



Joe Banda

December 2, 1944 - June 7, 2024

Joe Banda, 79, was born to Julio and Aurora Banda on December 2, 1944, in Yorktown, Texas. When Joe was about four years old, he moved from Yorktown to El Campo, where he attended school until the 4th grade. When he no longer attended school, he worked odd jobs, from restaurants to upholstery shops to parts stores. In 1974, he started working for Frank Marek Trucking, where he was a lifelong employee as a truck driver. On July 31st, 1965, he married the love of his life, “Honey” Martina Banda Casarez, who he called multiple times a day to check in and let her know where he was. They went on to have three children, whom he is also survived by: Lorraine (Paul) Lopez, Mario (Cathy) Banda, and Joel Banda. He is also survived by his grandchildren, who he always introduced to anyone he knew. He was a proud grandpa to Veronica (Nick) Tovar, Paul Anthony Lopez, Nicholas Banda, and Abrianna Banda. The great-grandkids kept him on his toes; Nick Tovar III, Pete Landry Tovar, and Violet Tovar always looked forward to their weekend breakfast or lunch date with him and Sunday family dinner for the last few years. When Joe was not in his truck, he was at manna meal on Monday and Thursday, Bingo on Fridays, and Delta Downs whenever possible. After much debate with Frank, Mario, and my grandma, he finally broke down and listened to everyone. He would go from an 18-wheeler hauling to New Braunfels to a bobtail and start hauling here in town until December. He would finally retire at 80, only because it was the “cutoff” age for a CDL. There was never a road he didn’t know or where it would lead; most of the stories he told

us were about how he helped make this or that while driving a truck. On June 7th, 2024, Joe was called home to God our Savior in the early morning hours, doing what he loved to do. Trucking was his life, and if you knew Joe, then you know that he would not have wanted it any other way.

Joe is survived by his wife of 58 years, Martina Banda. His children, Lorraine (Paul) Lopez, Mario (Cathy) Banda, and Joel Banda, are all from El Campo. Sisters Viola Banda of El Campo, Maria Banda (Robert Whitley) of El Campo. His brothers Julio (Lilly) Banda of Humble, Rocky (Amelia) Banda of Pasadena, Johnny (Susie) Banda of Pasadena, and Robert (Rosie) Banda of Humble, along with various nieces and nephews, are also surviving.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Julio and Aurora Banda.

Pallbearers: Paul Anthony Lopez, Nicholas Rene Banda, Nick Tovar III, Steven Estrada, Mario Denker, Dave Ebarra. Honorary pallbearers: Joey Banda, Abrianna Banda, Veronica Tovar, Pete Landry Tovar, Violet M Tovar, Rachel Jasso, Frank Marek, along with various nieces and nephew along with his trucking friends.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 13 at Triska Funeral Home with a Rosary recited at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, June 14 at St. Roberts Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Memorial Park

1617 South Mechanic Street
El Campo, TX 77437
(979) 543-3770

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

JUN 13. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

KS

“ Kelly Staff lit a candle in memory of Joe Banda



Kelly Staff - June 14, 2024 at 12:07 PM

DS

“ From the El Campo American Legion BINGO crew wants to extend our condolences and prayers to the family of Joe Banda. He was a very nice and kind person. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

David & Charlene Smith - June 14, 2024 at 10:38 AM

DS

“ David & Charlene Smith lit a candle in memory of Joe Banda



David & Charlene Smith - June 14, 2024 at 10:35 AM

KK

“ Kathryn Krpec lit a candle in memory of Joe Banda



kathryn krpec - June 13, 2024 at 07:56 PM

GS

“ *Guadalupe Longoria Salas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joe Banda.*



Guadalupe Longoria Salas - June 13, 2024 at 05:28 PM

ED

“ *El Campo Police Department purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joe Banda.*



El Campo Police Department - June 13, 2024 at 11:35 AM

GF

“ *Gilbert Ramirez Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joe Banda.*



Gilbert Ramirez Family - June 13, 2024 at 09:30 AM

MD

“ *Our prayers are with the family from Gilbert Delgado Family*

María Delgado - June 13, 2024 at 08:48 AM

DM

“ 🙏❤️☐ *May he rest in peace & the angels guide him to paradise!*❤️☐ 🙏



Daniel Roxane Marek - June 12, 2024 at 11:26 PM

RF

“ *Reyna & Araguz Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joe Banda.*



Reyna & Araguz Families - June 12, 2024 at 07:36 PM

GF

“ *Gloria Flores planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Banda.*

Gloria Flores - June 12, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Banda.*



June 12, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Banda.



June 12, 2024 at 06:04 PM



“ Troy and Diane Walker and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joe Banda.



Troy and Diane Walker and Family - June 12, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ Shana Rodriguez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Banda.

Shana Rodriguez - June 12, 2024 at 04:20 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Banda.



June 12, 2024 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ One of the kindest individuals i have ever met. Reat Easy Sweet Man. Our Love, Hugs and Prayers to All the Banda Family.



Scott, Kendra & Kambree Charbula - June 12, 2024 at 12:38 PM

AA

My prayers and condolences for the family of Mr. Joe Banda 🙏...May he rest in peace and perpetual light shine upon him 🕊️

Angie Arismendez - June 13, 2024 at 03:12 PM

WM

“ W. Morton lit a candle in memory of Joe Banda



W. Morton - June 12, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JW

“ Jason & Bea Watson lit a candle in memory of Joe Banda



Jason & Bea Watson - June 12, 2024 at 11:47 AM

JD

Our condolences to the Family.A very sweet,nice person.Along with his wife.

Joe& Rose Davila - June 12, 2024 at 01:35 PM

CH

With deepest sympathy, thought, and prayers to all of the Banda family.

connie hlavaty - June 12, 2024 at 01:46 PM

SP

“ *Shirley Popp lit a candle in memory of Joe Banda*



Shirley Popp - June 12, 2024 at 11:44 AM

IR

Sending prayers and condolences to the entire Banda family during this trying time. May he rest in God's eternal peace.

Irma Rocha - June 12, 2024 at 03:13 PM