



Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr.

May 1, 1948 - July 19, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce that Joe David Leyva Sr. passed away peacefully with family by his side on July 19, 2025, at 10:50 a.m. due to complications related to heart, diabetes, and kidney disease. He was 77 years old.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, Joe was the son of Timoteo and Andrea Leyva. He grew up on the Westside and was a proud graduate of John F. Kennedy High School. From a young age, Joe worked alongside his father on a variety of jobs, learning the value of hard work and building the strong work ethic that would define his life.

Joe married his beloved wife, Christine Leyva, 37 years ago. Together they built a home full of laughter and traditions in the Southside of San Antonio.

Joe dedicated over 30 years to his work as a truck driver, with memorable time spent at Kraft Foods and U.S. Foods. He enjoyed meeting restaurant owners across the city and surrounding areas, often turning professional relationships into friendships.

Outside of work, Joe had a deep passion for softball - often taking the mound as a pitcher - and for shooting pool, where he won many games and bragging rights. He was known for his cooking—especially his spontaneous BBQs and

elaborate Easter celebrations. Joe was a proud fan of his Spurs, Cowboys, and Longhorns during the sport seasons. Watching WWE on Saturday and Monday nights, Westerns of all kinds, and Jason Statham action films.

The Leyva home became legendary in the neighborhood, particularly on Halloween, when Joe and Christine transformed it into a spooky, candy-filled destination that drew long lines of trick-or-treaters. During the holidays, their house earned the nickname “the Southside Griswold's” for its sparkling Christmas light displays enjoyed by all.

Joe will be remembered as a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend. His door was always open, his laughter uplifting, and his jokes ready to lighten any moment. No more worries or pain—Happy trails to you, until we meet again.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Timoteo and Andrea Leyva; his sister, Lucy Leyva; and Soledad “Aunt Sally” Cano.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Christine Leyva; his children, Joe David (Lucy) Leyva Jr., Mark (Lottie) Leyva, Estella Valdez, Linda (Ernest) Johnson, Anthony Valdez, and Andrea (Luis) Barrientes; his sister, Susan (Billy) Pastran; brothers, Timoteo (Gloria) Leyva Jr. and Robert (Roberta) Leyva; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family would like to thank everyone for their love, support, and prayers during this time — especially the doctors and nurses whose kindness and dedication brought comfort to Joe and Christine.

Public visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. with rosary service to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South,

1700 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, Texas 78214.

Visitation will continue on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South with a departure leaving funeral home for a 10:00 a.m. funeral mass at St. Leo's the Great Catholic Church, at 4415 S. Flores, San Antonio, Texas 78214. Graveside burial will be immediately following at San Fernando II at 746 Castroville Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78237.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

JUL 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Final Visitation and Procession

JUL 31. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
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Funeral Mass

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Leo The Great Catholic Church
4415 S Flores St
San Antonio
San Antonio, TX 78214

Burial

JUL 31 (CT)

San Fernando Cemetery #2
746 Castroville Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Burial to immediately follow the Funeral Mass

Tribute Wall



“ With heavy hearts, we would like to express our deepest condolences to JD's family. We've known JD ever since we opened our restaurant. He was our delivery driver. He watched our daughters grow from infants to grown ladies. He continued visiting us even after his retirement. Always happy, always joking with our employees. We will miss him. Richard and Brenda. Brenda's Burgers.

Richard Ramon - July 30, 2025 at 10:26 PM



“ Sarah Shepard purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr..



Sarah Shepard - July 30, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr..



July 30, 2025 at 02:13 PM

FJ

“ From Iris , Nate , Sandra and James. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr..



From Iris , Nate , Sandra and James. - July 29, 2025 at 07:43 PM

RW

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of your father. May you find strength and comfort in the memories you shared and in the support of those around you during this difficult time. My thoughts are with you and your family.



Randy West - July 29, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JB

“ Jill Mata & your work family at BCJPD purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr..



Jill Mata & your work family at BCJPD - July 29, 2025 at 12:17 PM

KJ

“ Karl Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr..



Karl Johnson - July 29, 2025 at 09:05 AM

LK

“ Love, The Kavanaughs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr..



Love, The Kavanaughs - July 28, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr..



July 27, 2025 at 03:35 PM

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“ Jennifer Leyva (Niece) lit a candle in memory of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr.



Jennifer Leyva (Niece) - July 26, 2025 at 12:20 AM

NR

“ Dear Mr. Joe,
I just want to say it was an extreme pleasure getting to know you even though it was a short time I feel the laughter and memories I have of you and Cris I'll always remember, thank you for the lunches at cafe san Luis I'll treasure forever. I spoke of you to my friend Rose and she always smiled hearing the funny stories I would tell her, and during the holidays I'd drive her by your house to see your Halloween and Christmas decorations, I will miss you my friend it was a great honor, rest in peace Mr Joe, and Cris and Stella to you my deepest condolences to you both prayers for strength and comfort and healing
Nieves Reyes and Miss Rose Ramos

Nieves Reyes - July 24, 2025 at 01:11 AM

LC

David was a wonderful respectful man, which I had the pleasure of knowing. May you rest in peace David.. Lucy castoreno..

Lucy castoreno - July 27, 2025 at 07:53 PM

TC

“ Estella- while I did not get a chance to meet him, I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your stepfather. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. May you find comfort in the love and support of those around you, and may his memory be a source of peace and strength. Team USAA is here for you. - Tina Cragg

Tina Cragg - July 22, 2025 at 10:11 PM

RV

“ Rosemary Valdez lit a candle in memory of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr.



Rosemary valdez - July 22, 2025 at 05:55 PM

AC

“ Annette Carreon lit a candle in memory of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr.



Annette Carreon - July 22, 2025 at 05:16 PM

AN

“ Ashley (Christine's Niece) lit a candle in memory of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr.



Ashley (Christine's niece) - July 22, 2025 at 01:26 PM

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“ Robert Leyva (Brother) lit a candle in memory of Joe "J.D." David Leyva Sr.



Robert Leyva (Brother) - July 22, 2025 at 01:07 PM