



## Raymond Bernal

November 27, 1955 - October 11, 2024

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Raymond Bernal, 68, of Odessa, Texas, on October 11, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loved ones. Born on November 27, 1955, in Hobbs, New Mexico, to Nicolas and Delores (Martinez) Bernal, Raymond lived a life full of love, generosity, and deep faith, touching the lives of all who knew him.

Raymond was the epitome of a devoted husband, father, and friend. On April 12, 1990, he married the love of his life, Anna Marie (Mendez) Bernal, in Odessa, Texas. Their marriage was a beautiful testament to true partnership. Raymond tended to his wife's every need, waking up every morning to make her breakfast and always kissing her goodbye, cherishing every moment they spent together. His unwavering love and devotion to Anna was an inspiration to many.

Raymond was a man of deep compassion and loyalty, always ready to give of himself and his resources so that he could bless others. His kindness was known by all, as was his humility. Those who had the privilege of knowing him described him as hardworking, intelligent, and eloquent-truly a "walking Webster," as he was affectionately called for his mastery of language. His love for reading, particularly the Bible, was immense, and he carried that

knowledge with a quiet grace.

A graduate with a double major in English and History, and a masters in Political Science, Raymond was not only a gifted speaker but also a talented writer. He excelled in school and pursued his love for learning throughout his life. He shared his wisdom and knowledge with those around him, becoming a father figure to many who needed guidance, love, and understanding.

Raymond's faith was the cornerstone of his life. He deeply loved God and was a devoted member of Antioch Christian Church in Odessa. His faith influenced every aspect of his life, from the way he loved his family to how he treated those around him. Raymond's love for his family was boundless. He was a proud father of five sons: Jeremy Mendez, Joseph Derek Bernal, Raymond Bernal Jr. (Terra), Jacob Rene Bernal (Preston H. Hicks), and Andrew Isaiah Bernal (Amanda), all of whom he loved deeply. His four grandchildren-Stella Claire Mendez, Maverick Bernal, August Castiel Bernal, and Archer Joei Bernal-brought him endless joy. His heart was especially warmed by the anticipation of his grandchild on the way, Amora Joi Bernal.

Awaiting him in heaven was his beloved granddaughter, Alice Josi Bernal, who was the very first to greet her Papi as he stepped into eternal rest. Raymond is also reunited with his parents, Nicolas and Delores (Martinez) Bernal, who preceded him in death.

Raymond was also a protector and provider, not only to his family but to his loyal companion, his beloved German Shepherd, Sniper Bernal, who watched over the home with love and vigilance. Sniper, along with his family, was

always by his side, providing comfort and companionship.

In the words of those who knew him, Raymond was loving, loyal, kind, and selfless, a man who lived to serve others. His life was a reflection of Christ's love, and his legacy of generosity and faith will continue to inspire those he left behind.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 beginning at 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM at American Heritage Funeral Home.

A celebration of Raymond's life will be held at American Heritage Funeral Home on October 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM; interment immediately following in American Heritage Cemetery.

Raymond Bernal was a pillar of strength, love, and faith. Though he will be deeply missed, his memory will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

OCT **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home  
4100 N FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707  
(432) 563-9767  
info@thehealingstartshere.com  
<https://thehealingstartshere.com>

## Celebration

OCT **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home  
4100 N FM 1788  
Midland, TX 79707  
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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Dear Anna and Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Raymond. I remember him as a kind and gentle soul. May your beautiful memories of him sustain you during this difficult time. God bless his soul. God bless the family.*

*Sincerely, your friend Kathy Evaro-Rubio*

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**Kathy Evaro Rubio** - October 17, 2024 at 04:44 PM

SR

*Anna, I accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved husband. I remember how loving he was to you and his family always. I pray that the Lord give you comfort and strength during this difficult time. Hugs and kisses to you my friend. I will keep your family in my prayers.*

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**Solie Rodriguez** - October 17, 2024 at 09:12 PM

SR

*Please accept*

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**Solie Rodriguez** - October 17, 2024 at 09:14 PM

JM

“ *J moga purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Bernal.*



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**J moga** - October 17, 2024 at 11:30 AM

SO

“ Specialty Care Clinic Staff Odessa purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Raymond Bernal.



Specialty Care Clinic Staff Odessa - October 16, 2024 at 03:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Bernal.



October 16, 2024 at 01:48 PM

EO

“ Ector County District Attorney's Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Bernal.

Ector County District Attorney's Office - October 16, 2024 at 01:48 PM

RF

“ The Flores and Contreras family send our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May Raymond Bernal rest in peace. 🙏



Rufina Flores - October 15, 2024 at 11:22 PM

RG

“ *Richard F Guerrero purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Bernal.*



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**Richard F Guerrero** - October 15, 2024 at 09:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Bernal.*



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October 15, 2024 at 10:49 AM

MF

“ *Maria Bernal And Family lit a candle in memory of Raymond Bernal*



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**Maria Bernal and family** - October 14, 2024 at 09:56 PM

CB

“ *Christine Bennett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Bernal.*



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**Christine Bennett** - October 14, 2024 at 09:01 PM

EL

“ With our sincere condolences to the immediate family and friends of Raymond Bernal. Our family sending heartfelt prayers and may he Rest in Peace. From Mr. Felipe Martinez; Eletisia Martinez-Lecompte and Rogelio Martinez.



Eletisia Martinez Lecompte - October 14, 2024 at 05:15 PM

CJ

“ Claudia Juarez-Ornelas purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Raymond Bernal.



Claudia Juarez-Ornelas - October 14, 2024 at 04:25 PM

CJ

“ Claudia Juarez-Ornelas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Bernal.

Claudia Juarez-Ornelas - October 14, 2024 at 04:25 PM