



## Gerardo "Jerry" Leyva, Sr.

July 2, 1969 - September 14, 2023

It is with great sadness that the family of Gerardo "Jerry" E. Leyva Sr. announces his passing after a difficult battle with ALL (leukemia) Cancer on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at the age of 54.

"Jerry" will be cherished by his wife, Griselda Sorola-Leyva, in heaven with him. At the same time, his memory is treasured by his mother, Maria De La Luz Ezpinosa-Leyva; Father, Pedro Leyva Sr. (deceased); Brothers and Sisters, Luis Leyva, Pedro Leyva Jr. Lucy Newell, Magdalena Leyva (deceased); Sister (In-Law) Blanca "Yadira" Sorola-Lugo and Evelio Lugo. Children, Priscilla and Mario Herrera, Gerardo Jr. Leyva and Cassy Trevino, David and Iesha Leyva, Jerreca Leyva, Joshua Orion Sorola, and Adrian Gerardo Sorola, along with seven grandchildren who know him as "Santa Grandpa" (because of the well-known beard he grew) or Grandpa with the BOOM! Music in his truck.

He worked as a warehouse manager for over 15 years at Pepsi Company for years in hazardous heat and cold but did so with no complaints, knowing he had a family to support. His friends were always ready to taste his well-known cook-out food and sit back and relax with a cold drink to be in the moment together. He was part of a car club called Disturbin' the Streets, where he could share the love of both bass and cars through the sound reverberating off of the stylish trucks and lowriders displaying the lights of the beat of the

music being played. He collected and was obsessed with O'Lights! Whether it be a form of flashlight mini, flashlight hand-held, or lamp for the bedside, it had to be an "O-light" along with his "American-made Knife collection" sporting an American eagle to faction along the trim, knowing when handling them, they would be in pristine condition. He loved those knives so much, haha he never used them for their purpose of cutting. His guns were a thing to marvel at with his fascination with having the new scope to add as an attachment.

As loved and protected as all those items were, his love for his kids outweighed it all because all six of his kids were the reason he kept fighting as long as he did. He strived to fight to live longer so he could be a part of the future we all had in store, but in the end, he knew his fight was short-lived. Short-lived but lived in a mindset of gratefulness, knowing the ones who truly mattered were with him in the very end to be with him through it all.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 12 noon to 1:45 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Faith.

A Chapel Service is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at San Felipe Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## San Felipe Cemetery

Broadbent Ave.  
Del Rio, TX 78840

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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

## Chapel Service

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RG

“ Gerardo was A close friend of mine when we were growing up in DR. We lived wild and free back in the 80s but one of my memories of him was when he drove down 277 at Lake Amistad straight into the water in his Dads yellow Ford.....a good friend and fun person to be around. My condolences to the entire Leyva family.  
Sincerely, Rosalio Gallegos

Rosalio Gallegos - September 22, 2023 at 05:41 PM

EV

My condolences to everyone, I believe it was around 2016 or so that I messaged his son to ask him if we were related, and yes we were. His my cousin. I did have the pleasure of meeting his dad and prably him to but we were younger some of the rest of the Leyva families. One or twice when I went to visit my dad his father's brother. I will miss his posts on fb. Eva Leyva Velazquez

Eva Leyva Velazquez - October 21, 2023 at 12:07 AM

AF

“ Angie Fernandez lit a candle in memory of Gerardo "Jerry" Leyva, Sr.



Angie Fernandez - September 20, 2023 at 02:11 PM

AF

Our deepest condolences for the Leyva family. Prayers for Eternal Rest 🙏

Angie Fernandez - September 20, 2023 at 02:12 PM

DL

“ My deepest condolences to his family, my prayers to Priscilla and his family 🙏 Rest in peace compadre 🕊️



Dolores Lee - September 20, 2023 at 02:18 AM

YG

“ My deepest condolences to the Leyva family, may he rest in peace.



Yolanda FERNANDEZ GARZA - September 19, 2023 at 06:07 PM

SY

“ Susan Pena Ybarra lit a candle in memory of Gerardo "Jerry" Leyva, Sr.



Susan Pena Ybarra - September 19, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerardo "Jerry" Leyva, Sr..



September 17, 2023 at 05:42 PM