



Dr. Manuel G. Ortiz Jr.

March 4, 1937 - April 9, 2021

Dr. Manuel G. Ortiz went to be with our Lord on April 9, 2021, at the blessed age of 84. He was born on March 4, 1937 in San Antonio, Texas. Manuel is preceded in death by his parents, Manuel C. Ortiz, and Manuela Romo (birthmother), and Belen G. Ortiz, and great-grandson, Noah James Ortiz. Manuel will be greatly missed by his beloved wife of 60yrs, Diamantina Ortiz; his children , Manuel G. Ortiz II (Pearl), Deborah Ortiz Ferguson, Elizabeth Ortiz Guyon (Jim), Rachel Ortiz Miranda (Adrian); grandchildren, Andrew James Ortiz, Jonathan Ferguson, Christopher Noel Ortiz, Aaron Manuel Ortiz, Nina Raquel Kuncho, James G. Guyon, Luke Ethan Miranda, Marcus Ian Miranda, Christian H. Ortiz; great-grandchildren Nehemiah Gabriel Ortiz, and Leia Paisley Kuncho; brothers, Samuel Ortiz, Elias Ortiz, and Juan Bautista Ortiz, and extended family members.

Pastor Manuel G. Ortiz grew up in a christian home and at the early age of 5 years, accepted Christ as his Savior. He was one of the 5 original members of the First Mexican Fundamental Baptist Church that began in 1943 in San Antonio, Texas. His love and knowledge of the Lord grew as a young man helping his father, Dr. Manuel C. Ortiz in his various ministries. As a teen, he served as a Sunday School teacher and also directed a vacation bible school where many children came to know the Lord. At age 15 yrs, his leadership roles expanded to serving as President of the church youth group and as a missionary working at mission "Belen" in San Antonio, Texas, formally now

“Puerta La Hermosa” Baptist Church. His early christian education included attending classes at “Seminario Biblico Bautista” and Arlington Baptist Seminary in Texas.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army, from 1960-1966, with the last rank of Staff Sergeant. He traveled to many places and countries such as Korea, Thailand, and India. In 1966, he was honorably discharged and God returned him back home safely to his beloved family and church, where he actively and faithfully served. His various jobs included working for the U.S. Postal service, social worker for Head Start Children Development, and probation officer and counselor for the Juvenile Courts, where he helped many youth in crisis who needed Jesus Christ.

He continued his education in San Antonio College and then successfully graduated from Southwest Texas State University in 1975 with a BS in Law Enforcement. But the greatest educational accomplishment was graduating from Louisiana Baptist University with a Honorable Doctorate in Theology in 2005. In spite of all his life experiences and career opportunities, God had a plan, and in May 1976, he answered God's calling, was ordained into God's Holy Ministry as Pastor of the First Mexican Fundamental Baptist Church to continue the work his father, Dr. Manuel C. Ortiz initiated. As Pastor, he faithfully and without any regret, served the Lord whole-heartedly for 45 years. He fervently preached the gospel and was used to bring many to know his Saviour, Jesus Christ. Following the ordinances of Christ, he baptized many believers in the U.S. and in Mexico, teaching the word of God. The work of this Servant of God went beyond his own church. He supported many missions in the U.S. and Mexico, many which are thriving churches today.

He supported and served as President of the “Companerismo Bautista” and I.B.F.I. fellowships in Texas. He advocated for the importance of having a fellowship where missions and fundamental baptist churches from Mexico and

the U.S. can belong to and look out for the ministries in need. As director of the "Seminario Biblico Bautista", he helped prepare many for God's service and ministry. He was not only known to many as a "fisher of men" but also an avid saltwater fisherman. He shared his passion for fishing with many who enjoyed the trips from Port Aransas, Rockport, Corpus to Soto La Marina in Mexico.

He is admired by many for; his love for Christ and the gospel, his genuine smile that made you feel welcomed when you entered the church entrance, and his unwavering and steadfast faith in God in this ever changing compromising world. In the eyes of this Servant , he always tried to find the good in people, for he believed in a forgiving Saviour . In the middle of this terrible pandemic, God gave him the strength to keep serving the church he loved and marching forward, in his own words, " with God's help, keep keeping on ". Because in who he had trusted and served, he was not afraid of leaving this earth, because he knew the best was yet to come. One of his favorite bible verses dear to his heart;
Psalms 37:25, " I have been young, and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread". Amen.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Primera Iglesia Bautista Fundamental Mexicana
455 Avant
San Antonio, TX 78210

Prayer Service

MAY 9. 6:30 PM (CT)

Primera Iglesia Bautista Fundamental Mexicana
455 Avant
San Antonio, TX 78210

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Primera Iglesia Bautista Fundamental Mexicana
455 Avant
San Antonio, TX 78210

Interment with Military Honors

MAY 10 (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Dad, Happy Father's Day in heaven. You are truly missed.*

Rachel Miranda - June 18, 2025 at 10:23 PM

RM

“ *Dear Dad, this date I always will hold in my heart. How much you are missed by the family as well close friends and the dear church PIBFM you grew to love and served with much dedication. You left your earthly body 4 years ago, still tender. Now you are healed with a heavenly body. That comforts me. Keep watch of us.*

Rachel Miranda - April 09, 2025 at 06:34 PM

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Rachel Miranda - April 09, 2025 at 01:36 PM

RM

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Rachel Miranda - January 04, 2025 at 09:43 PM

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Rachel Miranda - January 04, 2025 at 01:31 PM

RM

“ Dad, I know you are so much better off in heaven. Seeing your Savior and reuniting with all those who departed. We miss you greatly.



Rachel Miranda - December 16, 2024 at 06:46 PM

RM

“ Dad, Thoughts of you dearly during this season. Missed hearing your laugh and voice telling us all by phone greeting the new year.



Rachel Miranda - January 02, 2024 at 01:47 AM

RM

“ Dear Dad, thought of so many ways. Happy Heavenly Thanksgiving.



Rachel Miranda - November 24, 2023 at 02:51 AM

RM

“ *The 9th is always remembered in my heart. I know you are enjoying the heavenly place and walking with Jesus. The Blessed hope in Christ, to see you again.*

Rachel Miranda - August 09, 2023 at 09:31 AM

RM

“ *Happy Heavenly Father's Day. Thank you for all your love and care. I miss you dearly.*

Rachel Miranda - June 20, 2023 at 08:16 AM

RM

“ *Rachel Miranda lit a candle in memory of Dr. Manuel G. Ortiz Jr.*



Rachel Miranda - June 15, 2023 at 10:23 PM

RM

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Rachel Miranda - December 24, 2022 at 01:25 AM

RM

“ Miss my dad. He always made our birthdays special. But I know he is an much happier place and he wants us to be happy meanwhile we see each other again.

Rachel Miranda - December 04, 2022 at 04:45 PM

RM

“ Rachel Miranda lit a candle in memory of Dr. Manuel G. Ortiz Jr.



Rachel Miranda - September 15, 2022 at 08:18 PM

DF

“ Dad, missing you ! 😞 but I have peace knowing you are rejoicing in the place you preached about! give baby Noah a hug for me. your memory is strong in our hearts no matter what man tries to erase.



Deborah Ferguson - August 17, 2022 at 11:09 PM

RM

“ Holding tight to many memories. You’re are missed! I know you are resting in the eternal reward. You preached and taught about this...”keep moving, serving, keep keeping on until then we will rest in heaven.”



Rachel Miranda - May 14, 2022 at 06:21 PM

RM

“ Dad, you’re thought of more so since you left your earthly home to your eternal home. This date will never be forgotten, you’re Heavenly Anniversary. Keep watch over us.



Rachel Miranda - April 11, 2022 at 05:03 PM

RM

“ Dad, we miss having you here on earth beside us. Thoughts on this special date, March 4th, happy heavenly 85th Birthday! Always loved by your family, friends and brethren’s in Christ.



Rachel Miranda - March 04, 2022 at 06:40 PM

RM

“ Recent visit. We took part help lay the thousands of Christmas wreaths for our fallen soldiers.



Rachel Miranda - January 06, 2022 at 07:29 AM

RM

“ Dad,Happy heavenly new Year. Taking your words more so, “keep on keeping on!”



Rachel Miranda - January 06, 2022 at 07:25 AM

RM

“ Dad, missing you so much. Christmas will is not be the same. Miss hearing your voice.



Rachel Miranda - December 25, 2021 at 02:36 AM

RM

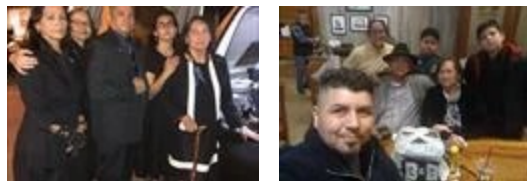
“ *It's never going to be the same without you. The 9th will now mark in my heart. Thank you for your love as our father and to have had you as my pastor. Rom.8:28*



Rachel Miranda - October 09, 2021 at 11:30 PM

RM

“ *Dad, it's grandparents day! Wish you were with us. Remembering you deeply. Mom and grand kids miss you dearly. Keep watch over us.*



Rachel Miranda - September 25, 2021 at 07:53 AM

GB

“ *I remember Pastor Ortiz as a child when we went to Agape Baptist Church. He guided us to the right path accepting Jesus as our savior. I am saddened to see this. He was a wonderful Pastor, always helped others. He was devoted to his church and family. My prayers are with his family.*
Family Lopez

Grace Lopez Barrientes - July 28, 2021 at 11:09 AM

RM

Thank you for taking time to write.

Rachel Miranda - January 07, 2022 at 10:34 AM

AO

“Happy Father’s Day grandpa! Your first Fathers Day in heaven. It still doesn’t feel real. I feel like we are waiting for you to come home. We miss you so much! I miss you. I know you are in the best place of all but still would love to have you here. Thank you for EVERYTHING you have done for me. For our family, for our church and for all of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. You make me feel so proud of who I am. You married me, prayed over our babies, and prayed over us as we lost our Noah. I know you are taking care of him and like my grandma says “Noah was the first one grandpa went to see”. We can’t wait to see you. We love you so much! Don’t worry, we are taking care of grandma and our church members are stepping up. See you soon. I love you!



Andrew J Ortiz - June 20, 2021 at 04:18 AM

AO

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Andrew J Ortiz - June 20, 2021 at 04:20 AM

RM

“Dad you are greatly missed. I know you are alive and well with a new body and how I know you were greeted by our Saviour and to see grandpa again and the rest of your dear brethren in Christ. Fathers day will be different from here, happy 1st heavenly Fathers day. I love you and you will always be remembered by your family and many of the church members who respected and loved you for who you were, plain and simple.”



Rachel Miranda - June 16, 2021 at 08:28 PM

JF

“Greatest Man, Friend, and Christian I have ever known. No one else comes close. Not enough words to say how wonderful of a Man Rev Ortiz was. The very best example of a man was he. There will never be another man in my lifetime greater. God bless Mrs. Ortiz and family during these trying days”

Joe Ferguson - May 15, 2021 at 01:21 AM



“Sending or condolences (Rev Freddy Farias Palacios and family) to the family of our pastor Manuel and to the church. He inspired me to do what I do. My life changed after I met him and became part of the church in San Antonio. I give thanks to the Lord for His ministry. May the Lord grant His strength, comfort and peace to his family and church.”

Freddy Farias - May 10, 2021 at 07:00 AM

LV

“ Our condolences to the Ortiz family. I would like to thank God for allowing bro Ortiz, to be my pastor & personally he was my adoptive father since I lost my father at a very young age .thanks for those memories, he married me and Manuel, he saw my children grow, he was there when he was needed at all times .words can't express all that gratefulness . Thank you for Debbie, Liz,Manuel & Rachel for sharing your dad with me.always in my heart



lydia velasquez - May 09, 2021 at 12:41 PM

RB

“ Su tiempo llego, su salvador lo llamo,el dolor menguara con la esperanza de volverlo a ver. Gracias mi buen y gran Dios por mi querido pastor, por las memorias de su sevicio entrega y fidelidad. Lindas memorias que nada las podra borrar. Memorias de viajes, campamentos, aniversarios, escuelas biblicas que incansable era mi pastor! Por todas las oportunidades que me dio para servir y por el apoyo que nos dio cuando salimos de la iglesia para servir en otro lugar. No nos olvido y siempre nos llamo y cuando pudo nos visito! Que incansable era mi pastor! Gracias Hermana Diamantina por su apoyo incondicional y gracias Meño, Debbie, Liz y Rachel por compartir a su papá.

Hna. Rosario Bernal

Rosario Cantu Bernal - May 05, 2021 at 11:28 PM

ER

La vida del pastor Ortiz fue una vida de gran ejemplo de servicio y entrega a nuestro Dios y Salvador, me gozo por la bendición de haberlo conocido y lo recordaré siempre como ese gran siervo de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, nos dolemos con su familia e iglesia pero también nos gozamos porque sabemos que hoy está mejor gozando en la presencia de nuestro Dios.

Un fuerte abrazo a nuestra hna Diamantina y sus hijos.

*Estimada es delante de los ojos de Jehová, La muerte de sus santos.
Sal.116:15*

Pastor Eduardo Alejandro Jr.

Eduardo Alejandro Ramírez - May 08, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Manuel G. Ortiz Jr..*



May 05, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Manuel G. Ortiz Jr..*



May 03, 2021 at 03:59 PM

EG

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 03:31 PM

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 03:15 PM

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Dad's graduation at SWT

Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 03:16 PM

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Deborah Ferguson - May 01, 2021 at 01:56 PM

RM

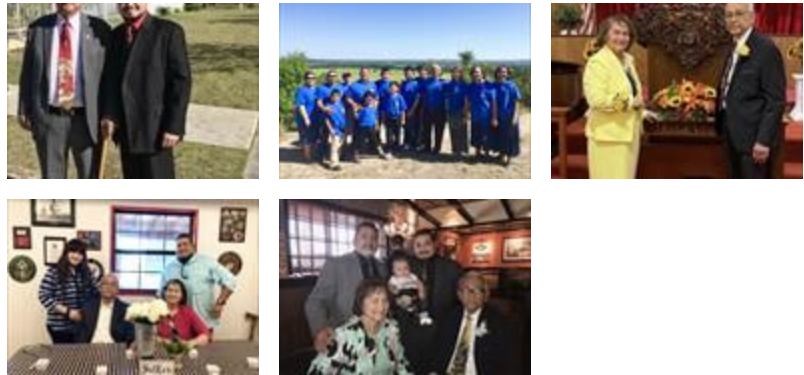
“ Serving others is one of many memories you led by example.



Rachel Miranda - May 01, 2021 at 01:56 PM

PO

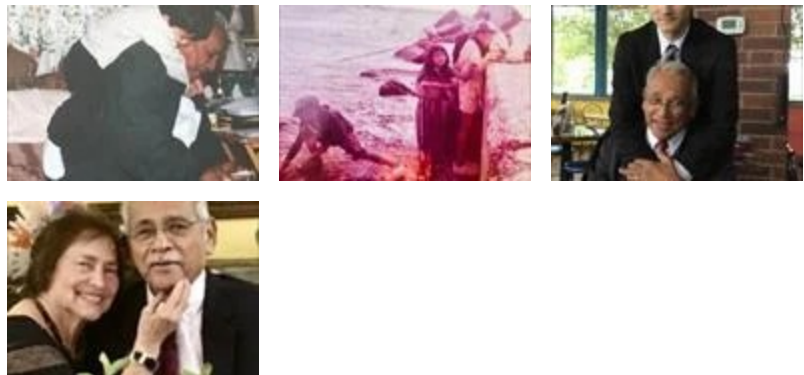
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Pearl Ortiz - May 01, 2021 at 11:48 AM

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 11:29 AM

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 11:27 AM

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 11:22 AM

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 11:20 AM

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 11:16 AM

MR

“ Would like to comment on behalf of my mother, Sofia Otero. My mother thought and spoke highly of Bro. Ortiz and his wife Diamantina. She appreciated the love and concern for her as they visited her at her home then at the nursing home facility. Also visiting her when she was in the hospital. As her daughter I appreciate everything Bro. Ortiz and Diamantina have done for my mother. Thank you so much.

Maria L. Rodriguez, daughter

Maria L Rodriguez - May 01, 2021 at 10:42 AM

DF

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Deborah Ferguson - May 01, 2021 at 10:23 AM

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Elizabeth Guyon - May 01, 2021 at 09:35 AM

PR

“ Thank you Pastor Ortiz for being such an example in your walk, your work, and your worship to God. You were faithful till the end here on earth and now you get to enjoy being with our Savior whom you preached about for all these years. Thank you also for being a friend and at critical times in my life, a guiding voice of counsel and encouragement. You are greatly missed but we hold on to the hope that we will see you again soon. We love you. - Doug Rogers

Pastor Doug Rogers - April 30, 2021 at 04:50 PM

CC

“ Thank you Pastor Ortiz for your friendship and being an inspiration to each one of us. We will miss you very much, our condolences to Sister Ortiz and the family which will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Caleb Carrizales - April 28, 2021 at 01:07 AM

EE

Mi más sentido pésame para la Hermana Diamantina y su familia por la gran pérdida de nuestro querido Pastor.

Esperanza Escobar - April 30, 2021 at 11:16 AM

PR

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Pastor Doug Rogers - April 30, 2021 at 04:49 PM

JC

“ Jose Y Raquel Camacho lit a candle in memory of Dr. Manuel G. Ortiz Jr.



Jose y raquel camacho - April 27, 2021 at 05:15 PM

JC

Como lo amábamos y lo seguimos amando querido pastor, Ortiz, se le extraña muchísimo y cuando vallamos para allá y vamos a la iglesia se nos va ser muy triste no verlo 😞 pero también sabemos que esta en el mejor lugar donde es la verdadera felicidad, un día nos veremos por allá pastor, nos guarda un lugar con usted y mis suegros....estuvo y estará siempre en nuestros corazones, y muchas gracias porque siempre que hablábamos con usted estaba para escucharnos 😇



Jose y raquel camacho - April 27, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ Thank you Pastor Ortiz for helping my family and the whole church. I am sad because I miss you.

from
Jocabed Silva

Deb Ferguson - April 25, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *Gracias Pastor por siempre orar por nuestra familia y por ser chistoso!*

*from
Mateo Oviedo*

Children's Church

Deb Ferguson - April 25, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Gracias Pastor por siempre orar por nuestra familia y por siempre apollamos y darnos animo!*

*from
Milca Oviedo*

children's church

Deb Ferguson - April 25, 2021 at 07:56 PM

JC

Gracias por todo pastor, cada que íbamos para san Antonio, nos daba tanto gusto verlo y aunque cuando vallamos se nos va ser tan triste no verlo pero sabemos que esta en el mejor lugar disfrutando la verdadera felicidad....muchas gracias por todo y porque siempre que hablábamos con usted siempre estaba para escucharnos.....un día nos veremos allá en el cielo pastor, nos aparta un lugarcito serca de usted.....😊❤️

Jose y raquel camacho - April 27, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ Thank you Pastor Ortiz for making my family happy and for making me happy. one wish that i wished for my birthday was that you would baptized me. and I know that you are in a better place. I love you for everything you have done.

Love
Chloe Gomez

Children's Church

Deb Ferguson - April 25, 2021 at 07:53 PM

DF

“ Thank you Pastor Ortiz for saying "Hi!" to me, also thank you for teaching me and for preaching the word of God.
from
Natanael Escalera

Deborah Ferguson - April 25, 2021 at 07:47 PM

DF

“ Children's Church:

Thank you Pastor Ortiz for praying for all the families and for being so nice.
from
Aracely Trejo

Deborah Ferguson - April 25, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *Children's Church:*

Thank you Pastor Ortiz for everything you did for my family, and for making me and my family happy at church.

from
Zahory Aztrid Albarran Bahena

Deb Ferguson - April 25, 2021 at 07:38 PM

RC

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Rudy Casarez - April 24, 2021 at 08:40 PM

RM

“ *Dear Dad, how much you are being missed. I know you are in the very place you passionately preached and taught about. I will miss our talks and words of advice you gave me, and hold them very close.*



Rachel Miranda - April 22, 2021 at 07:46 AM

MM

Hermana Raquel, mis más sinceras condolencias para usted y toda la familia . Nuestro Paster descansa en brazos del Señor, me imagino el gozo de nuestro Pastor de estar a la presencia de quien El tanto alabó . Les abrazamos con nuestras oraciones para que encuentren el pronto consuelo . Sinceramente Hermana Maru Mancilla y Esperanza Escobar . 🙏

Maria Mancilla - April 30, 2021 at 01:43 AM

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Maria Mancilla - April 30, 2021 at 01:45 AM

RM

Departé de la familia les damos las gracias Hna. Escobar y Hna. Mancilla.

Rachel Miranda - May 07, 2021 at 11:05 PM

DF

“ remembering your calls on Sunday mornings, you were always so cheerful and full of energy. I will miss those calls dad.

Deborah Ferguson - April 21, 2021 at 06:19 PM

MH

“ En momentos como estos donde la tristeza nos embargo .no hay Palabras..pero como Cristianos sabemos que nuestro Pastor Ortiz ya esta gozando de la Presencia del Señor..Ahora me uno en oracion por la Familia Ortiz.Dios Fortalezca a la Hna Diamantina .sus hijos.nietos y demas familiares..” En momentos asi levanto mi voz y le pido a Dios por todos Uds.No es un adios es un hasta luego de Nuestro Pastor Ortiz.

Maribel Gonzalez Hastings - April 20, 2021 at 09:56 AM

DV

*Me uno en oración por ustedes la familia Ortiz , la familia de mi pastor y también por nuestra iglesia oró para que Dios de fortaleza a su esposa y sus hijos mi pastor ya se goza con todos los que se fueron antes de el ,pero en mi corazon y en mis oraciones hay un espacio que es el que ocupa la memoria de mi pastor lo voy a amar siempre hasta que llegue mi tiempo y nos volvamos a reunir en el cielo hna Ortiz e hijos mi oración y cariño para todos ustedes HNA
D.VILLALOBOS*

Dolores villalobos - April 20, 2021 at 08:53 PM



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Deborah Ferguson - April 19, 2021 at 11:04 PM

JV

Gozandose en Gloria con su salvador Jesucristo...lo extranamos Pastor...

Jerry Villalobos - April 20, 2021 at 09:06 PM