



# Armando Rodriguez Alaniz

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**W**eslaco- Armando Rodriguez Alaniz passed away surrounded by family at Knapp Medical Center on January 27, 2026. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a lover of butterscotch, caramel, and antiques. He was a good, kind, and nostalgic man defined by faith, a strong work ethic, humor, and a genuine spirit of adventure.

From a young age, Armando was fiercely independent and business-minded. As a boy, he would jump the train that ran near his home in Weslaco and ride it all the way to California, arriving with his face covered in black soot from peeking over boxcars to track his location. Once there, he would jump off, shine shoes, and earn enough money to make the journey worthwhile before returning home. On other days, he would skip school and head out hunting with his slingshot, which he was remarkably skilled at using. When he caught a rabbit, he would bring it to a local homeless family, who would cook it and share the meal with him. Even at a young age, he found ways to provide for himself while caring for others.

Armando was always up for anything. Later in life, when friends decided to form a mariachi band, he joined without hesitation and traveled across the United States with them, despite having no real musical talent. While living in Chicago, he would sometimes quietly drive the long distance just to sneak by his parents' home and see them sitting on the front porch, even though they worried about him making the trip. It perfectly captured his spirit—adventurous, loyal, loving, and always ready to say yes.

His entrepreneurial spirit and fearlessness carried into adulthood, leading him to build and run multiple business ventures, including bars, a used car lot, a lumber company, construction companies, apartments, and commercial real estate—many of them alongside his brothers as business partners.

He had a deep appreciation for craftsmanship, antiques, and especially classic cars, eventually building an impressive collection. He spent all of his spare time restoring his antique cars, often



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convincing his wife that this one was a good investment and that he was definitely going to sell it. Instead, it would be kept “for the kids and grandkids,” and the same promise would be made again for the next car—a pattern that repeated, lovingly, throughout his whole life.

He was married for 53 years to the love of his life and was deeply proud of his children and grandchildren, admiring their intelligence, education, and capabilities. Each morning, he began his day with seven sips of water, offering a prayer with every sip for each of his children and their families.

He will be remembered for his work ethic, humor, curiosity, generosity, and the quiet, steady devotion he showed to those he loved.

Armando is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Francisco and Angelita Alaniz, his brothers, Manuel Alaniz (Irene) and Michael Alaniz, and his sister, Nena Pedraza.

He is survived by his wife and the mother of his four youngest children, Oralia Espinosa Alaniz (Lala), his seven children, Yvette Price (Scott), Angie DeLeon (Tony), Eric Alaniz (Darlene), Annette Garza, Alma Sander (Patrick), Abran Alaniz (Angela), Armando Alaniz Jr. (Aby), fifteen grandchildren, Peyton Price, Shelby Price, Ricky DeLeon, Emilio DeLeon, Mary DeLeon, Ian Alaniz, Isaac Alaniz, Adam Garza, Georgianna Garza, Wesley Sander, Amanda Sander, Sophia Sander, Alan Sander, Ava Alaniz, Aiden Alaniz, two great-grandchildren, Elly DeLeon and Lottie DeLeon, brothers, Domingo Alaniz (Delia) and Joel Alaniz (Rosie), sisters, Juanita Balli (Willie+) and Emma Solis (Francisco), brother-in-law, Hilario Pedraza (Nena+), and extended family, who will continue to carry his stories forward.

The Alaniz, Garza, and Sander families would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the medical personnel who took such compassionate care of our father, including the staff at Kaizen Clinical Partners, Weslaco Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Knapp Medical Center—especially the ICU department—as well as Dr. Jose F. Peña, Dr. Juan J. Garza, and Dr. Daniel Farray.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026, from 5-8 pm, with a Holy Rosary at 7 pm. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 1 pm at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Weslaco. Armando will be laid to rest at Highland Memorial Park. Serving as pallbearers will be Joey Alaniz, Manuel Alaniz Jr., Patrick Sander, Jason Alaniz, Adam Garza, and Wesley Sander.



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For Saturday's funeral mass (1 pm) and interment (2 pm) services, we encourage guests to bring their antique cars, and/or wear the color of their favorite classic car in his honor.



# Events

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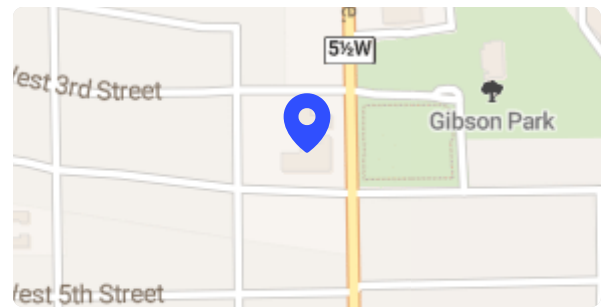
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## Visitation

**Friday**, January 30, 2026

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

**McCaleb Funeral Home**  
900 W 4th St., Weslaco TX 78596

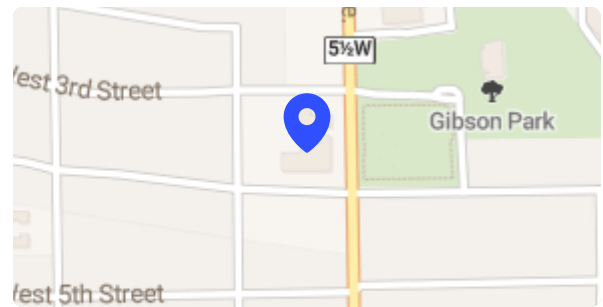


## Rosary

**Friday**, January 30, 2026

7:00 PM CT

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900 W 4th St., Weslaco TX 78596



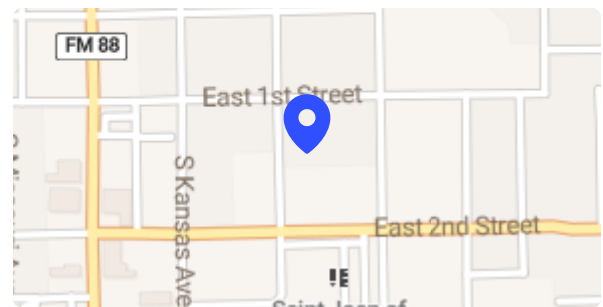
## Mass

**Saturday**, January 31, 2026

1:00 PM CT

**St Joan of Arc Catholic Church**  
109 S Illinois Ave, Weslaco TX 78596

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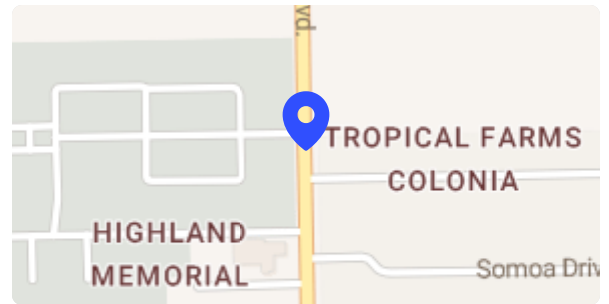
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## Burial


 **Saturday**, January 31, 2026

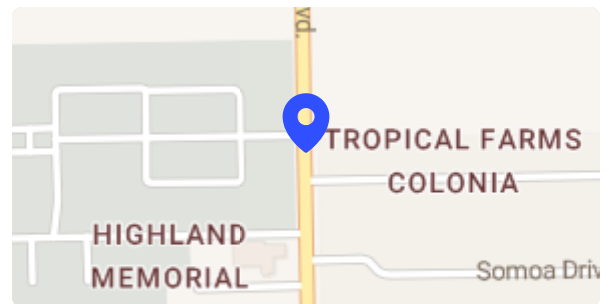
 2:00 PM CT

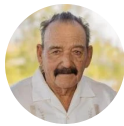
 **Highland Memorial Park**  
6705 Farm to Market 88, Weslaco TX 78596



## Cemetery Details

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6705 Farm to Market 88, Weslaco TX 78596





## Tribute Wall

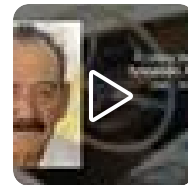
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**Mccaleb Funeral Home & Sacred Park Cemetery** shared a **Video**.

January 30 at 9:40 AM



**Anonymous** sent a White Standing Spray to the Alaniz family.

January 29 at 11:48 PM



**Michael Gonzales Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Armando.

January 29 at 11:48 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Alaniz family.

January 29 at 9:56 PM



**Frank Vasquez And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Armando.

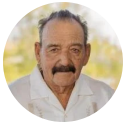
January 29 at 9:56 PM



**Frank V.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Armando.

January 29 at 9:44 PM





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**Anonymous** sent a White Funeral Standing Spray to the Alaniz family.



January 29 at 9:10 PM



**Alma Sander** posted:

One of my sweetest memories of my dad is watching him walk through the front door with a brown paper bag held high in the air and the biggest smile on his face. My sister and I always knew exactly what was inside. We'd race up the barstools and jump on him like little monkeys, climbing up his body to reach the bag of goodies—while my mom playfully nagged him for bringing us candy again. Somehow, he always managed to catch both of us and still keep hold of the candy. It was pure joy.—  
His daughter, Alma

January 29 at 10:42 AM



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



January 29 at 9:43 AM



**Lijadora** posted:

To the Alaniz children: This happened a long time ago, but I still remember it so clearly. Your mom and I went to visit your dad at his place of work, where he was remodeling cars—one of his favorite things to do. As he was walking toward our car, I told your mom to throw him a kiss and flirt with him. She did, smiling and saying, "Hey, good-looking! I'm going shopping to spend your money—just wanted to let you know!" Your dad gave her the biggest smile. To this day, that moment stays with me. It was such a sweet memory and a beautiful glimpse of the love they shared. Love, Tia Irma

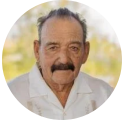
January 28 at 10:26 PM



**Lance** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Alaniz family.



January 28 at 8:46 PM



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**Lance** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Armando.



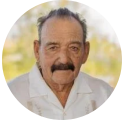
January 28 at 8:46 PM



**Lizardo Rodriguez Family** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Alaniz family.



January 28 at 7:41 PM



**Media**

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January 30 at 9:40 AM





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