



Jesus Tijerina

September 21, 1933 - October 12, 2025

Jesus Tijerina, Sr., 92, of Lubbock, went to be with the Lord on October 12, 2025. He was born on September 21, 1933, in Los Ebanos, Texas to the late Anastacio Sr. and Maria (Ramirez) Tijerina. Jesus grew up in Hargill, Texas, where he later married the love of his life, Maria Sofia Cantu, on July 12, 1953. Together, they built a beautiful life and raised a family grounded in faith, love, and hard work.

A proud veteran of the U.S. Army, Jesus served his country with honor and integrity. After his military service, he dedicated over 30 years to Gifford-Hill American, Inc., where he became known for his unwavering work ethic and strength of character.

Jesus was the epitome of hard work, resilience, and dedication. His legacy is one of integrity, love, and faith. He believed deeply in the power of family and devoted his life to creating a warm, Christian, and supportive home. His greatest joy came from his role as "Papi" to his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, who adored him dearly.

He was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, brother in-law, uncle and friend. A long-time member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Jesus instilled in his family the importance of faith and following Jesus Christ.

He enjoyed the simple things in life - classic westerns that echoed his values, wrestling matches full of action, listening to Spanish music - especially norteño, Tejano, and mariachi and cheering on his beloved Dallas Cowboys. He also enjoyed cooking, especially barbecues, and cherished every moment spent gathered with his family around the table, sharing food, laughter, and love.

Those left to cherish his memory include his six children: Jesse (Helen) Tijerina, Jaime Tijerina, Aida (Albert C.) Garcia, Yolanda Carranco, Ninfa (Joe) Flores, Linda (Joe L.) Landin; and his sister, Elubinia Sampayo, all of Lubbock. He is also survived by his adoring 19 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Maria Sofia Tijerina; his parents; his brothers: Anastacio, Cosme, Miguel, Francisco, and Cruz Tijerina; his sister, Mary T. Davila; his infant son, John Paul Tijerina; and his grandson, Jason Tijerina.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a holy rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m., at Sanders Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock, TX.

The Pallbearers are Joshua Flores, Trey Flores, Zach Flores, Albert Alan Garcia, Joel Rodriguez, and John Paul Rodriguez.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." - Psalm 23:1

Jesus Tijerina, Sr. will be remembered as a pillar of strength, humility, and unwavering devotion to God and family. His life was a shining example of faith

in action, and his legacy of love, sacrifice, and quiet leadership will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th Street
Lubbock, TX 79416

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Rosary

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Mass

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
3111 Erskine Street
Lubbock, TX 79415

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jesus Tijerina



Sanders Funeral Home - October 17, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JP

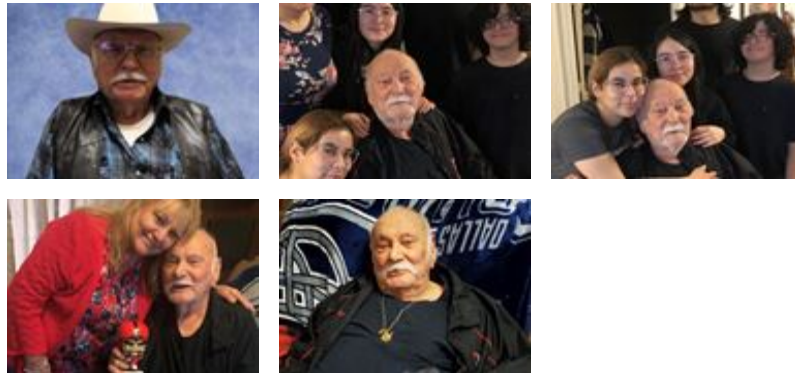
“ Papi, although you will be dearly missed I'm so happy for this celebration. You lived a long and amazing life. You helped me raise all three of my children from their bottles to their sippy cups. You are always with me. Your always saying be a man ..lol so much sometimes I thought I WAS A MAN .. lol You and Mami taught my children I about mercy and traditions. I miss talking to u on the phone and I'm glad your with ama. Your house was full of food memories, prayers and peace. and I love you dearly. Te amo apa..



Jacqueline Alice Tijerina Poe - October 17, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sanders Funeral Home - October 17, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JM

“ Apa, you will surely be missed. Thank you for opening up your home to all of us. Thank you for being a father figure to my brother, Isaiah. What a great man he is because of you. Your home brought comfort growing up. Your kitchen table was one full of food, love, and memories. Rest easy with Ama. What a legacy you built. It brings me joy knowing my children met their great great grandfather in this lifetime. With all love and respect, enjoy heaven.

Jordan Minjares - October 17, 2025 at 09:34 AM

LT

“ Lori T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesus Tijerina.

Lori T. - October 16, 2025 at 08:40 PM

MC

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Tijerina Family. My Tio was a gGeat and Honorable Man. The Cantu Nieces and Nephews were very close to our Tio and Tia. He is forever in our hearts. His story will live forever as each one of us shares our memories and stories with others.

The story I always tell to every person I encounter, is " The Greatest Love Story I've Ever known" , I tell it all the time. My Tia was very lucky to have found my Tio. Most of all it was an honor to have known my Tio!

Sending all my love,
Maria G Cano (Pita Cantu)



Mary Cano - October 16, 2025 at 01:49 PM

JT

“ Apa, you will be deeply missed, but you'll always be in my heart, right by my side. Your love, strength, and faith continue to guide me, and I'll keep making you proud. May you soar in heaven like an eagle, with Mom beside you, watching over us.

Jaime Tijerina - October 16, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MC

“ Abuelo, you will be deeply missed, but the love and legacy you left behind will continue to shine through our family. I find peace knowing you're reunited with Abuela in heaven. Tons of love, hugs and prayers to my family during this difficult time.

Maria Clay - October 16, 2025 at 01:09 PM



“ *Aubie & Virginia Davila planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jesus Tijerina.*

Aubie & Virginia Davila - October 16, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jesus Tijerina.*



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