



## Javier de los Santos

September 17, 1931 - November 13, 2006

de los Santos

Javier de los Santos, 75 years of age, passed away at Christus Santa Rosa Hospital of San Antonio, TX, on Monday, November 13, 2006. He was a resident of Mercedes, Rio Grande Valley, TX. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Jose and Juanita de los Santos, and his son, Javier Hugo, of Mercedes, TX. Mr. de los Santos was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church of Mercedes, where he attended mass daily and served as a board member. He was also a Catholic lay minister and a very pious man, who kept his faith despite a long-time bout with illness. He shared his faith with his loving wife, Tina, and instilled it in each of his children, more by example than with mere words. He was a Mercedes High School graduate as well as a Magna Cum Laude graduate of the University of Texas Pan American, with a major in Economics and a minor in Business Administration. Mr. de los Santos gave to his community as well as to his family. He served as mayor of the City of Mercedes and was actively involved in civic organizations, including The Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, Lions Club and various chambers of commerce. He previously served as a member of the National Guard for 8 years and as a teacher and principal in the Mercedes ISD Adult Migrant Education Program. He founded and served as President of several companies, including Sav-More Furniture & Appliances, Inc., Border Warehouse Distributing Co., and DLS Homefurnishings, Inc., of Mercedes,

TX. Previously, he participated in his father's business, Mercedes Oil Company. He enriched the lives of many people, including his surviving brother, Jose de los Santos, Jr. of Mercedes, TX; sister, Olga Garza of San Antonio, TX and sons, Hugo Xavier Michele, Rafic, Eric, Kirk Kim, all of San Antonio, TX and daughter, Tina Eric Morcus of Palm Springs, CA; 6 grandchildren, Hugo Xavier, William Rafic, Rosalie Tina and Marianne Michele de los Santos and Christan and Christina Morcus. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

#### Services

Visitation will be held Thursday, November 16, 2006 from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. A Rosary will be recited at 7:00 pm in the chapel of Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 am, Friday, November 17, 2006 at St. Matthews Catholic Church. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 am, Monday, November 20, 2006 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 322 S. Vermont, Mercedes, TX. If friends desire, memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Our sincerest condolences to the entire de los Santos family. Your thoughts and prayers are in our minds.*

*Carl & Eileen Annese*

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**Carl Annese** - November 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Javier de los Santos*

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**JOHN MICHAEL GARZA** - November 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *I am sorry about the passing of Javier. I knew him from when I worked with him at the gas station on Ohio street. I have positive memories of his tenure as mayor of Mercedes. I wish you folks the very best and may God bless you.*

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**armando garcia** - November 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *On behalf of the family of the late Asencion and Ramona Olivarez, their children; Rudy, Irma, Nelda, Frances, Robert and Bertha, would like to convey our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the De Los Santos family. A good friend of the family, he*

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**Rudy Olivarez** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We wish to express our sincere condolences to all of the De Los Santos Family. May memories keep your loved one always in your hearts and in your minds. May god grant you peace and serenity to carry on.

*God Bless You All.*

*Rick and Mari Banuelos*

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**Rick and Mari Banuelos** - November 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Linda & I had the pleasure of being the band directors for all the de los Santos children. Mr. de los Santos was always supportive and loving to his family. Gentlemen like himself are truly rare. He will be missed by many and our prayers go out to his family

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**Rene & Linda Guzman** - November 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Mr. de los Santos' devotion to his God, family and community was nothing less than absolute, as evidenced by his tireless contributions and beautiful family. His absence is certainly felt throughout the community and the de los Santos family does not gri

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**Delia Irene Gonzalez** - November 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Javier de los Santos*

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**Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Anzaldúa & Family** - November 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ My husband and I will be praying for the entire family for peace and comfort. Mr deloSantos is now in peace and well, glorifying our Lord Jesus. No more illness nor hurt. Just glory and peace. You will see him again with God's glory.

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**Gilberto and Olga Moreno** - November 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ I wanted to send our sincere condolences, from our family, to the De Los Santos Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I am the daughter of the late Asencion and Ramona Olivarez.

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**Bertha Olivarez** - November 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ Javier de los Santos

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**LETICIA ZAVALA** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Javier de los Santos

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**MR & MRS SOTERO ZAVALA & FAMILY** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Javier de los Santos

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**MR & MRS MOSES VILLAREAL & FAMILY** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I grew up in Mercedes and went to school with Rafic, Eric and Tina. Then, later worked at Sav-More Furniture a few years. I'll always remember your Dad with the greatest respect. My heart goes out to the family. You are in my prayers...God Bless you always

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**Denise A. Salinas** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I, Bill Wilson and on the behalf of my wife Bertha, we like to give our condolences to the de los Santos family. Javier was a great man and he will be deeply missed.

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**Bill and Bertha Wilson** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Javier de los Santos

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**Raul and JoAnne Rodriguez** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Javier de los Santos

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**Rio Tex Wholesale** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I went to school with Kirk we were in the band together. I Gracina H. Garcia-Martinez the daughter of the late Tomas & Irene Garcia. On behalf of my husband Javier Martinez are condolences go to the family of Javier de los Santos. Words are not enough t

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**Gracina Garcia & Javier Martinez** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ In behalf of the employees of DLS Homefurnishings, Inc. we would like to extand our sincere condolences to the de los Santos Family. May the Lord bless you and help you in this time of grief. Mr. de los Santos was a kind and generous man. We will all mi

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**Maria C Ledesma, Mary E Quintanilla, Karla E Moya, Jaime Carreon, Luis Ramirez** - November 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ I am the son of Jesus and Elena Villarreal of Mercedes. I remember the de los Santos family very well.  
My wife Vangie and I send our deepest condolences to the family.  
May God's peace comfort your family at this time.

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**DAVID R. VILLARREAL** - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ I am the son of Jesus and Elena Villarreal of Mercedes, Texas. I remember Javier and all the delos Santos family very well. He was a great and wonderful man as was evident by his accomplishments and service to those he came in contact with. Most important

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**DANIEL A. VILLARREAL** - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I have known the de los Santos family for over 9 years through his sons and daughter. He ended this battle with dignity and grace. The Lord blessed everyone with his presence.

*"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our mercifu*

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**Michael Pena** - November 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM