



## Jose Guadalupe Lopez

September 14, 1947 - April 19, 2026

Jose Guadalupe Lopez, 78, of Houston, passed away on April 19, 2026. He was born on September 14, 1947, in Edinburg, Texas to Jose and Josefina Lopez.

He is preceded in death by Estolia, Estefana, and Felipa. He is survived by his wife, Balentina, with whom he shared 59 years of marriage; his children, Alexandria, Gloria, Joe, and Greg; and his grandchildren, Aris, Lauren, and Seth.

Jose grew up in Reynosa, a border city in northern Tamaulipas. From a young age, he worked hard—shining shoes and selling newspapers to help support his family. In 1965, he moved to Smithville, Texas where his life would soon change in the best way.

Not long after arriving, he met the love of his life, Balentina, at a dance—thanks to a family invitation that turned into a lifelong love story. They married in 1966 and went on to build a beautiful life together in Houston, Texas, raising four children and creating a home full of love and memories.

Jose was known for his kind heart, easygoing nature, and the way he could make anyone feel welcome. He truly never met a stranger, and his warm personality and unforgettable laugh left a lasting impression on everyone who

knew him.

He enjoyed watching football—especially cheering on the Dallas Cowboys—and loved classic films like Ben-Hur, completing puzzles, and music from La Sonora Santanera. He and Balentina shared a love for dancing and took every opportunity to enjoy it together.

Later in life, Jose discovered a passion for golf and spent many days playing at Melrose Golf Course, even competing in tournaments. He often said he wished he had started sooner—but as he would remind everyone, “better late than never.”

He also cherished visiting family in Monterrey and Allende. Those trips meant a great deal to him, and he carried a deep pride in his culture and roots throughout his life.

Jose will be remembered for his love of family, his hardworking spirit, and the joy he brought to those around him. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, laughter, and lasting memories.

The Lopez family will be present to receive guests for memorial service Saturday May 9, 2026, at 2:00 PM with reception to follow at Dettling Funeral Home 14094 Memorial Dr. Houston, TX 77079. In Lieu of flowers please consider a charitable donation to Fundación Latinoamericana De Acción Social that focuses on social services, education, and support for Latino families in Houston ([https://flasinc.org/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://flasinc.org/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
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Houston, TX 77079  
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# Tribute Wall

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