



Abel Cruz

November 5, 1944 - October 2, 2025

Abel Cruz was born on November 5, 1944 in Cuero, Tx to the late Gregorio Cruz and Reynalda Ramirez Cruz. He was raised in Dewitt County and later Wharton County. He attended Crescent School and had many friends. He was a farm laborer most of his life working with the Weisner, Swanson and Meek families. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He worked the first crawfish farms of Wharton County also. He retired from Wharton County Precinct 3 after over 20 years. He was an active member of St. Robert's Catholic Church participating in Sunday breakfasts and bingo nights. He was a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member and also a member of the Holy Name society. He prayed his rosary daily and lit his blessed candles.

He married Aurelia Gloria Garza on August 29, 1965 and they spent their early married life working cattle and baling hay and general farm work. They hunted and fished together.

Abel is preceded in death by his parents, wife and son Anthony P. Cruz, Sister Geneviene Cantu (Beto) Brothers Zaragoza and Tiburcio, Sister-in-law Estella Cruz.

He is survived by his sons, Richard (Gina), El Campo, Abel John (Misty) Tres Palacios and daughter Rebecca (Manuel) of El Campo. Surviving Sister-in-law, Linda Cruz of Kyle and Brothers Albert (Cookie) El Campo, Gregorio

(Ruth) El Paso, Mariano, El Campo. Abel is survived by his grandchildren: Krista (Jorge) Polanco, Jesse Aguilar, Aaron (Estella) Aguilar, Deanna (Cassie)Aguilar, Chelsea (Joey)Pena, Alayna Cruz, Avery Cruz and Samantha Cruz and great-grandchildren: Natalie Ramirez, Jazlynn Aguilar and Miguel Aguilar.

Abel was a man of faith and family.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8 at Triska Funeral Home with a Rosary recited at 6 p.m. The funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 9 at St. Robert's Catholic Church with the Rev. Philip Brune officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Aguilar, Aaron Aguilar, Jorge Polanco, Ray Garza, David Garza and Marcus Cruz.

Honorary pallbearers will be Zachary Cruz, James Cruz, Luis Garza, Gary Garza, Robert Cantu, Johnny Pesina, Eugene Pesina and John Cruz.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

US Hwy 59 and Mechanic St.
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 4:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Rosary

OCT 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
612 Merchant Street
El Campo, TX 77437-3440
(979) 543-3681
triskafh@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Mass

OCT 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Robert's Catholic Church
512 Tegner St
El Campo, TX 77437

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Abel Cruz.*



October 06, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Kelly Marek Staff lit a candle in memory of Abel Cruz*



Kelly Marek Staff - October 06, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you all that God will Comfort you in your loss! God bless your family & friends! RIP Abel 🕊️! He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved him!*
Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas



Vicky Quijas - October 05, 2025 at 01:57 PM

VQ

“ *Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Abel Cruz*



Vicky Quijas - October 05, 2025 at 01:52 PM

DM

“ 🙏❤️☐ *May his soul rest in peace and the angels guide him to paradise!* ❤️☐ 🙏

Daniel and Roxane Marek - October 03, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ *I remember Mr. Cruz as a faithful Catholic man that loved his family.*

Santos Munoz - October 03, 2025 at 01:47 PM

MD

“ *Our condolences to the family Gilbert and Maria Delgado*



María Delgado - October 03, 2025 at 12:42 PM

TM

“ *Mr. Cruz was the kindest gentleman and our children loved him. Their name for him was Grader man! They loved machinery and when he would grade our road, they would wave to him and he would wave back. Later in life when our boys grew up, he would always ask about the kids wherever we ran into him. Such a kind, good man!*
our deepest condolences, the Mertas

The Mertas - October 03, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SS

“ *Sandra Stary lit a candle in memory of Abel Cruz*



Sandra Stary - October 03, 2025 at 10:28 AM