



## Mario Aniceto Herrera, Jr.

September 25, 1941 - October 18, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mario Aniceto Herrera Jr., 83, who left us on October 18, 2024, at the Veterans Hospital in Dallas. Born in Houston, Texas, to Mario Herrera Sr. and Bacilia Guerra, Mario was a proud veteran, a dedicated community servant, and a beloved family man.

Please join in a Service of Remembrance on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 from 12 to 1 p.m. at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050. An inurnment will follow on Nov 4, 2024 at 3:15 p.m. Dallas Fort-Worth National Cemetery.

Mario graduated from Milby High School in Houston before continuing his education at the University of Houston. In 1965, he married the love of his life, Bonny K. Batson. Together, they shared a remarkable journey, raising three sons: Mario Aniceto Herrera III, Robert Aldon Herrera, and Ramon Adrien Herrera.

In 1968, the family moved to Grand Prairie, Texas, where they have lived ever since. They were also long-time parishioners at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where their sons attended school.

Mario was an avid runner who instilled a love of physical activity in his sons.

Known for his extraordinary strength and discipline, he was often seen walking on his hands around an entire track-a testament to his dedication to fitness and perseverance.

His deep sense of duty was exemplified through his military service as a Helicopter Crew Chief in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Following his time in the military, he continued to serve the community with distinction as a Deputy Sheriff with the Dallas Sheriff's Department until his retirement.

Boxing was one of Mario's lifelong passions. For 25 years, he led the Grand Prairie Boxing Club as head coach, mentoring countless fighters who achieved success in local, state, and national tournaments. Under his leadership, many went on to professional careers. Yet, his legacy extended far beyond victories in the ring-Mario instilled discipline, resilience, and a sense of family among his students, leaving a lasting impact on their lives.

Mario was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his beloved wife, Bonny K. Herrera; his three sons; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren, all of whom will carry forward his legacy of love and family values.

Mario will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family, his passion for boxing, and his selfless service to his country. He touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero Dean Funeral Home  
500 E. Main Street  
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

## Committal Service

NOV **4**. 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery  
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy  
Dallas, TX 75211

# Tribute Wall



“ Funeral for Mario <https://youtu.be/f3eOngJXYwI?feature=shared>

Bonny Herrera - November 14, 2024 at 05:05 PM



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Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - October 23, 2024 at 10:45 AM



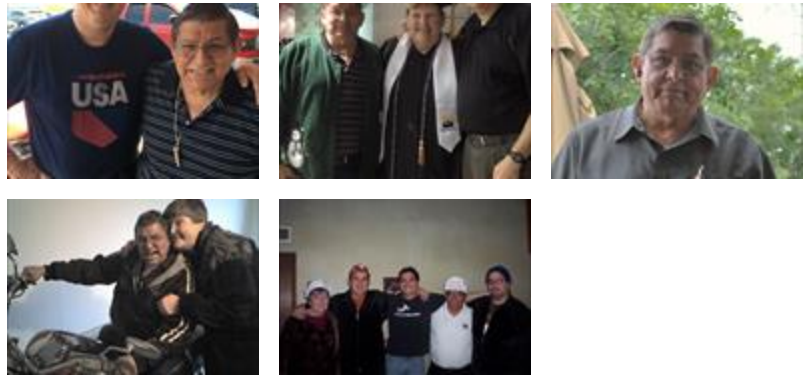
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Bonny Herrera - October 22, 2024 at 09:59 PM

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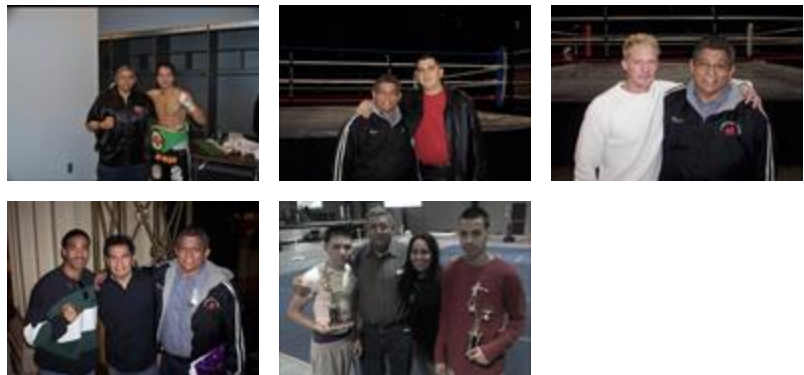
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Mario Herrera - October 22, 2024 at 06:38 PM



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Bonny Herrera - October 22, 2024 at 06:36 PM



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**Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - October 22, 2024 at 05:57 PM**



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**Bonny Herrera - October 22, 2024 at 05:04 PM**



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Bonny Herrera - October 22, 2024 at 04:31 PM



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“ *Dallas College Information Technology purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mario Aniceto Herrera, Jr..*



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**Dallas College Information Technology** - October 22, 2024 at 11:04 AM

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