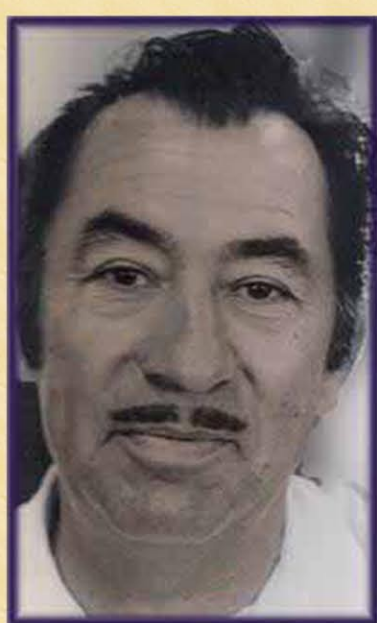


In Memory of  
Florentino "Tino" Chavarría Franco

October 16, 1921 - May 4, 2011



Florentino "Tino" Chavarría Franco was born October 16, 1921 in Terlingua, Texas.

He passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at the age of 89 years at the Home Hospice House in Odessa, Texas.

Tino will be missed dearly by all his family and friends.

**Tino is survived by**

his wife, Esperanza Blanco Franco of Odessa;

his four children:

Noe Franco,

Toby Franco and his wife, Frances;

Rafael Franco and his wife Rosie all from Odessa; and

Ines Fatzinger and her husband, David, from Amstelveen, Netherlands;

his two sisters:

Rita Sanchez and her husband, Juan; and

Alejandra "Canda" Silvas both of Fort Stockton, Texas.

Other survivors include his ten grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

**Tino was preceded in death by**

his parents, Antonio and Valentina Franco; his son, David B. Franco;

his grandson Zachary A. Franco; his great-grandson Andrew Davis;

seven brothers:

Bengino Franco,

Manuel Franco,

Roman Franco I,

Secundino Franco,

Roman Franco II,

Simon Franco,

Antonio Franco;

two sisters:

Juanita Franco, and

Isabel Franco Ybarra.

**Tino grew up in Terlingua** working on his father's ranch alongside all his brothers and sisters. Later, Tino served his country with honor in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was part of the 29th Infantry Division and was stationed in Germany. Tino fought alongside his fellow soldiers in the **Battle of the Bulge**. Also, he was a recipient of the **Purple Heart**. Tino was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1945 at the rank of Private First Class. For more information about Tino's time in the military, please go to the following website:

<http://www.familiasdeterlingua.com/veterans-memorial-page.html>

Following his time in the U.S. Army, Tino met and married his wife, Esperanza Blanco in 1947. They lived in Fort Stockton and moved to Odessa in 1953 and had four sons and one daughter together. He had his own business as a house-painter. Tino was one of the founding members of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Odessa. He was very active in the church including participating in the Men's Choir.

Tino will be fondly remembered as a man who had a sweet tooth and a great sense of humor. He could be found almost every day drinking coffee with his friends at Catfish & Company.

He was a gifted musician as he would often sing and play the guitar. Also, he read the bible every day. Being around his family and friends is what he enjoyed most in life. He was known and loved by all. Tino will truly be missed, but one can take comfort in knowing that he worshiped God and has now found peace in Heaven.

The **Rosary** will be recited on Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Odessa Funeral Home.

**Mass** in his honor will be held on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Odessa with Monsignor Bernard Gully officiating.

**Burial** will be at Rose Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Odessa Funeral Home.

The Franco Family would like to thank everyone at the Hospice Home for all the kindness and support they offered in Tino's final days.

The family asks that in **lieu of flowers**, please make a **donation to a charity of your choice in Tino's memory**.

Arrangements under the direction of: Odessa Funeral Home

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