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McAllen - Dr. Roman Raul Garza, 86, peacefully went home to the Lord on Friday, February 25, 2022, at his home surrounded by family. Roman was born in Starr County on November 22, 1935 to Roman C. Garza and Eugenia G. Garza, and grew up at El Negro Ranch, north of Rio Grande City.

Roman was the first member of his family to attend college. In 1959, he graduated from Texas A & M University and in 1964 received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine, also from Texas A & M. Upon completing veterinary school, he concurrently served six years in the United States Army Reserve Medical Corp. He followed with a post graduate residency in Lexington, Kentucky in an equine surgery hospital and later in Louisville, Kentucky at Churchill Downs.

In 1965, Dr. Garza moved back to the Rio Grande Valley and opened his first veterinary practice at Del Camino Downs in Mission. On August 6, 1966, he married Adelina Gonzalez, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage. In 1970 he opened McAllen Animal Hospital. "Doc" had a great passion for racehorses and proudly promoted and hosted quarter horse races with his family for almost 20 years. With the love and support of his wife and family, and loyal employees Concepcion "Chon" Perez for over 40 years, Chris Gutierrez for 24 years, and Oscar Landa , "Doc" practiced veterinary medicine

for over 50 years until his retirement in 2016.

Roman was an outstanding pillar of the community. Growing up on a ranch, he learned at an early age the meaning of hard work and service to others and his community. He supported the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show since its opening in 1949 by showing animals while being in 4-H and FFA, and later through his service and mentorship in the 4-H and FFA communities. Dr. Garza was honored with many community service awards from local FFA Chapters and the National FFA Organization. With over 35 years of combined service, he served as the show veterinarian and a member of the Board of Directors for the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.

In addition to his busy work schedule, Roman always made time for his family and clients. Roman grew up riding horses and was active in the rodeo circuit. He was a champion in roping, tie down and break away. Later in life, Roman started riding again and competing in team penning and sorting, even up to 80 years old. His upbringing on a ranch in Starr County and his love for the old cowboy lifestyle led him to participate in many Pan De Campo charity cook-offs in Linn-San Manuel and San Isidro.

He was known as “Doc” to many of his friends and clients, and lovingly known as “Honey” to his wife, “Dad” to his children and “Popum” to his grandchildren. Roman was a friend, a father, a husband, a grandfather, a fellow Aggie, a mentor, and a pillar in our community. We will all miss him dearly, but the memories made and the impact he had on our community will always be remembered and will live on forever.

The Garza family would like to thank Presidente Home Health and all the caring nurses and caregivers including Romeo, Angie L., Angie M., Teresa, Mari, Dominga, and Isabel for their tireless dedication and care given to Dr. Garza.

Roman was preceded in death by his sister Yolanda Falcon, father Roman C. Garza, mother Eugenia G. Garza, and brother Arturo Garza. He is survived by his loving wife Adelina (Gonzalez) Garza; his children: Raul J. Garza, Sonia P. (Mark) Silva, Roman R. (Sue) Garza, and Jorge L. (Crissy) Garza; his beloved

grandchildren: Ariana E. Silva, Sophia E. Silva, Jacob J. Garza, Luke T. Garza, Regan Duleba, and Roy Duleba; his siblings Ricky Garza, Diana Cox, and Emilio "Boy" Falcon, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family will receive friends and loved ones for Visitation at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church (Main) in McAllen on Monday March 7th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., followed by a Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 8th, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church (Main) at 11:00 a.m., followed by a burial service at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Taylor Road in McAllen, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley Memorial Gardens

3605 N Taylor Rd  
Mission, TX 78501

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

## Rosary

MAR 7. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

## Funeral Mass

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Roman Raul Garza*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Dr. Roman Raul Garza*

November 29, 2022 at 06:40 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Sonia, my Dad had a lot of respect for your Dad. He always talked about how they grew up in Rio Grande City & the time at A&M. They represented their Community and Culture at a time when they were only a few other Hispanics at A&M. They enjoyed visiting at the Mercedes Rodeo. I am sorry I can't be there to pay my respects. Your Dad will be missed by many. Prayers for your mom, siblings, & you.*



Jo Ann Becerra - March 08, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to you and your family, Adelina. It seems like yesterday that we were in college, and you and Román had just started dating!. Such a dear man, and close compadre to my brother, Joe. May he Rest In Peace. 🕊️🕊️*

Yolanda Chapa - March 05, 2022 at 12:41 PM

FR

“ Our condolences to your family from the Ramirez family ...May he RIP 🙏🙏🙏

Freddy Ramirez - March 03, 2022 at 04:22 AM

JD

“ Dear Adelina, I am so sorry to hear about Roman's passing. I did not know him very well, but he was always kind to me and my daughters and helped us when he was asked. I remember seeing how much the two of you loved each other. I fondly remember our 7-Eleven days. My memory is not very good, bi I just hope I didn't make you angry too many times. If there is anything I can do for you contact me through facebook. Roman and you are in my prayers.  
Jim Disbro

Jim Disbro - March 02, 2022 at 06:44 PM

MH

“ So very sorry for the loss of such a special gentleman. Always had a special encouraging word to uplift those around him. Great vet and fierce competitor. RIP my friend.  
Melissa Hahn

Melissa Hahn - March 02, 2022 at 10:46 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family as you grieve your loss and celebrate his life. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

Michelle Mihalek (Warren)

Michelle Mihalek (Warren) - March 01, 2022 at 11:16 PM