandkids (he loved his grandkids very very much) Pollito, Flaca & Gorda. He was a hard worker for the Marriott and then the Hilton for years in banquets.

From cook to bartender and event decorator, he did his best to do it all. He loved the beach and Corpus Christi and loved summer vacations every year. His favorite music was

Tejano, and loved to sing and dance. He will be missed dearly, as we will all remember him as

" CUCO" SHOOT IT!

Visitation: 6 to 9 p.m Friday, June 26, 2015 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75050. A prayer service will be conducted at 7.

He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Hawkins, Valorie Mendoza; grandchildren, Leon Howard, Lyliana Juarez, and Aubriana Mendoza.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Bryson Hawkins.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **26.** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Hey daddy, it's yo girl! Well Thanksgiving, my birthday, and Christmas came and we are fixing to over come one more year! We are blessed for what we have, seen and delt with in this life. How I wish you were here to be by my side and experience it! I know your closer then I think, I know we are always together just a little different. I love you I miss you and until I can dance with you one more time I'll be waiting until I go home with you. I will forever keep your memory alive! In my home you haven't gone anywhere. Until my last breath, forever your Mona! ❤️



Mona Mendoza - December 31, 2025 at 01:22 PM

MO

“Dad, your birthday came and went. Me n Lyli did her quince on your day as a memorable moment for you! It was perfect and you know she did a dance with you and I know your presence was there, I felt you and it took every inch of me not to break down! I hope you liked your set up. I wish things were different and you could of actually have been here, even tho I know you no longer like parties lol I always took you a plate home....anyways...man I miss you, so do the girls. I'll see you someday, and I'll never let you go. Brysons birthday coming up...my Aubris twin. Well before I get in my feelings which I try hard to control when it comes to you both. Anyways we on our way to the mall, you know what. I'll see you in my dreams N**** lol you better come through! My minds always open. Love you and sorry on the late message. Hope somehow someway you see this and hear my thoughts while I read this.



Forever- Your Mona

mona - July 19, 2025 at 05:46 PM

MM

“ 10years, sorry I did t come on here yesterday. I was trying to keep it together. Feels like yesterday! Well me and the girls did our thing for you. Lucky Aubri was lightning the mood. It still hurts like it just happened. I can't believe I've been with out you this long. It's not ok, but I know your presence is with me like when that ballon kept hitting me in the face haha why could I just see your face laughing at me. I miss you dad. I can't say anything else but I miss you. My pain for you is unbearable at times I don't know what to do. Until we see each other again, I'll hold you and not let you go. Here's to your 10years with the big man! I love you and you live, with me, through me, forever! Love unconditionally -Mona



Mona Mendoza - June 25, 2025 at 02:02 PM

MM

P.S I did your balloon release at night since I know you could spend countless hours out there looking up at the stars ✨

Miss you, to infinity & beyond 🤔

Mona Mendoza - June 25, 2025 at 02:04 PM

VM

“ Well, I’m back kid...hello bestie. It’s been a while but I came by since you were a thought in my mind at this moment, so many things and events going on I know I feel you so close and the peace you bring to my heart. My emotions are full and wish I could just hug you. Keep holding down fort. I know you see everything so not much to say lol anyways. You day is coming up which when you left home. So hard till this day. I hope you’re here when lylis quince. I know I’ll deff make you be known after all it’s both of y’all’s day! Anyways love you to infinity and beyond. Love you dad,



-Mona

Valorie Mendoza - May 21, 2025 at 01:03 PM

JG

“Dad, I miss you so much. You always knew how to balance being my dad and my friend, and that’s something I’ll always carry with me. I wish more than anything you’d had the chance to meet the twins, Jesse, and the kids and to see Leon all grown up. You’d be so proud.

I think about those fishing trips all the time — how peaceful they were, and how you’d always talk about wanting to move closer to the beach, or even right on the beach. You dreamed of opening your own restaurant, and God knows you had the talent for it you were an incredible cook.

Funny how life works, because I’m sure you already know... we ended up living in Houston for a while, not too far from the beach. I remember telling myself I’d never move back to Dallas, mostly because I felt like in some way, I was living out your dreams and that made me feel close to you, like I was making you proud.

Then I met Jesse such an amazing guy and somehow, it felt like I was still living a piece of your dream, through his. You’re always here, in some way or another. I’d give anything just to have you here for a moment to hug you and feel you kiss me on the head like you always did. You had this way of making me feel safe, even when life didn’t make sense.

No matter what people said or did, you stayed cool. You were kind, genuine, and always ready to help anyone you could. I love you so much, Dad. And I miss you more than words can ever say.

Jennifer Garca - March 19, 2025 at 09:48 PM

VM

“ Our Toto....we live and miss you! Forever you live! Until we're together. Forever out heart!
Love -Mona and the girls



Valorie Mendoza - January 13, 2025 at 02:53 PM

VM

We love and miss you!

Valorie Mendoza - January 13, 2025 at 02:53 PM

VM

“ Another year with out you. I still remember your hugs 😔.....if I had one wish....id visit the past and stay there for a while just to hear your voice again. I love you beyond this world. Until I see you again my angle. I love you dad ☐

Valorie Mendoza - January 13, 2025 at 02:46 PM

VM

*Angel**

Valorie Mendoza - January 13, 2025 at 02:48 PM

MO

“ I can never for get you. I love you forever and and miss you always!



mona - April 06, 2024 at 09:00 PM

MO

“ Thinking of you today! Was great seeing you in my dreams last night. Love you and miss you endlessly



mona - December 14, 2022 at 02:56 PM

HM

“ Wow. 7years today:(it kills me inside to even think of the pain I felt 7years ago this day in that year. I can't explain how to feel, nothings the same and how I wish I could see you again and hear your voice. I miss you so much, my heart aches for you...I wish you were still here. I'll forever @ be your Mona! I love you and I can't say enough how much I miss you...no one will ever understand our bond! Happy Father's Day, your years in heaven and for your bday coming up this July. To my other half I'll never forget you and I'll never let your memories die! Forever my best dad! Not even death can tare us apart. 🙌❤️👨👩👧👦



His Mona - June 24, 2022 at 11:59 AM

VM

“ I love you more then you'll ever know. Everyday I think of you and what we would be doing together and maken our dream plans as we always did, I still don't get why this happend but I hope your proud of me and I know one day we will be the great duo we use to be. But until then I know I have things to take care of down here, I'll make you proud. Love you always and beyond. ❤️ Ur Mona



Valorie Mendoza - October 29, 2021 at 10:20 PM

MO

“ For all our memories, just took you in a corpus trip... Here's to a Happy Father's Day with you in spirit, 6years in heaven, and your birthday coming up. I love you more then words can express! Thank you for visiting me in my dreams 💙



mona - June 26, 2021 at 06:56 PM

VM

“ My cheese to my pizza, my milk to my cereal, my sugar to my tea and my pancake to my syrup! If there not one or the other it's not complete.



Valorie Mendoza - March 17, 2021 at 08:47 PM

VM

“ Dad. Ugh,, I miss you, I need you and I love you beyond this world. It never gets easy to come by here, feels like yesterday you got called home. I will forever cherish our moments and the life we shared as best friends, daughter and father! As long as I live I will forever keep (you) your memory alive! I love you & until we meet again. Rest easy....stay by me my 🧑🏻‍🦱



❤️ mona

Valorie Mendoza - March 17, 2021 at 08:41 PM

VM

“ Forever my partner in crime. Ur everything to me and fathers like you are hard to find anywhere in this world. U were the best! My bestfriend, my world. I love you, my heart aches that u arnt with me. 😔 happy Father's Day daddy ❤️ Mona

Valorie Mendoza - June 20, 2020 at 01:52 AM

VM

“ I love you. I still. And I miss you beyond words...wish I could have u here for Father's Day and still can't process that your gone. I'll forever keep your memory alive. ❤️😔😭 HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO THE BEST DAD IN THIS WORLD!!!! I love you to heavens and beyond.



Valorie Mendoza - June 20, 2020 at 01:49 AM

VA

“ I miss you so much, how I wish I could have u back, just to hug you, just to tell you I love you ❤️☐ I just miss you soooo much and need you right now 😔
-forever your MONA! 🌹



Val/Mona - November 04, 2019 at 10:51 AM

VA

“ I love you
-Mona



valorie - October 31, 2019 at 01:40 AM

MO

“ Another yr with out you by my side, how every yr it's so hard to accept that ur no longer with me. 4years really sets the time. I saw a butterfly that was blue and read on it and it said it was a spirits speaking threw transformation...joy and happiness, I pray your ok and in paradise with god and of course happy. I would give anything to see you one more time to just hug you and to hear you say “I Mona I love you” I no one day we will see each other again. No one will ever understand my pain of not only losing my best friend but a father that was the best! I miss you forever and these days, ur passing...Father's Day...and your birthday I'll make sure to celebrate you. Remembering our memories and everything you left in my heart. A piece of me went with you and a piece of you i will always be with me . 😞 I love you sooo much! 💔 I love you forever I'll miss you forever, until we meet again my angel...-mona



mona - July 08, 2019 at 01:20 AM

JO

“ i miss you tio,i remember sitting in your backyard dancing an laughing an having a good time an i wish to have that all back again because those were the days now everything just so different.Days do tend to get really hard an we were super close an i was with you the day before you passed away i couldn't get another hug or see you. but i never forgot about you i love you-josie

josie - June 20, 2019 at 01:26 AM

MO

Thank you for your kind words to my dad. Means a lot, I always get on here but the past year when I try it won't load. But anyways thank you again and for remembering my dad❤️

mona - July 08, 2019 at 01:12 AM

JO

“ Josie lit a candle in memory of Jose Refugio Mendoza



josie - June 20, 2019 at 12:48 AM

MO

“ Havnt been on in a while. I dream n think of u always. Wish i could see u....wish we could talk. I love u and miss u so much! Not a day goes by that i dnt think about u and all our crazy memories.



MybestfriendMyDaddy

Mona - December 05, 2016 at 08:47 AM

MO

It doesnt let me leave u a comment i miss u so much, im lookin up at the stars n it breakes me so bad I LOVE U SO MUCH DADDY!!!

Mona - January 30, 2017 at 09:37 PM

JH

“ *I miss you each and everyday more and more. Still till this day i believe you have just gone on a long vacation. Thinking i will run into you back at home, walking around with your coffee mug. It really hurts that your not here. xoxox*

jennifer hawkins - April 11, 2016 at 06:53 PM

JH

“ *Jennifer Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Jose Refugio Mendoza*



jennifer hawkins - April 11, 2016 at 06:51 PM

MO

“ *I love u daddy:(i miss u so much and i need u more then ever. Stay by my sides always*♥♥



mona - February 04, 2016 at 05:41 PM

MO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



mona - February 04, 2016 at 05:39 PM

MO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



mona - February 04, 2016 at 05:36 PM

MO

“ Oh how i miss u



mona - February 04, 2016 at 05:35 PM

MO

“ Nothing is ever easy...holidays...birthdays or any day in general.
How i wish god would of gave u more time with me on this earth i
love u and miss u like crazy:(never does a sec go by that i dont
think of you! Ill forever miss n love u my #1 dad love, ur mona, flaca
& gorda

mona - February 04, 2016 at 05:26 PM

MO

“ I missed u on my bday I miss u now. Holidays dont mean nothing n I all I want is to have u back, on my bday I blew the candels not thinking of a wish of material thingS, just asking god to keep u in spirit by my side always. I miss u alot and its hard, I remember each year you wouldnt want to go no where n id always come home with a plate for u n watch tv n chit chat....it feels so empty u not by my side. What I would give to see u again to give u a hug n talk like we use to. I love u dad, ur truely were the best:)) *SUPER J



Me n the girls live u n pray each night to stay by us. We hope u hear us! Love u our Angel
Your Flaca, Gorda and ur Mona

Mona - November 28, 2015 at 02:44 AM

MO

“ I love u I love u I love u dad! theres nothing more to say, I think of u EVERYDAY! I would give anything to c u one more time....I miss u so much!



*Never forgotten #1Daddy

mona - November 03, 2015 at 02:38 AM

LJ

“ Lyliana thought of u today (every day) and she said mommy toto always told me "FLACA! YA!! Y U ALWAYS LOOK AT YOUR SELF IN THE MIRROR 4 when ur talking" lol she misses u so much, u were truly her heart❤️



Lyliana Juarez - October 07, 2015 at 10:58 PM

MM

“ It's been 3mnths scense u left this earth n it still feels like yesturday u left me. I'm sitting here next to your urn in the kitchen maken some of our favorite tacos n drinking one for u and me.....it's still hard, and I still question why and wounder y life isn't fair but I no ur happy, never leave my side my angle and we'll see each other soon, ur flaca, gorda n pollito and ur mona love u so much, things arnt the same but till my last day I will forever make sure I do what I have to do with the kids me and mom. I love u with every inch of my heart and soul....take care of us, I hope I make u proud! Never forgotten always missed. Love you daddy
Ur mona 🥺🥺



Mona Mendoza - October 07, 2015 at 10:53 PM

VM

“ I miss u more and more as time pass's by...I love u so much, it still isn't easy...I still cry, everything reminds me of you and I always think of u. I Love u dad



valorie mendoza - August 20, 2015 at 03:17 AM

VA

“ All my memorys I have of you is all that keeps me going, me and the girls miss sooooo much! Love u dad, all in gods hands. See you later, never goodbye.



Valorie - August 04, 2015 at 12:17 AM

VM

“ Valorie Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Jose Refugio Mendoza



Valorie Mendoza - July 13, 2015 at 02:52 AM

VM

“ I love you toto I bought u a lotto:) love flaca(lyli



Valorie Mendoza - July 13, 2015 at 02:52 AM

VM

“ Thinking if you everyday and still cant process the situation....never forgotten #1Dad <3



Love ALWAYS Mona, Flaca(Lyli & Gorda(Aubri

Valorie Mendoza - July 13, 2015 at 02:42 AM

VM

“ *...another sleepless night. How I wish u were here to make me feel as one, how I miss u so much! Things jus arnt the same and its hard. Im staying strong dad...I no u wouldnt want it any other way! Hugs, kiss's and a lot of love to the sky's! He took a good one and im forever blessed to have had u for the time I could. Love u ALWAYS AND FOREVER....UR_Mona, Flaca&Gorda*

Valorie Mendoza - July 10, 2015 at 03:39 AM

RS

“ *Cuco te mando una Paloma mensajera hasta el cielo y te deseo un feliz dia de tu cumpleaños. Quisiera poder pedirle permiso a Dios que solo me diera permiso de un solo dia irnos a la playa, pescariamos y sentarnos a recordar viejos tiempos. Lastima que el tiempo no lo podemos retroseder. Te extranamos mucho,siempre ocuparas un lugar muy especial en mi Corazon. Nos vemos cuando el Senor pase lista y yo feliz a mi nombre respondere. (despues de mi esposo , solo tu me decias GORDA)
Reyna Sanchez.*

reyna sanchez - July 06, 2015 at 12:12 PM

VM

“ *Happy Birthday Daddy! I LOVE U SO MUCH & WHAT I WOULD GIVE TO C U ONE MORE DAY. U are very missed LOVE...Mona, Flaca & Gorda*



valorie mendoza - July 05, 2015 at 06:26 PM



“ WE LOVE YOU



valorie mendoza - June 30, 2015 at 06:33 AM



“ I love you so much and im missing you like crazy, what would I give for one more day. #Bestfriend#Bestfather#myworld#1 Love, your Mona,Flaca&Gorda



valorie mendoza - June 30, 2015 at 02:19 AM



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Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - June 26, 2015 at 06:15 PM



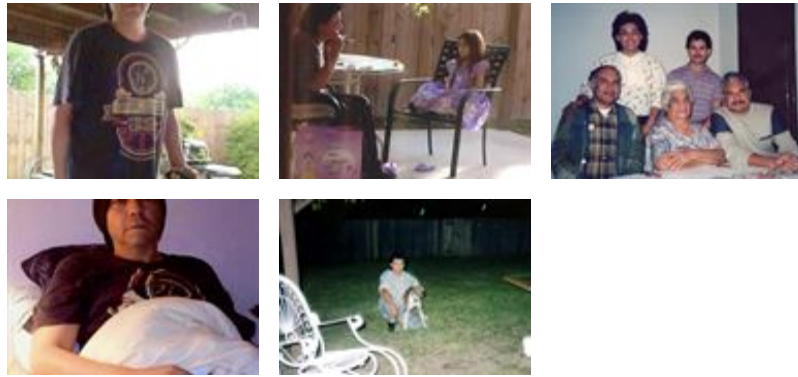
“ Valentine Family lit a candle in memory of Jose Refugio Mendoza



Valentine Family - June 26, 2015 at 04:44 PM



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Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - June 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM