



## Thomas Almendarez III

May 10, 1950 - July 21, 2025

Thomas Almendarez III, 75, of Krugerville, TX, passed away Monday, July 21, 2025 in Denton, TX. Tommy was born May 10, 1950 in Falfurrias, TX to Thomas Almendarez, Jr. and Alicia Garza. Thomas married Ofelia Garcia in Addison, TX on June 13, 1970, and they celebrated fifty-five wonderful years together.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, and friend. Tommy cherished his family to the fullest and loved to laugh and share memories. Never meeting a stranger, he was always willing to lend a hand and never expected anything in return. He will be greatly missed by many.

Tommy enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and anything that allowed him to be creative with his hands. He never shied away from hard work. When he relaxed, he enjoyed watching Westerns of all kinds.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Ofelia of Krugerville, TX; daughter, Marta Bessire and husband Joel of Krugerville, TX; two grandchildren, Brian and Jacob Bessire; brother, Homer Almendarez of Krugerville, TX; two sisters, Lisa Garza and husband Gilbert of Brownsboro, TX and Roxie Almendarez of Carrollton, TX; brother-in-law, Ruben Garcia and wife Leslie of Red Oak, TX; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas; mother, Alicia; two sons, Jose Thomas Almendarez and Samuel Almendarez; and three brothers, Rudy, Mario, and Johnny Almendarez.

Visitation will be held 6:00PM-7:00PM, Friday, July 25, 2025, at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. The service will be held at 10:00AM, Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

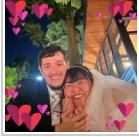
Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Aubrey, TX 76227  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Tommy Almdarez, Tom, Thomas, Tommy. You went by so many names, but the only name my heart ever called you was Pa. A man with a litany of warmth in a world that at times feels so cold. A diligent, hard working man that had the best hugs and the best advice. A mind, limitless in its wisdom, and a heart, large enough for so many. He was a wonderful role model for everything, and an even better teacher for even more. He taught me as a coach, taking time from his life to be a little league coach for me, taught me how to fish, taught me how to build a fence, taught me how to properly paint a house, knew so much about home repair and knew even more about how to love. A standout man's man, but underneath that knowledge was compassion and empathy that was shared with strangers who could be friends.

*Pa went through one of the hardest things a person could go through when he lost his boys. I don't want to imagine the pain he went through during that time, that moment, that, in his last days was replaying so often. Despite the struggles, despite the pain, he held strong. A man of unaffable resolve. A strength few if any could ever have. And I think he was rewarded greatly for this strength. Because he kept his family burning brightly alongside Ma. They raised my mother to be one of the kindest people I have ever met, and I got to experience the love his boys must have felt as a grandson. He spoiled me. Oh how he spoiled me. He spoiled me and Jacob all the time. He would do anything and everything for us as kids, as adults, and he spoils me even now but giving me nothing but bright, happy memories to look back on. I hope I blessed your life and did you proud Pa. I hope I got to live the life you wanted your boys to live because you deserved to have that. You deserved even more for your strength and resolve and your perseverance and I am so sad I couldn't give you the great grandkids you wanted before you had to say goodbye.*

*For the longest time in my life, I had always wondered if there was a Heaven, or God, or afterlife, and after your passing I found myself wondering that even more and more. I had asked you for a sign the*

*day that it happened, leaving a message in your voicemail pleading for anything. Something to show me you were there, you were listening, that there was something waiting for you because you, of all people, deserved it. That is when you came. The day of, dragonflies began to swarm my car as I drove, as I walked, as I was even shopping, they were in the stores. Hundreds of miles apart they came, all across Japan, no matter where I was, they were there. For all of history, dragonflies have been a symbol of the afterlife as they serve as messengers for the recently departed. Thank you for coming to me when I needed you most. And thank you. I hope your Heaven has a pond, for you to fish in. I hope it has a TV for you to flip listlessly through the channels as you talk about your life and stories. I hope it has chipitin peppers for you to make a salsa with that are so hot you cry just by cooking it. I hope it has a mailbox too, because I want to write you letters. I want you to receive my prayers and messages as I remind you how loved you were and how grateful I am to have experienced a life with a man like you in it. A father, a husband, a friend, a Pa. I will miss you.*

*I will always remember the man I came up to and hugged on that old brown couch, right in front of the tv, sitting beside Marly and smiling widely at me as I walked through the door with a "Hey hey! Boy have you gotten bigger or what". I want to hold you one last time Pa and to tell you I love you once more. I never got a moment to tell you how lucky I was to have a grandfather like you but the way you would greet me, the way you would hold me, the way you would comfort me, I think you always knew how grateful I was.*

*I love you Pa. Goodbye and I hope my Heaven is next to yours, so I can walk next door, open your door and say "Hey" one last time.*

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**Brian Bessire** - July 26, 2025 at 09:11 AM

JC

*This is a beautiful tribute and touched my heart*

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**judi caudle** - July 26, 2025 at 06:32 PM

FA

*Oh my, this is so beautiful—so tender and vulnerable. Your Pa was truly a special man. I'm deeply sorry for your loss. May Heavenly Father surround you and your family with peace and comfort as you mourn the passing of your beloved grandfather.*

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**frances Alwaely** - July 28, 2025 at 09:01 PM

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*“ My sincerest condolences to all of Tommy's family and friends. Unfortunately, I did not have the pleasure of knowing him. Sending prayers and love to all who did.*

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**Dolores (Garza) Rabon** - July 26, 2025 at 05:55 AM