



John Amaya Mata

July 19, 1944 - July 20, 2020

John Amaya Mata was born and raised in Rosenberg, Texas on July 19, 1944 to Margarito Mata Sr. and Maria Del Refugio Mata. He attended Lamar Consolidated High School and graduated in 1964. Shortly after he moved to Houston, Texas with his parents and family. Here he was a man of many occupations; He worked in the iconic Maxwell House in Second Ward, he was a limousine driver, a caretaker, and later was able to retire. In 1982, he met the love of his life, Esther Santos. By 1999, they got married, where they shared 38 wonderful years together. He dedicated his life to raising his five children and taught them the importance of family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Esther Santos Mata; his children, Kimberly Mata Ibarra, Rolando Mata, Christina Mata Castaneda, Maria Mata, Rebecca Mata; his sons and daughter in laws, Juan Ibarra, Veronica Torres Mata, Jonathan Castaneda, Cesar Gomez; and his grandchildren Dion, Joseph, Rolando Jr., Sophia, and Darlene.

He is preceded in death by his parents Margarito Mata Sr. and Maria Del Refugio Mata; his sister Alicia Balles and nephew Mario M. Balles; his brothers Thomas Mata and Manuel Mata. He is also survived by his siblings Gilbert Mata, David Mata, Carmen Mata, Margarito Mata Jr., and Yolanda Mata Santos.

John was a caring person who was always willing to help others when needed. He had a big heart to those who knew him. He was a hardworking man that did everything he could to provide for his family. John was a faithful parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Enjoyed all sports, especially baseball. He loved spending time with his family, laughing and reminiscing on all the good memories.

The Funeral Service will be held at Santana Funeral Home, 401 S Sgt Macario Garcia Dr, Houston, Texas on July 29, 2020 at 8:00AM. Prayers will be offered from Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 2405 Navigation Blvd, Houston, Texas at 10:30AM. Interment to follow at Forest Lawn Park Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale St, Houston, Texas at 12:00PM

Cemetery Details

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery

6900 Lawndale St.
Houston, TX 77023

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Santana Funeral Directors - Macario Garcia
401 Ssgt. Macario Garcia Drive
Houston, TX 77011
(713) 921-3000
santanafuneraldirectors@gmail.com

Mass

JUL 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
2405 Navigation Blvd.
Houston , TX 77003

Interment

JUL 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery
6900 Lawndale St.
Houston, TX 77023

Tribute Wall



“ *John Amaya Mata*

October 08, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ *John Amaya Mata*

October 05, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Juanio your gone but not forgotten, we will treasure our memories of you RIP my ex-brother in-law always and forever Lola n Lupe Rodriguez y familia*



Dolores Rodriguez - July 29, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Amaya Mata.*



July 29, 2020 at 06:35 AM