



## Donato B. Guajardo, Jr.

February 14, 1950 - December 2, 2018

Donato B. Guajardo, Jr., was called by our Creator above on Sunday, December 2, 2018, to join the Lord's Chorus of Heavenly Angels. Donnie was the eldest son of Donato B. Guajardo, Sr. and Ernestina Diaz Guajardo, and was born in Del Rio, Texas on February 14, 1950.

In 1970, Donnie married Bertha E. Maldonado, and together they raised four children, Donna Wene, Brenda Martinez, Don Guajardo, III, and Briana Ballenger. A devoted father, he taught his children how to be humble and grateful, not taking anything for granted. Donnie's legacy will be continued through his adored grandchildren: Hannah and Sean Wene, Christian and Danielle Martinez and Isabella and Elena Ballenger. Mr. Guajardo is also survived by his sister Diane Martinez and his brother Ron Guajardo.

A graduate of San Antonio College and Sul Ross State University, Donnie worked alongside his father and mother in the family funeral business as a third-generation funeral director and mortician for over forty years. He was compassionate and caring about all the families he served in Del Rio, Uvalde, Brackettville and Lubbock during their hardest times in life.

Donnie taught his children to value life, to be humble and to give thanks to the Lord for everything. He understood that life is a gift and that each day should be taken one at a time with no rush. Mr. Guajardo loved telling jokes to

everyone he encountered. A very grounded man, he loved smiling and laughing, and his joy came from serving the Lord and from serving others. Donnie was one of the biggest Del Rio Ram fans and never missed a home game. He loved watching the Rams and Queens in football, baseball, volleyball and the band. Other than his time at college Donnie lived his entire life in Del Rio.

Donnie was a talented singer with a beautiful voice as well as a musician who could play several instruments including the keyboard and saxophone. He enjoyed composing and recording numerous songs in his spare time. Donnie was a member of the San Felipe High School Band, and as an adult spent many years performing publicly in several bands as a lead singer and musician in Del Rio. In addition, Donnie was recognized with a special award as an accomplished musician by his peers. He always enjoyed sharing his love of music by introducing and sharing instruments with his nephews and grandchildren to help them develop their musical talents.

The family will receive friends and family for a visitation on Friday, December 7, 2018 from 5-9 PM with a recitation of the Rosary at 7 PM.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 10 AM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Internment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Trinity Mortuary, 206 Kings Way, Del Rio, Texas, located in Ceniza Hills. For more information you may contact us at (830) 775-2230 or [www.TrinityMortuary.com](http://www.TrinityMortuary.com). Tradition. Tribute. Trust.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

Del Rio, TX 78840

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary  
206 Kings Way  
Del Rio, TX 78840  
(830) 775-2230  
info@trinitymortuary.com  
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

## Holy Rosary

DEC 7. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary  
206 Kings Way  
Del Rio, TX 78840  
(830) 775-2230  
info@trinitymortuary.com  
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

## Catholic Mass

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DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
509 W. Garza St.  
Del Rio, TX 78840

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr..*



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December 09, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ *Mary Defibaugh sent a virtual gift in memory of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr.*



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**Mary Defibaugh** - December 09, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the entire family of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr. Ronnie, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time in the loss of your brother. Keep his memories of him, and he will always be at your side. RIP, Donnie, you will be missed!*

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**Renty Wilson Jr** - December 09, 2018 at 07:40 AM



“ *Dave, Jasmin and the boys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr..*



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**Dave, Jasmin and the boys** - December 08, 2018 at 12:31 PM

MS

“ Our deepest condolences for Mr. Don Guajardo very kind man with a beautiful family may he rest in peace, My classmate Donny very sorry for your loss, Mrs Guajardo a great teacher and her beautiful daughters prayers for your family.. Wako & Maria Abrego - Smith Family



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**Maria Abrego Smith** - December 07, 2018 at 02:12 PM

EJ

“ Esteban Pena Jr lit a candle in memory of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr.



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**Esteban pena jr** - December 07, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr..



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December 07, 2018 at 10:42 AM

EG

“ Your legacy will live on in your children and the gift of knowing that your son Don and daughter Brianna will continue the tradition that began with your father. As for Brenda and Donna who followed the education path like your mom and their mom the tradition will continue. Yes you may rest now and celebrate all that you have accomplished.

*I can see your mom making a pot of beans for you and your Dad with his laughter and such a smile just like yours. Thank you for your kind heart and getting to know such a wonderful person. You will be missed!*

*Love Elaine Guajardo*

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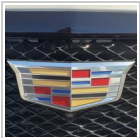
**Elaine Guajardo** - December 06, 2018 at 11:20 PM



“ *DBDBDB Don, Bertha, Donna, Brenda, Donny and Briana some of the greatest people i've ever met in my life, I feel your loss and extend my deepest condolences, im praying for you all, thanks.*

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**Hector Zuniga** - December 06, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ *Hector Zuniga purchased the Dearest One Caske t Insert for the family of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr..*



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**Hector Zuniga** - December 06, 2018 at 10:43 PM

LH

“ *Sad to hear of Donnie’s passing. His dad was proud of him. My prayers of well being to his family. Another era departed.*



leon humphreys - December 06, 2018 at 04:35 PM

DS

“ *Donato B. Guajardo, Jr. was very polite & friendly! He would greet everyone with a handshake & smile and would start a conversation once he greeted us! May his soul Rest In Peace & the Eternal Light Shine on him! May God grant the family peace & comfort in these difficult moments!*

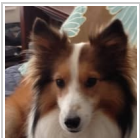
Dora Sanchez - December 05, 2018 at 10:23 PM

GO

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family.*



Glenda Overfelt - December 05, 2018 at 06:14 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear the news about Donnie. My condolences to all the Guajardo family. You are in my thoughts and prayers*

*Sylvia Guajardo May*



Sylvia Guajardo - December 05, 2018 at 12:48 PM

HF

*My sincere condolences to all the Guajardo family .  
Donny was a very kind of friend and I always enjoyed his friendship  
and enjoyed our conversations.  
May he rest in peace .  
Your friend,  
Hervey Corky Fernandez*

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**Harvey fernandez** - December 06, 2018 at 10:30 AM

TS

“ *The Staff of Midland Academy Charter School  
purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the  
family of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr..*



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**The Staff of Midland Academy Charter School** - December 05,  
2018 at 11:03 AM

FG

“ *Briana & Don,  
My condolences to you and your families  
upon the death of your beloved Father.  
Please know that you are in our thoughts and  
prayers.*

*Mr. G, Faculty Member  
Mortuary Science Department  
San Antonio College*



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**Felix B. Gonzales** - December 04, 2018 at 02:24 PM

RM

*Our condolences and prayers go out to the family and May God give  
you the strength for your grief at this time. He will be greatly missed.  
Love to all.*

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**Rachel R. Martinez** - December 05, 2018 at 03:26 PM

JA

“ *Our Deepest Condolences to the Guajardo Family. RIP Donny. God Bless.*

*John Arranaga Family from San Jose, Ca.*

John Arranaga - December 04, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr..*



December 04, 2018 at 12:00 PM

LA

“ *My deepest condolences to Donnie and his family. Rest in peace my friend and classmate. We will miss you!*

*Lionel Aguirre*

Lionel Aguirre - December 04, 2018 at 08:49 AM

EL

“ *.Donnie, sincerest condolences to you and your family, may your Dad R.I.P.*



Elina M. Long - December 03, 2018 at 11:06 PM

EH

“ *My sincere condolences to Mr. Guajardo's family.  
May he RIP.*

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**Elsa Hernandez** - December 03, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr..*



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December 03, 2018 at 02:32 PM

AR

“ *Alfa Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of  
Donato B. Guajardo, Jr.*



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**Alfa Rodriguez** - December 03, 2018 at 12:53 PM

AR

“ *Our deepest condolences to family. Many memories. May Donato  
be resting in peace.  
Rodriguez, Robertson families from Comstock texas*

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**alicia robertson** - December 03, 2018 at 10:00 AM

LH

“ We extend our condolences to Donnie's family. Always with a smile and a story to tell, he made us laugh. He was always an awesome musician and a gentle soul. We are very sorry we are unable to attend the rosary and funeral but the family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace!  
*Lino and Mary Sue P. Hernández*

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**Lino and Mary Sue Hernández** - December 03, 2018 at 09:24 AM

MA

“ *Rest in Peace Donnie!*  
  
*Friend-Mario Cardenas*

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**Mario** - December 03, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ *Hector Zuniga lit a candle in memory of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr.*



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**Hector Zuniga** - December 03, 2018 at 06:12 AM

BM

“ *Dear Don,*  
  
*It is with deepest sympathy that we send our condolences to you, your wife and your entire family on the loss of your father. For many years our families have grown up side by side and we feel your loss. May God bless you always.*

*Love and sympathy, Freddy and Brenda Mireles*

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**Brenda Mireles** - December 02, 2018 at 08:43 PM

RM

*My condolences to the family on the loss of a father ,brother ,grandfather may God comfort you all in the loss of your love one ! Our prayers our with you all .God Bless*

**Rosa Martinez** - December 02, 2018 at 10:18 PM

RM

*From the Ricardo C Martinez family*

**Rosa Martinez** - December 02, 2018 at 10:19 PM

MM

*To the Guajardo family my upmost sincere condolences to all. May he rest in peace and may the the eternal light shine always. Mom who was housekeeper for the family sends her condolences as well.*

**Meida moreno** - December 03, 2018 at 12:34 AM

RG

*Donny, my classmate, members of the Del Rio Wildcat Band, played together in a Tejano Band while in High School, just a very dear friend. Class of 1967, Rest in Peace!*

**Raul A. Gonzalez** - December 03, 2018 at 01:46 AM

MM

*May you Rest In Peace and spread the joy in heaven as you did here with us. A great down to earth man always willing to help everyone and always looking to make you smile. To all the Guajardo family, Our most sincere condolences. From Manuel Moreno & Family*

**Manuel Moreno** - December 03, 2018 at 05:15 AM

RB

*Donnie was a kind, polite and elegant man just like his dad. He married my cousin Bertha Maldonado and I will alway keep everyone in my prayers for acceptance and good health.  
Rosie Molano Blount*

**Rosalinda Blount** - December 06, 2018 at 09:35 AM

JM

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. You were a great friend and a very good dancer Donnie. We remember how much you like Tejano music. May you rest in peace. Your good friends Joe N Dolores Morales

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**Joe Morales** - December 02, 2018 at 08:28 PM

GS

“ My deepest condolences and prayers Donnie. Eternal rest grant unto him Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Rest in peace 🙏

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**Gloria Sotelo** - December 02, 2018 at 08:25 PM

GS

“ Gloria Sotelo lit a candle in memory of Donato B. Guajardo, Jr.



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**Gloria Sotelo** - December 02, 2018 at 07:23 PM

AG

“ Donnie was a longtime friend. I remember playing not only in the Wildcat band with him, but also with the “Blue Lights” group in Del Río in the mid-sixties. May you Rest In Peace.



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**Arnoldo Gutierrez** - December 02, 2018 at 05:13 PM

LV

*Memories of 5th grade in Lamar with Mr Matias Aguirre: he and 3 others used to take turns pulling my hair. When, they were busy reading and werent looking i rolled hard balls of notebook paper and throw it at them. It was all kid crazy and silky fun because Donnie, was friendly, always smiling and polite. May my old friend and buddy rest in peace and may the angels in heaven receive him with open arms. Condolence to the entire Guajardo family.*

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**Lupita Vela** - December 06, 2018 at 12:59 PM