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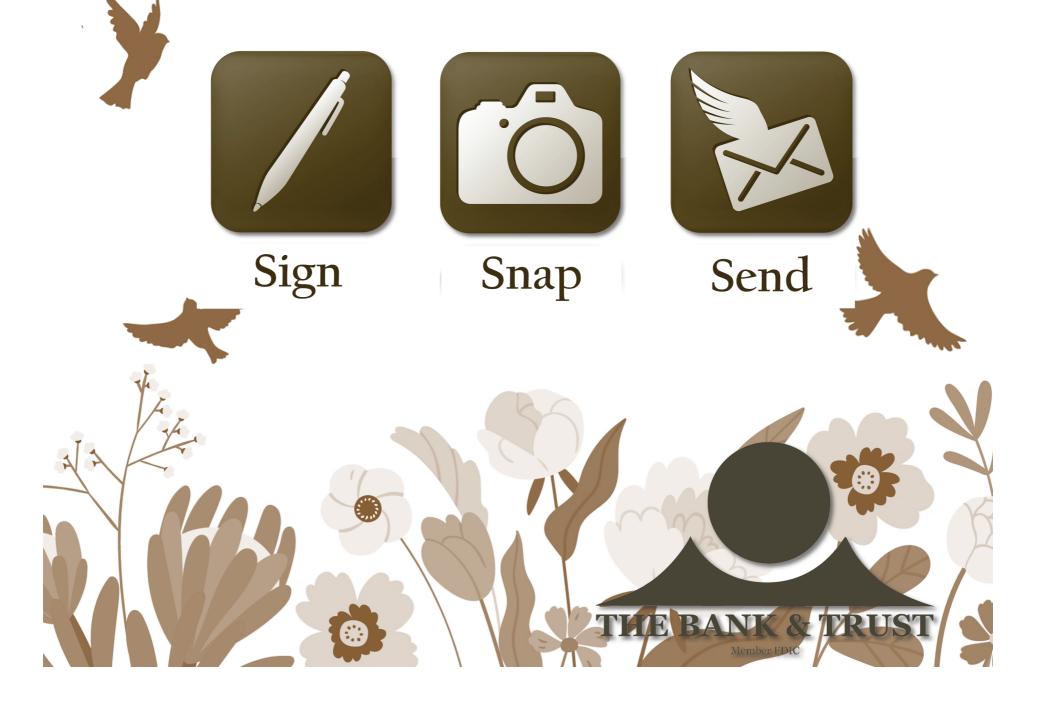
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Del Rio's 830 Times

Del Rio High school principal dies suddenly

BY BRIAN ARGABRIGHT

The 830 Times

The community is in mourning as the news of the passing of Del Rio High School Principal Dr. Jose F. Perez continues to filter through town.

Perez, who had served as the principal of the school since 2016, died suddenly Saturday. Details regarding Perez's death have not yet been publicly released, and administrators at the San Felipe Del Rio CISD said the district would issue a statement regarding his passing, including his career with the district, in the days to come.

"It was because of him I continued my education," Jose Piña posted on an announcement of Perez's passing on Facebook.

"He really helped my son a lot. If it wasn't for him my son wouldn't be where he is now," Celeste Rodriguez wrote on the same announcement.

Perez was a career educator within the San Felipe CISD. According to his LinkedIn page, Perez was a teacher at San Felipe Middle School from July 1993 to June 2002 before he was assigned to Del Rio High School as an assistant principal.

He served as an assistant principal at the school until June 2008 when he was assigned his first principal position. For eight years, from July 2008 to June 2016, he served as principal at Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary and Ruben Chavira Elementary schools.

In July 2016 he was named as principal at Del Rio High School following the passing of Briana Muraira, who had only been principal for about a month before her death.

Aside from his tenure as an g



Del Rio High School Principal Dr. Jose F. Perez speaks during a signing ceremony for a handful of Del Rio High students in 2019. Perez, who had been the high school's principal since 2016, passed away Saturday.

educator, Perez was also active in the community, serving as a member of the San Felipe Lions Club and was a board member with the United Way Val Verde County. He also previously served as a lector with St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

As of this writing, funeral services and memorial services have not yet been announced.

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Solo plane crash claims life of Laughlin AFB instructor pilot

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 830 Times

A Laughlin Air Force Base instructor pilot died from injuries suffered in a private aircraft accident 27 miles northwest of Del Rio.

The crash occurred the weekend of July 17-18.

The pilot, United States Air Force Major Ryan Mudry, was flying his aircraft alone.

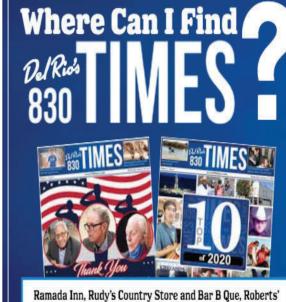
The cause of the crash is under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board, which has been scouring the site for several days, analyzing the Luscombe 8F's wreckage. The plane, built in 1949, has a cruising speed of 128 miles per hour.

The 47th Flying Training Wing shared the following statement July 21.

"Ryan was an outstanding officer, instructor pilot, and a combat experienced leader who always stepped up when called ... the Wing and our Air Force will miss him greatly," said Col Craig Prather, 47th Flying Training Wing commander "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends as they cope with this painful loss." Mudry was named the 47th Flying Training Wing's Field Grade Officer of the Year months earlier, was the 47th Operations Support Squadron Director of Operations, a T-38 Instructor Pilot and a graduate

of the Air Force Academy. The ranch owner found the plane's wreckage July 18 and called the Val Verde County Sheriff's Office, which dispatched deputies and a Justice of the Peace.

Later, the Val Verde County Fire Department was called to the scene to help with recovery efforts.



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State Rep. Morales explains reasons for staying behind while fellow Dems fled

BY JOEL LANGTON

The 830 Times

When nearly 60 Texas Democrats fled Texas to block Republicans from passing what they thought was a strongly partisan voting bill, State Representative Eddie Morales, representing Del Rio's District 74, was one of a hand full of Democrats who stayed behind.

"I believe staying to both debate and articulate my reasons for opposing the bill is the best way for me to represent my district," Morales

said July

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State Rep. **Eddie Morales**

colleagues who choose to fight this bill differently, using parliamentary procedures."

Morales said he and his fellow Democrats saw that they were going to "get a bill rammed down their throats" that they'd have little say in.

However, going to Washington D.C. on a chartered plane wasn't the best lane for Morales. "For me, leaving the state just didn't work," he said.

Since staying along with a handful of other Democrats, he's been thrust into the role of mediating and defending his fellow Democrats.

"There was talk of changing the



AP Photo /J. Scott Applewhite

Texas State Rep. Senfronia Thompson, dean of the Texas House of Representatives, speaks as Democratic members of the Texas legislature hold a news conference at the Capitol in Washington July 7.

locks on the doors of Democrat offices, taking their parking spaces, stripping them of committee assignments, but we talked to the leadership and that's gone away for now," Morales said.

Although he stayed behind, it wasn't because he supported the Republican bills.

Some of the proposals in the bills, according to the Austin Statesman are:

— Ban drive-thru voting or casting a ballot from inside a vehicle unless participating in curbside voting due to a disability.

- Ban overnight voting by requiring polls to be open a minimum of nine hours from between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.

- Require election officials to install a video surveillance system that records vote-counting activities, with a livestream made available to the public in counties with 100,000 residents or more.

"Texas is already dead last in voter access before this bill," he said. "Now, we want to make it even more difficult for people to be able to vote."

He said there isn't a large track record of illegal voting and thinks there are plenty of laws in place to ensure there are not any waves of illegal votes being cast.

"Since 2005, there have been 140 convictions for voter fraud in the State of Texas," he said. "The Texas Attorney General has a \$2 million dollar budget for voter fraud. That is wasteful spending."

However, Val Verde County Republican party chairman Frank Lopez said Morales' efforts just aren't enough.

"He needs to go on the record demanding that his fellow Democrats do what they were elected to do," he said.

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Jury seated for murder trial of Kelvin James Brown

BY KAREN GLEASON

The 830 Times

A six-man, six-woman jury was seated July 19 to hear the murder case Kelvin James against Brown.

Brown was indicted in July 2019 for the March 2019 murder of Manuel Sanchez Jr., charging Brown with "committing an act clearly dangerous to human life, to wit: hitting and kicking (Sanchez) in the face and body with his hands and feet, and by placing the body in the back of a car in such manner that caused the death of (Sanchez)."

Brown was also charged in the same indictment with two counts of tampering with evidence for "intentionally and knowingly concealing the victim's car in a hidden location with the body of the victim in the floor of the rear seat area, with intent to impair its availability as evidence in the investigation" and for "destroying the chip from the victim's cell phone and disposing of the phone itself."

Testimony in the trial began July 21, then would continue on Monday, 83rd Judicial District Judge Robert E. Cadena told prospective jurors during the porter and members of the selection process.

Jury selection began in the historic Paul Poag Theater for the Performing Arts.

The 117 prospective jurors who answered their summonses sat in the area of the theater where the audience would normally sit.

District Attornev Suzanne West and her staff sat at a table placed just below the left side of the stage, and Brown, his attorney Alberto Ramon, and two sheriff's office deputies serving as guards sat at a table below the right side of the stage.

Cadena and his court redistrict clerk's staff were

seated at tables on the stage.

Cadena thanked those who showed up for jury selection, calling jury service "one of the pillars of our democracy."

about the requirements to serve on a jury and noted there were a number of reasons citizens could be exempted from serving, and once he asked those present if they wished to claim one of the exemptions, about 30 were excused.

West then began the voir dire process, which Cadena explained was an Old French term that translates as "true say,"

and which means "to speak the truth."

The purpose of voir dire, the judge said, was to find jurors who could be fair and impartial.

West went over several The judge also spoke legal concepts with the remaining pool of prospective jurors, including the law of parties and reasonable doubt.

> If chosen for the jury, could they, she asked, find someone guilty of murder, even if that person did not directly cause an individual's death, but where they believed the law of parties applied?

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'Field of Our Dreams' donors thanked in ceremony

BY KAREN GLEASON

The 830 Times

Community donors whose vision and financial contributions helped make possible the city's Field of Our Dreams sports park were thanked publicly during a donor appreciation event at the facility July 21.

Work toward construction of the Field of Our Dreams complex, located at 105 Vista Park off Kings Way on the city's north side, began about a decade ago, master of ceremonies Peter Ojeda said as he welcomed the guests of honor and other attendees.



Photo by Karen Gleason

Major donors and community supporters gathered at the Del Rio Field of Our Dreams community sports park July 21 to honor those who have contributed to the park's completion.

Ojeda introduced the speakers, beginning with Del Rio we serve on the city Mayor Pro-Tem Alfredo council is for moments

"Fred" Carranza Jr. "One of the reasons

like this. This has been a lot of hard work, and it wouldn't have happened without all of you," Carranza said, singling City Manager Matt Wojnowski and City Planner Janice Pokrant out for special thanks.

Carranza also emphasized the major donors to the facility represented local businesses investing in the city's quality of life.

Ojeda read the list of community partners and major donors, who contributed some of the land and made major financial donations toward the construction of the facility, including Bill Nixon of Buena Vista Development Co., the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce and

its economic development committee, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Nick Khoury and The Khoury Group, the Rotary Club of Del Rio, Texas Community Bank, Val Verde Regional Medical Center, Amistad Bank, Border Federal Credit Union, Little Acres Nursery, Plaza Del Sol Mall, Gerald Prather, the Del Rio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Ramada Inn of Del Rio, Cripple Creek restaurant, Studio 6, Buffalo Wings and Rings restaurant and the Val

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Senior passes now on sale

BY BRIAN ARGABRIGHT

The 830 Times

A favorite item of Del Rio's older sports fans returns this week.

The San Felipe Del Rio CISD is once again selling its senior passes for fans aged 55 years or older. Sales were set to begin Monday, July 26 at 9 a.m. at the district's athletic office inside the Carl P. Guys Memorial Gymnasium at Del Rio High School.

Sales will continue daily until Aug. 6. The athletic office will be



open from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. each day.

Passes will be \$3 for one year and \$5 for two years.

Seats available through the senior passes will be general admission only. They do not cover reserved seating.

"It's like it's always been," athletic director Frenchey McCrea Jr. said. "While all are ticket sales are being done online, people that want to purchase senior passes have to come into the office and pay for those."

The senior passes had been a traditional item for Del Rio sports fans until last year when the sales were halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Verde Foundation.

Val Verde County Judge Lewis G. Owens Jr. reminded those present that the work toward the creation of the sports park began as a grassroots community event, with local contractors and lumber yards donating supplies and work to create a series of tiny houses that were raffled off to raise funds for the park.

group effort," Owens said.

Owens said work begin done by the county at the county fairgrounds, the Alcoa Fields off Frontera

Community Lane and the large county property near Laughlin Air Force Base will tie in to the sports park by further enhancing the local quality of life and facilities for youth sports.

Sylvia Owens of Texas Community Bank spoke on behalf of the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce's ecodevelopment nomic committee.

She said the project was conceived when "It was a hometown, many different commembers, munity elected officials and businesspeople came together to discuss Del Rio's needs and decided one of the city's foremost needs was for

more youth and adult county commissionsports fields.

"That's how the dream began, then came putting the ideas together and getting the work going and raising funds," she said.

After raffling the small "casitas" created by local contractors, she said, the group began to look for land, which was provided by the city and a donation of additional land from Nixon and his Buena Vista Development Co. Owens said the project also got a huge boost with a \$100,000 pledge from Khoury and The Khoury Group.

The city council and

ers court members pledged in-kind assistance, and the project was off and running.

"This wouldn't have happened without the support of everyone here . . . It is a 'field of dreams,' that was the dream of many, and today we celebrate because we can see the fruit of all our work," Owens said.

Owens singled out Pokrant for her hard work and dedication on behalf of the project. City Councilman Jim DeReus gave the closing remarks.

this project was always 'how are we going to

make it happen?' We were all committed to it," DeReus said.

DeReus lauded the vision that preceded the project's inception and the drive and consistency that led to its construction.

"Everyone was involved; that's the only way these things are going to happen, and we need to continue this. There are so many things we would like to do, that we can do, when we collaborate," DeReus said.

County Commissioner Pct. Beau Nettleton, 3 "The thing about in whose precinct the complex is sited, has been a staunch advocate for the creation of more youth sports facilities.

"This is a great facility. It's a good start in the direction we need to go for our youth. This plugs a small hole in our needs, but there's still a lot more needs to meet, such as for indoor sports facilities, soccer fields, PeeWee football. When vou look at the number of children that play some sort of sport, you begin to see that that need is, but we need to continue working on these types of projects," Nettleton said.

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Mayfield's 3-run blast highlights big week for 'Captain' Jack

BY BRIAN ARGABRIGHT

The 830 Times

It's been a memorable week for Jack Mayfield.

"Captain" Jack smashed a three-run home Thursday night that proved to be the difference in the Los Angeles Angels' 3-2 win over the Minnesota Twins

It was the second home run in the past seven days for the 2009 Del Rio High School graduate. He blasted a solo shot to deep centerfield in a 9-4 win over his former team, the Seattle Mariners.



Los Angeles Angels third baseman Jack Mayfield collides with a Minnesota Twins player during a game Thursday. Del Rio's Mayfield hit a three-run home run that was the difference in the Angels' 3-2 win over the Twins.

The Los Times' Jack Harris Mayfield's described

Angeles at-bat as such: "After José Iglesias doubled (his second of the game) and Adam Eaton singled, Jack Mayfield came to the plate and initially tried to bunt in a 1-1 count.

poor, a pop up that landed in the seats behind the Twins dugout.

however, he made up for it, smoking a threerun homer into the left field seats to give the Angels the lead."

Mayfield is making the most of his time with the Angels. It's his second stint with the Halos after he signed with the more time in the field team earlier this season following his release by the Atlanta Braves. He appeared in only two

games for Los Angeles before he was designated for release and signed by the Mariners. Mayfield appeared

"His attempt was in 11 games for the Mariners before Seattle released him June 10. The Angels snatched "Three pitches later, him back up three days later and sent him to their minor league team in Salt Lake City, Utah, before calling him up to the main roster July 6 in the wake of an injury to starting third baseman Anthony Rendon.

> Mayfield has seen and at the plate for the Angels since being called July 6. Those additional appearances

have also helped the former all-district Rams infielder/pitcher raise his batting average from .156 to .211 this season.

Mayfield capped the series by going 1-for-3 against the Twins on Sunday, driving in a run with a double in the Angels' 6-2 win over Minnesota.

Mayfield played for four years at the University of Oklahoma before he signed as an undrafted free agent by the Houston Astros in 2013. He made his major league debut on May 27, 2019, ripping a double off the wall in his first major league at-bat.



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She informed the prospective jurors the state is never required to prove a motive for a crime, although that is the one question most people have about a criminal act.

prospective jurors although the state must

prove its case against Brown beyond a reasonable doubt, it does not have to prove the case beyond any doubt.

After West finished quizzing them, West also told the the prospective jurors also heard from Brown's attorney,

Ramon, who noted, "Trials are dramas, so being in a theater is somewhat appropriate."

On a more seri-Ramon ous note, urged anyone selected for the jury to be impartial.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

CHERI EVERETT CLARK Independent Executrix c/o: Richard F. Gutierrez Attorney at Law 113 E. Losoya St. Del Rio, Texas 78840

DATED the 21st day of July, 2021.

/s/ Richard F. Gutierrez Richard F. Gutierrez Attorney for CHERI EVERETT CLARK 113 E. Losoya St. Del Rio, Texas 78840 Telephone: (830) 774-5591 E-mail: rfgrfg53@yahoo.com

who have the power to decide the fate of my client," Ramon said.

who felt they could not be impartial to excuse themselves from the process, though

no one did.

After the questioning, Israel Prieto, one He asked anyone of the District Clerk Jo Ann Cervantes' clerks. announced the names of the six women and six men

will hear the who case. Two alternates, both women, also were selected.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting On Val Verde Appraisal District Budget

The Val Verde Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 19th, 2021 at 11:45a.m. at the Val Verde County Appraisal District offices board room located at 417 W. Cantu Road, Del Rio, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$1,248,068.73
The total amount of INCREASE over the current year's budget.	\$ 32,707.54
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	12 (full-time)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	12 (full-time)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

MARY ANN LEIK

November 1, 1935 -July 19, 2021

Mary Ann Leik, age 85, passed away July 19, 2021 in Del Rio, Texas. She was born on November 1, 1935 in Dubuque, Iowa.

She is preceded in death by her parents Frank and Mary Pierce, and her brother, Frank Jr.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Gerald; and two sons Kenneth and Martin; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Her cremated remains will be distributed with her husbands on the Lewis Ranch in Catra Valley, Texas.

Visitation was held on Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 7:00 pm -9:00 pm.

Funeral arrangements are under care and direction of G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, 114 Fletcher Drive, Del Rio, Texas. For more information you may contact us at (830) 775-2000 or www.gwcoxmemorialfuneralhome.com.

••• JAMES EARL CONRAD May 4, 1948 -July 20, 2021

James Earl Conrad, age 73, entered into rest on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in Brackettville, Texas. He was born on May 4, 1948. He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph L. Conrad and Rosemary Mirgliotta Conrad Talley.

Obituaries

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Gloria Rodriguez Conrad: Sons- James Clinton Conrad and his wife Amber, and Christopher Conrad and his wife Tracey; Step Sons-James Ramirez and his wife Deborah, and Jacob Ramirez: Brother-Ralph "Rocky" Conrad and his wife Donna children-Katrina. Cathleen. Clavton: Grandchildren- Abel, Trinity, Zech, Lauren, Emilio, Felipe; and Greatgrandchild- Ava. James owned & Conrads operated

Trading Post- a convenience store, in Brackettville, Tx for 25 years. "Conrads" as it was known by all the locals was a go-to shop for a wide variety of drinks, snacks, and even movies.

The family wishes to

hold a private ceremony & service for James at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

> **RYAN NICHOLAS MUDRY** February 20, 1987 -

July 18, 2021

Ryan Nicholas Mudry, age 34, entered into rest on Sunday, July 18, 2021 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born on February 20, 1987.

Services are pending.



An application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Beer Retail Dealer's on Premise License by Comstock Quick Stop LLC dba Quick Stop, to be located at 32003 HWY 90 Unit 967, Comstock, Val Verde County, Texas. Officer of said corporation is Houston Dobbins.



Obituaries

NEYDA CANDELARIO ALVAREZ July 20, 2002 -July 26, 2021

Neyda Candelario Alvarez, age 19, entered into rest on Monday, July 26, 2021 in Brackettville, Texas. She was born on July 20, 2002.

Services are pending.

JOSEFINA R. CONTRERAS

December 24, 1931 -July 26, 2021

Josefina R. Contreras, age 89, entered into rest on Monday, July 26, 2021 in Del Rio, Texas. She was born on December 24, 1931.

Services are pending. **RAYMA C. PRATT**

December 13, 1938 -July 22, 2021

Rayma C. Pratt, age 82, entered into rest on July 22, 2021 in Del Rio, Texas. She was born on December 13, 1938.

Services are pending.

EDUARDO V. SILVA December 21, 1944 -

July 22, 2021 Eduardo V. Silva, age 76, entered into rest on Thursday, July 22, 2021, in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on December 21, 1944. He was preceded in death by his parents Raul Silva and Delfina Villarreal; and his sister Bertha Alicia Franco.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 53 years Graciela E. Silva; sons Eduardo Silva, Jr. and wife Jeanette Schneider, and Raul Silva; daughter Maria T. Onofre Silva and her husband Juan C. Onofre; grandchildren Colin LeBell, Juan C. Onofre; and Maria I. Onofre; and his brother Eliseo Silva.

Visitation was held on Monday, July 26, 2021, from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home.

Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Oaks Cemetery.

> MARIA C. PEREZ December 8, 1947 -July 21, 2021

Maria C. Perez, age 73, entered into rest Wednesday, July 21, 2021 in Big Spring, Texas. She was born December 8, 1947 in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. She was preceded in death by her parents, Pascual and Mara Luisa Flores, Brothers, Efrain Flores, Juan Flores and daughter Maria Luisa Perez. Left to cherish her

memory is her husband of 57 years, Guadalupe Perez. Daughter Maria E. (Alex) Trevino. Sons, Guadalupe (Venus) Perez Jr., Samuel (Patricia Reves) Perez. Grandchildren; Alyssa Renee Rubio, David Lee Rubio, Anthony Juwals Perez, Gabriel Justin Perez, Klarissa Celeste Perez and Aaron Matthew Perez. Also survived by siblings; Irma De Leon, Hilda Saucedo, Olivia Garcia and Adolfo Flores.

Visitation was held on Monday, July 26, 2021, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM; Prayer Service at 5:00 PM at Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home. Visitation continues Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

The funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 10:00 AM at Templo Maranata at 809 E. 14th St.

Gentlemen with the honor of Pallbearers will be Anthony Perez, Gabriel Perez, David Rubio, Aaron Perez, Alyssa Rubio and Klarissa Perez.

Interment will follow at San Felipe Cemetery.





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