



Baldomero Vela

June 2, 2017

McALLEN — Baldomero Vela Sr., an Hidalgo native and the former owner of Lee's Pharmacy, died Friday at Comfort House in McAllen. His daughter Veronica is a city commissioner and his son Daniel is on the McAllen ISD school board.

Also known as "Baldo," Vela graduated from McAllen High School and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944, according to information provided by his family. He served with the 29th Infantry Division during World War II. After his service, he briefly returned to the Valley before attending the University of Texas at Austin. He graduated in 1949 with a pharmaceutical degree. He founded Professional Pharmacy in McAllen in 1957 and practiced pharmacy for 50 years, then purchased Lee's Pharmacy in the late 1970s. The store is currently owned and operated by his sons Baldo Jr. and Daniel. Since 1954, Vela was involved in various local organizations and boards. His service to the Valley includes former charter president of the Hidalgo Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, McAllen Public Utilities Board and McAllen Housing Services.

He is preceded in death by his parents Pedro and Ursula Vela, sister Florinda Costilla, and his wife of 60 years, Nohemi Vela is survived by his five children Baldomero Jr., Bonnie, Daniel, Veronica, Fabian, and 16 grandchildren. Instead of flowers, his family asks for donations in Vela's memory to Comfort House, located at 617 Dallas Ave. in McAllen. On Sunday, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, the viewing will begin at 5 p.m. and rosary services will be

held at 7 p.m. The funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Sorrows Church and the internment will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

1201 S Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ *Baldomero Vela*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Baldomero Vela*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family.*

David & Rachael Arriaga Loman - June 05, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ *Joe and Doreen Gonzalez purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Baldomero Vela.*



Joe and Doreen Gonzalez - June 04, 2017 at 09:15 AM