



## Guadalupe Rosas Lira

May 22, 1931 - December 16, 2019

On December 16, 2019, Lupe Lira passed away at Heart of Texas Memorial Hospital after recent health issues. He was 88 years old.

Guadalupe Rosas Lira was born on May 22, 1931 in Brady, Texas to Margarito & Petra Lira. He attended school at Dodge Heights until the eighth grade. Lupe worked in the cotton fields of McCulloch County as a young man. He was one of the first employees of Roddie Wool Scouring Plant where he worked for over fifteen years. During this time he met the love of his life, Mary Lou Ortiz. Lupe and Mary Lou were married on September 21, 1957 and went on to have four daughters. Lupe worked for Buster Quain in the construction industry and eventually started Lupe Lira Construction around 1976. Lupe was a devout Catholic and was a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brady. One of his proudest accomplishments was that he helped build the church in 1963 with his father-in-law, N.L. Ortiz. He was very involved with the church throughout his life as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus where he earned his Fourth Degree status which is a rare accomplishment of the K.O.C. Lupe was very involved within the Brady community throughout his life, serving as a member of the Kiwanis Club, member of the Famed Brady Bulldog Band Boosters where he served as president for two years. He also served his country for over 35 years in the Army National Guard. Lupe loved the game of golf and played in the weekly Hully Gully's every Sunday after church. He was a member of the Brady Golf Association for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents as well as two brothers and two sisters.

Lupe is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Lou of Brady, four daughters Theresa Lira of Brady, Antonia Lira of Austin, Yvonne Shaw & husband Kyle of Sunrise Beach and Rebecca Cortez of San Angelo, three grandchildren Monica Smith & husband Houston of Brady, Jake Cortez of Brady & Alex Shaw of Sunrise Beach and two great-grandchildren Tatum Smith and Tripp Smith of Brady, TX.

The family of Lupe Lira requests memorial donations be made to Brady Hope from the Heart, PO Box 1207, Brady, Texas.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sad to read about Lupe. We loved and respected him so much, his sweet wife and his girls. Brady loses a fine man, gentleman and a wonderful citizen. Much love to his family.

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**Cynthia and Dicky Moore** - December 25, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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“ So very sorry to hear about Lupe's passing. He was such a fun sponsor on band trips. Good father and good friend to my Dad, Lorenzo Rubio.  
Prayers for the entire family.

*Buddy, Sandra and Leo Micklitz*

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**Sandra Micklitz** - December 19, 2019 at 09:59 PM

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“ I never had the privilege to meet Mr. Lira, but I know his daughter, Toni. He must be very proud of her as he and his wife raised an exceptional individual.  
My sincere condolences to the Lira family and pray his memories and the special times together bring you comfort and peace.

*Cecilia Martinez*

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**Cecilia Martinez** - December 18, 2019 at 01:23 AM