



Andres Cienega Cardoza

March 13, 1946 - July 12, 2022

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, Andres Cardoza peacefully left this earth, surrounded by his family, to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was blessed with 76 years of life.

Andres was born on March 13, 1946 in Loraine, Texas to Jesus and Matiana Cardoza. He was the sixth child of twelve, and lived on a small farm where he learned to appreciate the value of his humble beginnings. At the age of 4 he was accidentally shot with a 22 rifle and lived to tell the story of how God had mercy on him, and saved his life for a purpose. During his younger years he helped on the farm picking cotton and knew what hard work looked like. We remember him telling stories about how he would get paid by the weight of the cotton sack, so he would toss in a few rocks every now and then.

Music was always in his home, and he was influenced by his parents to have a love for it from birth. His brother Ramon bought him his first accordion at the age of thirteen, and he learned to play it by listening to records and playing by ear. When he was fourteen, he was selected to audition for the FFA National Band, and was one of only 6 tuba players from the nation to participate in the performance in Kansas, MO – something he was extremely proud of!

Andres and his family began a whole new chapter when they moved from Texas to Escondido, California in 1963. He attended Escondido High School,

where he met the love of his life, Mary Ann. He brought his love of music with him, and his brothers and sister Teresa formed a band, and “Conjunto Cardoza” took California by storm! They are celebrated in Escondido for being the pioneers of Tejano music and he held on to those lasting memories all his life!

During his early years, he worked in sales and carpentry, but his passion was in radio broadcasting. His voice was on the airways off and on for over 40 years, and when he dedicated his life to the Lord in 1983, he began to share his testimony and reached many people! He moved back to West Texas in 1992 and several years later he began to play his accordion again, this time with his children and grandchildren. He always felt a calling to take his music and testimony back to his hometown of Lorraine, Texas, and so he did – once a month for a few years. He left every drop of his God given talent on this earth, and gave all he could give until the end. We may never know the countless number of souls that were saved because of his ministry – but what a glorious day that will be for Andres, when he can lay his crowns at the feet of Jesus!

He was married to Mary Ann on October 28, 1967 and was blessed with three children. His life always involved his family, and you always knew when he was there to root on his kids – whether he was wearing his gigantic orange foam cowboy hat, or cheering with his big loud voice at every game! He always tried to give the best to his family, and would sacrifice his pride to accept a handout, if it meant his wife & kids would be better off. He was a faithful servant, brother, husband, father, grand father, great grand father & friend to everyone. If you had the chance to meet him, or know him, then you can consider yourself very blessed!

Andres was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Andres, parents, Jesus and Matiana, brothers, Jesus Jr, Lupe, Johnny, Tony, Ramon, and sisters,

Petra Arenas and Teresa Beitel.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Ann, son Andres Jr and wife Maria, daughter, Cecilia "Nana" Serrato and husband Ricardo. Grandchildren, Christopher and wife Angelica, Jonathan and wife Annabelle, Emilee, Tyler and wife Brighton, Eric and Micayla. Great grandchildren, Arynn, Jason, and baby Owen Brooke on the way, and brothers, Joe and Richard.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 18, at American Heritage Cemetery Funeral Home, 4100 FM 1788, Midland, Texas from 2pm – 8pm. Family will be present from 6pm-8pm. Celebration of life memorial service will be on Tuesday, July 19, at 10:30am at First United Pentecostal Church, 1700 N Texas Ave, Odessa, Texas. Services will be officiated by Pastor Terry Pugh.

The entire Cardoza family would like to thank everyone who has sent your kind words, thoughts, and prayers during our time of sadness. We pray you will hold fast to the faith in our Lord and Savior until the very end!

Tribute Wall

FA

“ *Memorial Video - click here to watch
<https://youtu.be/AZXTf27vqgc>*

Family - July 22, 2022 at 10:12 PM

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“ *<https://youtu.be/AZXTf27vqgc>*

family - July 22, 2022 at 10:08 PM

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Sharing the Memorial Video

family - July 22, 2022 at 10:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.*



July 18, 2022 at 03:08 PM

TF

“ *The Shedd Family purchased the Beautiful Heart
Bouquet for the family of Andres Cienega
Cardoza.*



The Shedd Family - July 18, 2022 at 09:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.



July 17, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.



July 16, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ Pam and I send our condolences. I appreciate Andreas giving me my first opportunity to play in a band and of all bands it was Conjunto Cardoza. So many memories however a new angel is now in heaven.
- Danny "Dan" and Pam Alto

Dan Alto - July 16, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.



July 15, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.*



July 15, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.*



July 15, 2022 at 03:26 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.*



July 15, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Family - July 15, 2022 at 10:27 AM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Family - July 15, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.



July 14, 2022 at 11:13 PM

DT

“ As a kid in Loraine I remember enjoying listening to Andres play his accordion. I was classmates with Jr. and Jesse and they were all good hardworking people. My condolences go to Andres' family.

David Terry - July 14, 2022 at 09:46 PM

BC

“ Such a special friend. So glad we had the memories of our high school days which we got to share at our 50th class reunion. Love to you Mary Ann and all of your family.

Beverly Collier - July 14, 2022 at 09:22 PM

HE

“ We are so blessed to have known Bro Cardoza and to hear his voice in ministry and witness his talents! Not many have a beautiful and blessed life like he did. Henry & Lisa Enriquez

Henry & Lisa Enriquez - July 14, 2022 at 07:20 PM

CD

“ From California from the Arenas family we send our love an prayers today tomorrow an for the future
We love you all

Chris Duncan - July 14, 2022 at 01:37 PM

FE

“ Andres was a kind man and loved to share the word of God to everyone. I knew God, but he told me what Jesus could do for me. I'm forever grateful. We will miss you!
Your Cousin Felipa

Felipa - July 14, 2022 at 12:28 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.



July 14, 2022 at 12:06 PM

KB

“ As a former school classmate of Andres I have a number of good memories of him. He was always cheerful and friendly to everyone. I was so amazed then by his musical talents.
Ken Brame

Kenneth Brame - July 14, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Andres Cienega Cardoza.



July 13, 2022 at 07:07 PM