



## Avelino "Nino" Armando Olivarez

September 19, 2024

Avelino "Nino" Armando Olivarez passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2024, in McAllen, Texas. He was born on March 2, 1951, in Rio Grande City, Texas.

Nino served as an altar boy for Immaculate Conception Church in Rio Grande City. Throughout his youth, he was passionate about playing all kinds of sports, and he always played as #22. He loved his job as a residential and commercial contractor. After working at Cantu Construction for several years, he founded Paisano Construction Company. Under his leadership, Paisano Construction built homes, office buildings, retail centers, warehouses, and other commercial projects of all sorts and sizes all over the Rio Grande Valley. Nino truly enjoyed being on the construction sites and creating things for people; and at the time of his passing, he was excited about the plans he was making for his future.

Friends, loved ones, and coworkers will always remember how Nino adored being around people and telling jokes, and how he could light up a room with his stories and conversations. He loved spending time with his many friends, especially at Boys' Dinner Night; and he never missed a Rio Grande Valley Vipers basketball game. Nino's family was always a priority for him, and his children, sisters, nieces, and nephews brought him great joy. He was especially proud of Jaxson Taylor, his only grandson and the light of his life. Avelino is preceded in death by his parents, Guadalupe T. Olivarez and Francisca G. Olivarez, and his sister Guadalupe G. Kelly (Jack). He is

survived by five sisters: Rebecca O. Saenz (Ascencio), Sylvia O. Gonzalez (Diego), Yolanda O. Ybanez, Cynthia Olivarez, and Anna O. Saenz (Javier Jr.). He is also survived by his beloved children -- Carlos Avelino Olivarez, Vanessa Patricia Olivarez, and Sarah Andrea Ruiz (Rafael) -- and by Jaxson, Carlos' son.

A rosary will be held for Nino at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, at the Our Lady of Sorrows chapel at 1108 W. Hackberry Ave. in McAllen. Family and friends are also welcome to attend a funeral service at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, September 27, at the Our Lady of Sorrows chapel, with a gathering to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the RGV Food Bank.

# Previous Events

## Visitation and Rosary

SEP **26.** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows  
1108 W. Hackberry Ave.  
McAllen, TX 78501

## Funeral Mass

SEP **27.** 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have such wonderful memories of the summers I spent in Rio Grande City and Avelino! He rescued me when I rolled my VW in Mexico in the middle of the night! I had the privilege of getting together with him when I visited TX a few years ago. He was such a good friend! ❤️

Love,  
Tickie (Schulsinger) Bechtel

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**Tickie (Schulsinger) Bechtel** - September 27, 2024 at 10:25 AM

PP

“ Deepest condolences to the family of this fine man who did so much for others in this community.

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**Patricia L Power** - September 27, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JP

“ So sorry for the loss of Nino. I know he made a positive difference in the lives of his family and many, many others. We give thanks for his time on this earth.

My prayers are with you !

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**Judy Perkin** - September 26, 2024 at 12:55 PM

BF

“ Nino was much more than a friend to me. We first crossed paths in our early teens. There no doubt we would become friends. Classmate in high school and later in college. But above all team mates. Baseball, Basketball and football. I played linebacker and he was our strong safety. We were a tandem. They didn't pass much back then but they sure ran at us a lot. We were the second and last line of defense. And for that we shared blood,sweat and tears. In College we were a bit more frivolous. We traveled together by boat,auto,plane and train. Always able to strike conversation with anyone A diplomat in the center of Mexico City or a Canadian tourist on Acapulco Bay. As we matured marriage and family became a focus. I asked, he accepted to be my best man. His beloved Patricia, Patsy Ramirez always brought a smile a twinkle in his eye. I mourn our collective loss. Nino you will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are extended with my most sincerest condolences to his loving family. Avelino may you rest in eternal peace 🙏

Bernard Fears - September 24, 2024 at 05:55 PM

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“ My beautiful brother !! You will be missed



Yolanda O. Ybanez - September 24, 2024 at 04:16 PM