



Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr.

April 10, 1940 - July 30, 2023

Our beloved father, Higinio Gene Vasquez, Jr., (83), of Del Rio, TX, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2023, in Pflugerville, Tx, with family. He was the only boy and youngest of four children born on April 10, 1940, to his parents Higinio and Refugia Vasquez in Del Rio, TX, where he attended school and graduated from San Felipe High School in 1960. He went on to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Education from Sul Ross University in Alpine, Tx.

Gene Vasquez, Jr. is preceded in death by his parents, Higinio and Refugia Vasquez and his three sisters: Guadalupe Garza of Del Rio, Juanita Vasquez of San Antonio and Alicia Rodriguez of Dallas.

He is survived by his seven children: Higinio Gene Vasquez IV (Sonya) of Del Rio, David Vasquez (Eva) of Del Rio, Leo Vasquez (Monica) of San Antonio, Genella Denise Vasquez Rubio (Luis) of Del Rio, Laura V. Seville (Mario) of Tampa, Florida, Lorena Natalie Vasquez Barrera (Jesus) of Pflugerville , Tx and his youngest son Miguel Angel Vasquez of Austin, Tx. He has 18 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gene worked as a Spanish teacher and educator here in Del Rio and other Texas districts for many years before embarking in a career in business and sales and he was a proud and active member of the San Felipe Exes

Association.

During his free time, he enjoyed visiting with his children and grandchildren and sharing his love of golf and life's wisdom, great food either at home or his favorite restaurants with friends and family, hunting, traveling, watching the Dallas Cowboys, watching golf and visiting Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino any chance he could. However, his cherished pastime was playing golf. A sport self-taught at a very young age as a caddy at the Del Rio Country Club. As a high school student, he went on to play for the first ever San Felipe High School Mustangs golf team that won the 2A state championship in 1957. "The Mustang Miracle" is the story of this incredible victory. It was published some 50 plus years later. Then, for approximately 12 years, there was some discussion of a movie, "The Long Game" (based on the book). It premiered in March 2023 in Austin, TX. (Information on a release date for the general public is still pending.) Gene, his children, family and many friends were extremely happy and honored to attend the star studded event.

While he will be missed terribly by his children, grandchildren and those who loved him, we take great comfort that his presence will continue to be felt through his legacy of family and the love of golf.

Our fathers last words to his youngest son describe Daddy perfectly:

"I came. I saw. I conquered."

Love you, Daddy!!!!

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Devotion.

A Mass of Christian burial will be on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 8 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Burial will follow at Sunset Cemetery. Pallbearers will be his 4 sons and 3 son in laws: Higinio Gene Vasquez III, David Vasquez,

Leo Vasquez, Miguel Angel Vasquez, Luis D Rubio, Mario Seville, and Jesus Barrera.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

5144 US 90
Del Rio, TX 78840

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 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>

Catholic Mass

AUG 4. 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *The San Felipe Ex-Students Memorial Center, Inc. will forever celebrate and rejoice Gene's contribution to San Felipe High School.
The San Felipe Exes planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Gene Vasquez, Jr. We salute you sir.*

Griselda L Martinez - August 04, 2023 at 02:05 PM

EM

❤️ *Thank you*

emily - August 04, 2023 at 11:26 PM

DR

Thank you Prima!

Denise Vasquez Rubio - September 15, 2023 at 09:43 AM

GL

“ *Griselda L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr..*

Griselda L. - August 04, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr..*



August 03, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez III.

August 03, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ Mr. Paul and Diana Wilburn and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr..



Mr. Paul and Diana Wilburn and family - August 03, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ I did not attend San Felipe High School, but was awed by the story of “Mustang Miracle” when a family friend from Del Rio gifted a copy to me in 2014. I was blessed to befriend Felipe Romero shortly after that and to attend the 2015 San Felipe reunion, where I had the pleasure of meeting Gene. He was a true gentleman—welcoming, friendly, kind, and courteous. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

José G. Flores - August 03, 2023 at 03:19 AM



Thank you for your kind words!

Denise Vasquez Rubio - September 15, 2023 at 09:45 AM



What a joy of being a descendent of this man. Para sentirse orgulloso ser familia de este gran señor. QDEP.

Jose Gonzalez - August 20, 2024 at 03:02 AM

MC

“ To his family my condolences he was in high school teacher back in the days very wonderful man



Maria Cannon - August 02, 2023 at 11:17 PM

DW

Our most sincere condolences to the Vasquez family. Our prayers are with you. May Mr. Vasquez rest in peace, amen

Diana Wilburn - August 03, 2023 at 09:32 AM

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“ San Felipe Class of 1960 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez III.

San Felipe Class of 1960 - August 02, 2023 at 07:21 PM

S1

“ San Felipe Class of 1960 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr..



San Felipe Class of 1960 - August 02, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez III.

August 02, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr..



August 02, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ Every time I would visit my GRANDPA, he would give me a few golf clubs and range balls to practice with.He would also ask me to catch him a few crawdads from his canal in his yard.Asking his daughter Laura to help me , we would always accomplish our mission that he gave us.now looking back,I can see that he would always give me a mission/target to achieve.i enjoyed doing this that he would ask me to.I will share his life story with as many people as I can.I miss u.



David Allen Vasquez - August 02, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



David Vasquez - August 02, 2023 at 01:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez III.

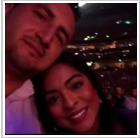
August 02, 2023 at 01:00 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr..*



August 02, 2023 at 01:00 AM



“ *10 files added to the tribute wall*



Laura Seville - July 31, 2023 at 11:06 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



David Vasquez - July 31, 2023 at 10:02 PM

DV

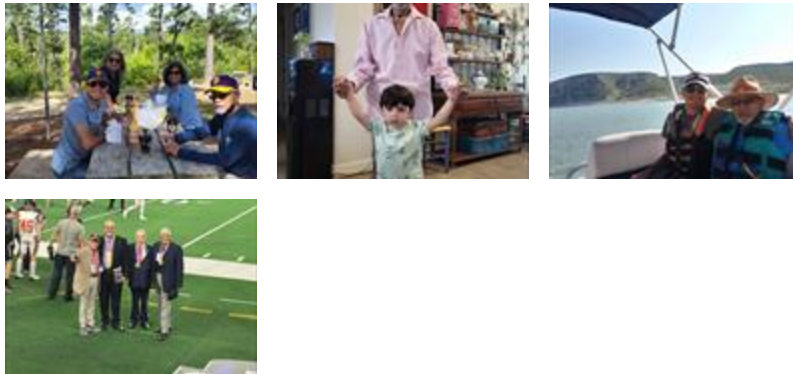
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David Vasquez - July 31, 2023 at 09:51 PM

EV

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Eva vasquez - July 31, 2023 at 06:15 PM

MV

“ Celebrating the life of Mr Gene Vasquez.
Prayers and Condolences to the entire
Vasquez family from Leo, Monica, Matthew
and Tori Vasquez. God be with everyone
during this trying time.



monica vasquez - July 31, 2023 at 05:01 PM

ED

“ *Em Vasquez DeLeon lit a candle in memory of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr.*



Em Vasquez DeLeon - July 31, 2023 at 04:53 PM

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SV

“ *Sonya B Vasquez lit a candle in memory of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr.*



Sonya B Vasquez - July 31, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SV

On behalf of The Vasquez Family .. Gene, Sonya , Marisa and Lil Gene .. we will miss you Grandpa .. May your sweet soul rest in eternal peace 💜💛

Sonya B Vasquez - July 31, 2023 at 04:51 PM

MH

“ A few years back at the Val Verde County Library, Mr. Vásquez approached me and said he needed to get a letter going and typed up. I realized that was the beginning of his part in the now "Mustang Miracle" and eventually, the movie.

He was my teacher at Lamar Jr. High for a few months.

I was so happy he was able to see the movie and now, may he rest in peace in God's heavenly kingdom.

I extend my condolences to his family.

Mary Sue Hernández - July 31, 2023 at 04:36 PM

GV

“ Genella Denise Vasquez lit a candle in memory of Higinio "Gene" Vasquez, Jr.



Genella Denise Vasquez - July 31, 2023 at 02:16 PM

RR

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. May Mr. Vasquez rest in peace.

Ramiro Ramon - July 31, 2023 at 11:36 AM

JZ

Our deepest condolences to the Vasquez family...Mr Joel J and Diana Zapata

J J Zapata - August 02, 2023 at 11:22 PM