



## Jose Olivarez

March 26, 1941 - April 11, 2023

Jose Huerta Olivarez, born 26 March 1941 to Gregoria and Cristoval Olivarez in Santa Maria, Texas and went peacefully home to the Lord 11 April 2023 surrounded by family. Proceeded in death by his sister-in-law, Rita Olivarez; his mother, Gregoria H. Olivarez; and his father, Cristoval Olivarez. Survived by his brother, Hector Olivarez of Lynden, WA; his eldest daughter, Corina Taylor (Tom) of Sedro-Woolley, WA; his eldest son, Jose Olivarez Jr. of Seguin, TX; his son, Jaime (Tami) Olivarez of Bellingham, WA; his daughter, Carmen Olivarez (Edward) of Mount Vernon, WA; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jose lived in Mercedes, Texas and neighboring communities for 24 years until he married the mother of his children in 1965. Soon after, he relocated his family to Ferndale, WA in 1966 as a migrant worker. He started his career as a brick layer for Intalco Aluminum for 25 years and 13 years for Versacold. Jose proudly served as a volunteer fire fighter for 25 years with Whatcom County Fire District 7. He also volunteered at the Lynden Community Center (meals on wheels) and the Lions Club where he was also a member. For 12 years Jose helped his brother Hector as a backup DJ for a Tejano radio program which they aired on the KLYN radio station in Lynden, WA. They provided Tejano music to the hispanic communities reaching listeners from California to the Canadian border. He had ties with Tejano conjunto groups from the Rio Grand Valley of South Texas to Washington for the summer.

Jose was a proud father and a dedicated friend; with only a fifth grade education he overcame many obstacles to provide for his family and achieved many goals in life. Jose loved his hobbies which included woodwork, hand carving and growing a variety of grapes, berries and fruit trees. He also loved to bowl, play pool, cribbage and cards. Jose had a deep love for the community and enjoyed his time most volunteering and being involved. Jose was a hard worker who often took on difficult and unwanted projects at home and around the community. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to:

Guadalupe Regional Hospice

1346 E. Walnut

Seguin, Texas

78155

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry, gonna miss seeing you bring him in for breakfast, the crew and I at Our Diner send Love and Hugs.

Sheri Ellis - April 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My deepest condolences to the family. I only met him once and I truly enjoyed our conversation. May he rest in eternal peace. Hugs to the family❤️

Rosa Montano - April 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dad it was my pleasure to share the time I did with you, I came to love ❤️you so much and the memories we made will forever live in my heart ❤️ we over came some challenging obstacles with faith and love ❤️ caring for you was the greatest experience your son Jose and I shared and will always keep you in our hearts 💕

Donna Reyna aka Your Lupe - April 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I send my deepest sympathy to Jose’s family on the passing of my good friend and pool playing buddy. We had a lot of fun plaing pool together at the Lynden Community Center. Joe always liked to play me as he thought I was pretty good and he and his friend, Alicio (probably not correct spelling) always wanted to beat me and they did sometimes. Jose was an interesting man and always had some great stories to tell us . He had a lot of people at The Center who loved him a lot. He will be missed.

Joseph Branion - April 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM