



Dario Vidal (D.V.) Guerra, Jr.

July 2, 2019

Dario Vidal Guerra, Jr. (D.V.), age 81, passed to a new life and entered eternal rest with the Lord on July 2, 2019, in Edinburg, Texas. He was born on January 7, 1938 in McAllen, Texas to Dario Vidal and Braulia Garcia de Guerra. He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 59 years, Maria del Carmen Robinson de Guerra, his five children, Dario Vidal Guerra III (Edelia), J.E. "Eddie" Guerra (Norma), Maria del Carmen McDermott (David), Ricardo E. Guerra (Tina), and Luis J. Guerra; his 16 grandchildren; Shayna Dahlson (David), Brian, Kendall, Kaylynn, Krystianna, Andres, Laryssa Oswald (Kanon), Dominic, Loreda, Kristopher, Miguel, Vidal Arteaga, Enrique Arteaga, Caroline Flores, and Diego Arteaga. He was anxiously awaiting the birth of his first great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents, his younger brother, Jaime, and his beloved daughter, Martha Guerra Arteaga (Gustavo), whom he spoke of almost daily.

D.V., as so many knew him, graduated from McAllen High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture in 1960 from Texas A&I University, Kingsville, Texas. After graduation, he was self-employed as a cattle rancher in San Manuel, Texas for most of his life. In 1978, D.V. and his family relocated to Edinburg, after their home in San Manuel burned down. It was here that he began a life devoted to the prosperity of the South Texas region he loved so much. Much of his life was spent serving on boards that specialized in land and water conservation. He served as the Director of the

Hidalgo Soil & Water Conservation District for many years. He was part of a five-man task force sent to Peru as an agriculture advisor with the Texas Partner of Alliance with Peru. He also served the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for 3 years, as a member of the Public Advisory Committee on Soil & Water Conservation. D.V. also served as Chairman of the Linn Farm Bureau for 4 years. He served on the Board of Directors of the Texas A&I Alumni Association. He was also Chairman of the Hidalgo County Program Building Committee, and in 1976, he was elected to the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees, where he served for 12 years. Some of his proudest moments were handing out high school diplomas to all 6 of his children and 4 of his grandchildren.

For over 52 years, D.V. gave countless hours back to his community by volunteering at many local organizations, such as the Hidalgo County Historical Museum, the Heart Fund of Edinburg and Easter Seals, where in 2010, he was named the “Humanitarian of the Year.”

D.V. was appointed to different positions serving the State of Texas by 4 different Governors; Bill Clements, Ann Richards, Rick Perry and George W. Bush. He served on the Governor’s State Rural Advisory Council, Governor’s Task Force in Agriculture, AmeriCorps Program, the Board of Directors of the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority and the Texas Water Development Board for 6 years. He also served 3 U.S. Presidents, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush, as State Director of the Texas State Committee of the Farm Service Agency, which managed all of the federal monies allocated to agriculture in the state of Texas. In 1977, he was honored to be named “Man of the Year in Agriculture” by the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association.

A man dedicated to education, agriculture, and children, D.V. served as a member of the 4-H Youth Foundation Board of Directors and as Secretary of

the Tropical Texas Center for Mental Health and Retardation, "TTCMHMR". He served as Chairman of TTCMHMR for 10 years. He served as President of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Inc. for 6 years and was a Director for more than 50 years. Here, he oversaw many scholarships awarded to young men and women from across the Valley. In 2010, he served as Grand Marshal of the 70th Annual Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Parade. D.V. won many awards throughout his lifetime; most recently the Golden Eagle Award given by the RGV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in March of 2019.

All those who knew and loved D.V., knew him as a die-hard Texas Aggie. He enjoyed spending time at Texas A&M University, going to football games, Corps of Cadets activities, as well as attending the college graduations of many of his children and grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on July 5th at 4:00 pm with a Holy Rosary to follow at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen. The funeral mass will be held on Saturday, July 6th at 10:00 am, also at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. D.V.'s eight grandsons will serve as honorary Pallbearers.

A very special thanks to the Administration, Physicians and Nurses at Doctors Hospital Renaissance for the compassionate care they showed to D.V. and his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Easterseals Rio Grande Valley (easterseals.com). "In Memory of D.V. Guerra, Jr."

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church(McAllen)
306 S. 15th St.
McAllen, TX

Rosary

JUL 5. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church(McAllen)
306 S. 15th St.
McAllen, TX

Funeral Mass

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church(McAllen)
306 S. 15th St.
McAllen, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Dario Vidal (D.V.) Guerra, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Dario Vidal (D.V.) Guerra, Jr.*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *I know he is so missed by so many people. He was always so kind sweet happy and fun to be around. Not many people knew that he started his Lenten days at St Joseph's Edinburg at the 7am mass. When Luis came back he joined him. Sometimes I think all the good guys are all up there having a blast without us women. Condolences to the family. MARY ANN Rios*

Mary Ann Rios - August 29, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *Our condolences and prayers are being sent with love. The Titzman family*

Michelle Titzman - July 17, 2019 at 09:24 PM

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“ To the Guerra Family:

Your dad was a jolly happy person that was a ray of sunshine to every one he met. I can't imagine how hard it is for all of you but I pray and wish for you the peace that passes understanding that only the Lord can give you at this time.

"For I leave this earth but I go and prepare a place for you so that where I am you will be there also." That's what our heavenly father promises us and----your dad is already there. Love and prayers to all of you and that you continue to carry his love, joy, and humor in your hearts and throughout your lives and your children's lives. Keep his light shining!!

Blessings and peace to all of you---- Yolanda Garcia (Romo)

Yolanda Garcia (Romo) - July 10, 2019 at 08:42 PM

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“ Yolanda Garcia (Romo) lit a candle in memory of Dario Vidal (D.V.) Guerra, Jr.



Yolanda Garcia (Romo) - July 10, 2019 at 08:34 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss.

Myles Beeching



Myles Beeching - July 05, 2019 at 08:24 AM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Dario Vidal (D.V.) Guerra, Jr.*



Myles Beeching - July 05, 2019 at 08:21 AM

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“ *Querida Carmen, el corazón se llena de tristeza al despedir al hombre amado que acompañó nuestra vida por tantos años, pero nuestros seres queridos no se van se quedan para siempre en nuestros corazones.*
Te abraza Lucila E M. De Rendón.

Lucila Rendón - July 04, 2019 at 02:27 PM

JP

“ *Every morning Dario will say to us Buenos días or Good morning and share a positive thought and or a lovely image..... just like he was I know that from the wonderful place that you are now you are still Shining our way our Dear Dario.....*

Judith Ramirez de Plata - July 04, 2019 at 08:49 AM

JC

“ *We enjoyed a cruise with Dario and Carmen.*
RIP
The Cabrals



Judy Cabral - July 03, 2019 at 08:54 PM

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Todas las Socias de la Mesa Redonda Panamericana de Rio Bravo, Tamps., nos unimos al dolor de nuestra compañera Sra. Maria del Carmen Robinson y su familia por tan irreparable perdida.. Desansen en Paz .. Sr Don Mario Guerra 🙏🙏🙏

Nelly Maldonado - July 04, 2019 at 02:54 PM

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“ *Mr. Guerra one of the finest creations God made as a model for us. Too many accomplishments of a unselfish kind man. Will miss him and will live in my memory. Condolences to his family and friends.*

Johnny Treviño - July 03, 2019 at 08:13 PM

GM

“ *To the Guerra Family, Gloria and I send our heartfelt condolences. Mr. Guerra was a good friend and his sense of humor was never ending. We remember spending time with him during our South American trip some years back. That's where we really got to know him and to understand his sense of humor, and his affection for all people. He was a gentleman always and we will miss him, as you will. Deepest respects for D.V. Guerra and the Guerra Family.*

Gloria (Castellano) and Edward Moore

Gloria and Edward Moore - July 03, 2019 at 04:39 PM

RG

“ *I will miss Tio Dario greatly. He was always willing to listen and always had good advice when I would ask and needed it. I know he and my Dad are getting together as our family always does and are looking over their loved ones and quietly still giving us direction. Enjoy your rest Tio, you deserve it.*

R.D. "Bobby" Guerra - July 03, 2019 at 04:11 PM

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“ *D.V. was a great friend and will be greatly missed but more than that, his legacy will live in the hearts and minds of countless folks who were touched by his genuineness. His love for the Rio Grande Valley, for Texas and for America will never be in question as he gave sacrificially of his time to make things better. D.V. encouraged all of us to be better people by his example in all of his service. I personally count it as one of my greatest blessings to have known and served with this giant of our time. Thank you to the family who shared him with all of us.*

Wayne Halbert - July 03, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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My deepest condolences to you Eddie and your family. May he rest in peace.

Dr. Mary Cantú, Ed.D - July 03, 2019 at 05:50 PM

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May the peace of the Lord be with you and yours on this grieving day.

Dr. Mary Cantú, Ed.D - July 03, 2019 at 05:51 PM