



## Herman Jalifi

October 30, 1939 - April 10, 2025

Herman Jalifi, a devoted family man, proud veteran and respected pillar of his community, passed away peacefully surrounded by family, on April 10, 2025. Born on October 30, 1939, in Mercedes, Texas, to Henriqueta Gonzalez Jalifi and Henry Jalifi, Herman was a man whose life was deeply rooted in the values of faith, family, and honor. After graduating, he proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War—an experience that shaped his resilient spirit and unwavering dedication to those he loved. Family meant everything to Herman, and his life was a testament to that love.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maria de Jesus Ortiz Jalifi, who he met in Harlingen, TX while she worked as a waitress. Her well-kept nails complimented her beauty and caught Herman's attention. His love for her began there & remained strong throughout their many years together. As a final testament of his love for her, he waited to take his final breath until three days after her recent birthday on April 7, 2025.

A proud father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Herman's love had no limits. He treated everyone with kindness and respect and always saw the good in people—especially the teens he worked with at HISD. They held a special place in his heart and he saw them as extended grandchildren—offering advice and genuinely wanting them to succeed in life. He was a great listener, and as stated by a former co-worker, had a “magic touch” when it

came to printers. Herman could fix anything & made those around him feel valued. His steady presence and deep love will live on through the many lives he touched.

Herman was also a funny and lighthearted person. He cheered on the Dallas Cowboys, (despite their outcome), enjoyed hot dogs, sweets, Dr. Pepper & didn't shy away from a shot of tequila every now and then. He loved to sing, especially to his wife, dancing (many witnessed his famous chicken dance) and enjoyed tax season! He spent many years as a tax preparer and notary working out of his home, and helped many community members with translation of legal documents.

Herman's legacy of love, strength, and service continues through his wife, siblings, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who were blessed to know him. Herman was deeply respected, greatly loved, and will never be forgotten. He is finally in his resting place, at his "bello hogar, Más allá del sol."

Go Cowboys!

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Enriquetta Jalifi, siblings Delia (Jalifi) Barton, Dora (Jalifi) Childers, Celestino (Petra+) Jalifi, Enrique Jalifi, Jr., Eva (Jalifi) Castillo and his loving nephew Federico Guerra, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Maria De Jesus Ortiz Jalifi, children: Miguel Angel Ramirez, David Ramirez (Alma), Maria Elena Ramirez, Rodolfo Ortiz, Maria A. Hernandez-Jaramillo (Jaime), Bertha Alicia Juarez (Martin) Eric Ricky Jalifi, Maria (Kathy) Salazar (Juan), DJ Jalifi & Joann Smith (Justin); grandchildren: Myra Pineda, Nancy Soto, Miguel Angel Ramirez, Jr., Isabel Ramirez, Jaime David (J.D) Ramirez, Perla Hernandez, Julio Ramirez, Claudia Castillo, Martin Juarez, Jr., Judith Smith, Valeria Salazar, Herman

Hernandez, Adrian Juarez, Cody Castillo, Oscar Ramirez, Christian Ramirez, Eliza Ramirez, Marco Antonio Salazar, Roel Castillo, Ruby Carrillo, Dora Salazar, Ronaldo Juarez, Jaime Jaramillo, Maria Fernanda Salazar, Sophia Smith, Vanessa Ortiz, Rudy Ortiz, thirty-five great -grandchildren; his siblings Emma (Jalifi) Hinojosa (Robert+), Oscar Jalifi (Amita) and numerous nieces and nephews.

A visitation will take place on Sunday, April 13, 2025 from 5-8pm and also on Monday, April 14, 2025 from 5-8pm, with a rosary, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 10:30 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church. He will be laid to rest at Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

Herman Jalifi, un devoto hombre de familia, orgulloso veterano y respetado pilar de su comunidad, falleció tranquilamente rodeado de su familia el 10 de abril de 2025. Nacido el 30 de octubre de 1939 en Mercedes, Texas, hijo de Henriqueta González Jalifi y Henry Jalifi, Herman era un hombre que vivía guiado por la fe, el cariño por su familia y el respeto al honor. Después de graduarse, sirvió con orgullo a su país en el ejército de los Estados Unidos durante la Guerra de Vietnam, una experiencia que moldeó su espíritu resiliente y su inquebrantable dedicación a sus seres queridos. La familia lo era todo para Herman y su vida era un testimonio de ese amor.

Le sobrevive su amada esposa, María de Jesús Ortiz Jalifi, a quien conoció en Harlingen, TX mientras ella trabajaba como mesera. Sus uñas bien cuidadas complementaron su belleza y llamaron la atención de Herman. Su amor por ella comenzó allí y se mantuvo fuerte durante los muchos años que estuvieron juntos. Como testimonio final de su amor por ella, esperó para tomar su último aliento hasta tres días después de su reciente cumpleaños, el

7 de abril de 2025.

Orgullosa padre, abuelo y bisabuelo, el amor de Herman no tenía límites. Trataba a todos con amabilidad y respeto y siempre veía lo bueno en las personas, especialmente en los adolescentes con los que trabajaba en HISD. Ocupaban un lugar especial en su corazón y los veía como nietos extendidos que ofrecían consejos y deseaban genuinamente que tuvieran éxito en la vida. Sabía escuchar y, como afirmó un antiguo compañero de trabajo, tenía un “toque mágico” cuando se trataba de imprentas. Herman podía arreglar cualquier cosa y hacer que quienes lo rodeaban se sintieran valorados. Su presencia constante y su profundo amor perdurarán a través de las muchas vidas que tocó.

Herman también era una persona divertida y alegre. Animó a los Dallas Cowboys (a pesar de sus resultados), disfrutó de los hot dogs, los dulces, el Dr. Pepper y no rechazaba un trago de tequila de vez en cuando. Le encantaba cantar, especialmente a su esposa, bailar (muchos presenciaron su famoso baile de la gallina) y ¡disfrutaba de la temporada de impuestos! Pasó muchos años como preparador de impuestos y notario trabajando desde su casa y ayudó a muchos miembros de la comunidad con la traducción de documentos legales.

El legado de amor, fortaleza y servicio de Herman continúa a través de su esposa, hermanos, hijos, nietos, bisnietos y todos los que tuvieron la suerte de conocerlo. Herman fue profundamente respetado, muy amado y nunca será olvidado. Finalmente se encuentra en su lugar de descanso, en su “bello hogar, Más allá del sol”.

Go Cowboys!

Le precedieron en la muerte sus padres, Henry y Enriquetta Jalifi, sus hermanos Delia (Jalifi) Barton, Dora (Jalifi) Childers, Celestino (Petra+) Jalifi, Enrique Jalifi, Jr., Eva (Jalifi) Castillo y su amado sobrino Federico Guerra, Jr. Le sobreviven su esposa de más de 50 años, María De Jesús Ortiz Jalifi, sus hijos: Miguel Angel Ramirez, David Ramirez (Alma), Maria Elena Ramirez,

Rodolfo Ortiz, Maria A. Hernandez-Jaramillo (Jaime), Bertha Alicia Juarez (Martin) Eric Ricky Jalifi, Maria (Kathy) Salazar (Juan), DJ Jalifi & Joann Smith (Justin); nietos: Myra Pineda, Nancy Soto, Miguel Angel Ramirez, Jr., Isabel Ramirez, Jaime David (J.D) Ramirez, Perla Hernandez, Julio Ramirez, Claudia Castillo, Martin Juarez, Jr., Judith Smith, Valeria Salazar, Herman Hernandez, Adrian Juarez, Cody Castillo, Oscar Ramirez, Christian Ramirez, Eliza Ramirez, Marco Antonio Salazar, Roel Castillo, Ruby Carrillo, Dora Salazar, Ronaldo Juarez, Jaime Jaramillo, Maria Fernanda Salazar, Sophia Smith, Vanessa Ortiz, Rudy Ortiz, treinta y cinco bisnietos; y sus hermanos Emma (Jalifi) Hinojosa (Robert+), Oscar Jalifi (Amita) y numerosas sobrinas y sobrinos.

El domingo 13 de abril de 2025 de 5 a 8 p.m. y también el lunes 14 de abril de 2025 de 5 a 8 p.m., con un rosario, en la funeraria Sam Houston Memorial en Huntsville. Se llevará a cabo una misa fúnebre el martes 15 de abril de 2025 a las 10:30 a.m. en la Iglesia Católica Santo Tomás Apóstol. Será enterrado en el cementerio Mayes Addition de Oakwood. Las condolencias conmemorativas a la familia se pueden hacer en [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mayes Addition of Oakwood Cemetery

800 Martin Luther King BLVD.  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **13**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Visitation/Rosary

APR **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Mass

APR **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Thomas the Apostle  
1323 16th St  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Graveside Service

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APR **15**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mayes Addition of Oakwood  
800 Martin Luther King BLVD  
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# Tribute Wall



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Nancy Soto - April 03 at 07:03 PM



“ *Nancy Soto lit a candle in memory of Herman Jalifi*



Nancy Soto - February 05 at 08:43 PM



“ *Thinking about you..*



Nancy Soto - November 22, 2025 at 07:16 AM



“ *Miss you grandpa*



Nancy Soto - September 15, 2025 at 06:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Herman Jalifi.



April 14, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herman Jalifi.



April 14, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ Jeff and Jennifer Mims planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman Jalifi.

Jeff and Jennifer Mims - April 13, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Herman Jalifi.



April 13, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Herman Jalifi.

April 13, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herman Jalifi.



April 12, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ To my sweet loving little brother I miss you so much until we meet each other again save me a seat at that Heavenly table with the rest of the family, God bless you with love your loving Sister, Emma Jalifi Hinojosa.

Emma Jalifi Hinojosa - April 12, 2025 at 11:57 AM



To my Tio Jaime I will never forget you letting me drive your Pontiac GTO around Mercedes Texas with out a driver's license..sorry I polished it with floor wax ☐..until we see each other again my the good Lord bless you 🙏 I will miss you so much your nephew, Robert Hinojosa

Robert Hinojosa - April 12, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Kevin and Yvette Pewitt (Oscar Jalifi) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Herman Jalifi.



Kevin and Yvette Pewitt (Oscar Jalifi) - April 12, 2025 at 10:28 AM

DF

“ Don And Penny Fowler sent a virtual gift in memory of Herman Jalifi



Don and Penny Fowler - April 12, 2025 at 08:05 AM

MF

“ Lifting up the family and friends of Herman Jalifi for comfort and healing from our Lord Jesus Christ.



Marvin Hyvl & Family - April 11, 2025 at 05:20 PM

GK

“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Herman Jalifi



Gayle Kelly - April 11, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Herman Jalifi.



April 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Herman Jalifi.

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April 11, 2025 at 04:10 PM