



# Arturo Cavazos

JAN 27, 1958 - MAY 30, 2022



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**A**rturo "Art" Cavazos, 64, of Weslaco, died on Monday, May 30, 2022, at Knapp Medical Center.

Isabel Jr. and Elisa (Villarreal) Cavazos welcomed Art into the world on January 27, 1958, in Weslaco, Texas. Art grew up in Weslaco and was active in Boy Scouts, an altar server at church, playing guitar, playing Little League baseball, listening to Elvis Presley, and cruising around Weslaco in his "Starsky and Hutch" car.

Art met his soulmate Maria "Alba" Perez in high school. Art and Alba married in 1981 and raised three children together. Art initially worked at the co-op, but he found his true calling at the USDA's Bee Research Division. He discovered the first Africanized "Killer" Bee colony in the United States in the city of Hidalgo, TX with his co-worker Robert Mumford in 1990.

Art was an avid researcher who never stopped learning. Art retired after 35 years of service. Art was a true outdoor enthusiast. He spent his free time at the ranch, which he affectionately named "El Rancho de El Guapo" established in 2003.

Art was a genius, and his early scouting habits served him well throughout his life. Art was an entrepreneur who constantly invented new and more efficient ways of doing things. His most recent creation, "The Ultimate Varmint Guard," was an instant success. Art realized he was overspending on deer feed and figured out why.

He installed cameras and discovered that squirrels and other animals consumed the deer feed. As a result, Art spent countless hours testing and perfecting his invention, which deters varmints while saving money on deer feed. Art also learned taxidermy and established Art's Taxidermy in Weslaco. He took great pride in helping fellow hunters display their wildlife with a custom mount for the past 30 years.



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Last but not least, Art learned to train homing pigeons. So, to say Art was a jack of all trades might be an understatement. Art was a sports fan who enjoyed watching the Houston Astros and Dallas Cowboys. Art was the "go-to" person in his family and circle of friends because he had a servant's heart.

He proudly volunteered with all his children's many extracurricular activities including the Weslaco High/East Band boosters. For twenty years, Art volunteered at the Weslaco Fire Department as an intermediate volunteer firefighter. He bravely fought all fires big and small and aided countless people in their time of need.

He routinely participated in the Weslaco Fire Department's MDA Fill a Boot fundraiser. Art was the life of the party, devoted to his family. He was passionate and lived life to the fullest, seizing every opportunity God provided. Art's unrelenting devotion to nature and the outdoors created priceless memories for his family and friends, not muddled with television and social media distractions

Art is preceded in death by his parents, Isabel Jr. and Elisa Cavazos, and his sister-in-law Maria Thelma Perez. He is survived by his loving wife, Maria "Alba", son, Elvis Cavazos (Alyssa), daughters, Alba Cantu (Tony), Sarah Cavazos (Emmanuel Alvarado), his first unborn grandson (who Art couldn't wait to meet); brother, Isabel "Buck" Cavazos III, sisters, Iris Cavazos and Bernice Cavazos (Keith Blanton);

his best friend, Eddie Anzaldua, his father and mother-in-law, Romaldo and Alba Perez, brother-in-law Alfredo Perez (Maria de los Angeles), sister-in-law Velma Lozano (Abelardo), and numerous nieces and nephews. Public visitation will be Friday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with a rosary at 6 p.m. at McCaleb Funeral Home.

Father Francisco Solis will celebrate Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Weslaco on Saturday, June 4, at 1 p.m., followed by burial at Highland Memorial Park.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Plants-A-Plenty to the Cavazos family.



June 3 at 3:38 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 3 at 3:38 PM



**Eloy Pina** posted:

MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE CAVAZOS AND PEREZ FAMILIES.. GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE STRENGTH TO ALL OF YOU IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME. RESPECTFULLY ELOY PINA

June 3 at 3:23 PM



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June 3 at 3:23 PM



**Sylvia, David And Family** sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the Cavazos family.



June 3 at 2:13 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Sylvia, David and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 3 at 2:13 PM



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June 3 at 7:06 AM



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June 3 at 7:06 AM



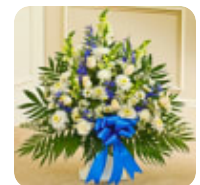
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June 3 at 6:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Cavazos family.



June 3 at 6:29 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

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June 3 at 6:29 AM



**Sylvia, David And Family** posted:

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June 2 at 7:00 PM



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**Juan And Martha Cavazos** posted:

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June 2 at 6:17 PM



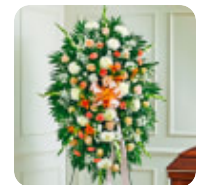
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June 2 at 6:17 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Cavazos family.



June 2 at 3:24 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 3:24 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Plants-A-Plenty to the Cavazos family.

June 2 at 2:04 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket to the Cavazos family.

June 2 at 1:08 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 1:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Solid White Standing Cross With Bright Flower Break to the Cavazos family.

June 2 at 12:35 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Solid White Standing Cross With Bright Flower Break was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 12:35 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Basket to the Cavazos family.

June 2 at 12:22 PM







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FF

**Friends & Family** posted:

Blue & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 12:22 PM

TF

**The Miranda Family** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Cavazos family.



June 2 at 12:20 PM

FF

**Friends & Family** posted:

The Miranda Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 12:20 PM



**Anonymous** sent a White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement to the Cavazos family.



June 2 at 11:59 AM

FF

**Friends & Family** posted:

White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 11:59 AM

CL

**Cynthia Lopez** posted:

Iris, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. May God comfort you and the whole family during this trying time. Cynthia Lopez

June 2 at 11:55 AM



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**Cynthia Lopez** posted:

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June 2 at 11:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Cavazos family.



June 2 at 11:46 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 11:46 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Cavazos family.



June 2 at 11:27 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 11:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender & White Sympathy Basket to the Cavazos family.



June 2 at 11:26 AM



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FF

**Friends & Family** posted:

Lavender & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 11:26 AM

MF

**Maria Ninfa Cano & Family** sent a Red & White Standing Cross With Red Rose Break to the Cavazos family.



June 2 at 9:28 AM

FF

**Friends & Family** posted:

Maria Ninfa Cano & Family purchased the Red & White Standing Cross With Red Rose Break for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 9:28 AM

DC

**Daniel Cantu** posted:

From the Cantu Brothers Richard Ralph Danny Our most sincere condolences to the cavazos family my you rest in peace my friend

June 2 at 8:24 AM

JM

**Jose Martinez** posted:

My most sincere condolences to the Cavazos family. May you Rest In Peace my friend

June 2 at 3:48 AM

DC

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**Anonymous** sent a European Sympathy Dish Garden to the Cavazos family.



June 2 at 3:20 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 2 at 3:20 AM



**Marcia Casas** posted:

Condolences to the Cavazos family. Prayers going up 🙏 From The Casas Family

June 1 at 8:21 PM



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**Virginia Charles** posted:

RIP Art. Me and Joe will miss your friendly chit chats when you would come to Eddies house.  
Condolences to Cavazos family 🙏🙏

June 1 at 7:04 PM



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**The Miranda Family** posted:

The Miranda Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 1 at 7:00 PM



**Manuel Cantu** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Cavazos family.



June 1 at 6:38 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Cantu-Perez Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 1 at 6:38 PM



**Anonymous** sent a White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Cavazos family.



June 1 at 5:30 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel to the Cavazos family.



June 1 at 1:31 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 1 at 1:31 PM



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JC

**Jimmy Mendez His Wife Is My Cousin.** posted:

Hey big guy this is Jimmy mendez I will always remember the time you took me hunting at your ranch. You didn't have to, but that was the kind of guy you were. Thank you for making a ever lasting memories.

June 1 at 1:03 PM

JC

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June 1 at 1:03 PM

MG

**Mary Garza** posted:

My sincere condolences to the Cavazos family. Art will be sorely missed by all of us that knew him. I thank him for being a good friend to my husband Rudy. Rudy considered Art one of his best friends. He had a heart of gold.

June 1 at 12:42 PM

MG

**Mary Garza** posted:

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June 1 at 12:42 PM

AC

**Alba Cantu** posted:

Love you pawpaw. Thank you for all your beautiful memories, jokes, and being that person I know I could always count on. You were and always be the best pawpaw ever. Fly high with the angels and say hi to grandma and grandpa for me. Love you dad! Love, your little lizard Gina (Alba)

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June 1 at 12:32 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Springtime Wishes to the Cavazos family.



June 1 at 10:50 AM



**Friends & Family** posted:

Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Arturo Cavazos.

June 1 at 10:50 AM



**Erica H. Salazar** posted:

My condolences to the family of Art Cavazos. Great memories of working with him at USDA the "Honey Bee Lab". He always was a very kind, helpful, and happy person. He loved his job and loved to sing Elvis songs. He always spoke very highly of his family and mom. Will keep you all in prayer. 🙏

June 1 at 10:43 AM



**Erica H. Salazar** posted:

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June 1 at 10:43 AM



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**Terry Garcia** posted:

Alba and Irisl am so Sorry, My deepest condolences. This is truly such a terrible loss. I just connected with you guys a couple of years ago and I will treasure every conversation I had with you and Art. He was a great person. I have no doubt he is in Heaven with his parents. May he RIP in the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ. If there is anything you need, please know that I am just a phone call away. Terry Garcia

June 1 at 8:12 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Cavazos family.



June 1 at 7:04 AM



**Heal You, Love You, Sal & Maggie Lopez** sent a European Sympathy Dish Garden to the Cavazos family.



June 1 at 5:13 AM



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**State Rep. Armando Martinez & Family** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Cavazos family.



June 1 at 4:56 AM



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June 1 at 4:56 AM





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LG

**Lino Garza** posted:

Our condolences from the Garza Family from Elsa.

June 1 at 3:34 AM

LG

**Lino Garza** posted:

My late brother Reynaldo Garza considered Art one of, if not his best friend. Art and my brother worked together a few years back with USDA during the BEE Studies. they used to have some good times a big laughs together. Art was one of the several close friends who attended my brother Rey's funeral. My brother Rey was working with US Customs at the time of his death. Thatto me shows what true friends are to the end. Art may you rest in peace with our Lord Jesus Christ and may you soon be having some good laughs with my brother Rey. RIP

June 1 at 3:32 AM

BM

**Blanca Martinez** posted:

Alba so many many memories of you and Arturo from all the classmates, a true love story. Known to some as "El Wero" & "that's the Elvis guy" May he celebrate songs with Elvis now in Heaven which I am sure will make him smile & laugh. Eternal peace & love. Blessings to you and your beautiful family. Class of 1977

June 1 at 2:31 AM

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Great memories working with Art at USDA and watching him perform at BBQ Warehouse. He always said "this is a big show!" This was one of his favorite songs....<https://youtu.be/04sgl8qjO7k>

May 31 at 6:16 PM

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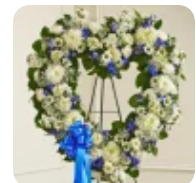
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May 31 at 6:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Standing Open Heart to the Cavazos family.



May 31 at 2:11 PM



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**Friends & Family** posted:

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May 31 at 2:11 PM



**Maria** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife, family & friends. From,Mathews Family

May 31 at 1:54 PM



**Maria** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to his dear wife, family & friends. From,Mathews Family

May 31 at 1:54 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender & White Standing Spray to the Cavazos family.



May 31 at 1:01 PM



**Friends & Family** posted:

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May 31 at 1:01 PM



**Belen Loya** posted:

May He Rest In Peace, and May God give his family comfort and strength 🙏🙏

May 31 at 12:52 PM



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May 31 at 12:52 PM



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LI

**Lisa** posted:

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May 31 at 11:55 AM

LI

**Lisa** posted:

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May 31 at 11:55 AM

FF

**Friends And Family** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Friends and Family uploaded 1 to the gallery.

May 29 at 7:00 PM





## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Arturo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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