

Willie Villalpando Torres | 1934-2014

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Willie Villalpando Torres, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at his home in Bridgeport.

A mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, Dec. 30 at St. John the Baptizer Catholic Church in Bridgeport, officiated by Assistant Pastor Reehan S. Antony. Pallbearers for burial at East Bridgeport Cemetery were Guillermo Carrasco, Anthony Torres, John G. Torres, Blase J. Gaona, Matthew Cavender, Marcus Pendergraft and Julius Pendergraft.

Willie was born Feb. 10, 1934 in Ballinger to Manuela Villalpando Guajardo. He married Pura Martinez Jan. 6, 1952 in Ballinger.

Willie was a well-known member of the community, having been a painting contractor in Bridgeport for 30 years. He loved to fish, but his greatest joys were his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His children considered him to be the best dad in the world.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jose and Augustina Torres, stepdad Claudio Guajardo, grandson Manuel Enrique Carrasco, granddaughter Theresa Uselton, brother Paul Guajardo, uncle Raymundo Villalpando, aunt Juana Ramos and cousin Jesse Torres.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pura Torres of Bridgeport; son Willie Torres, Jr. and wife, Tina, of Bridgeport; daughters Paula Johnson and husband, James, of Bridgeport, Diane Cavender and husband, Perry, of Fort Worth, Augustina Winebrinner and husband, Bobby, of Bridgeport, Victoria Gaona and husband, John, of Bridgeport, and Elvira Pendergraft and husband, Billy, of Bridgeport; sister Gloria Guajardo; brother Peter Guajardo; and grandchildren Rebecca Lara, Guillermo Carrasco, Sandra Breece, Matthew Cavender, Marcus Pendergraft, Julius Pendergraft, Olivia Pollock, Michelle Kirchner, Racheal Miller, Anthony Torres, Jessica Torres Ortiz, John G. Torres and Blase J. Gaona.