



## Elias Lira Rivera

July 20, 1932 - March 30, 2022

Elias Lira Rivera passed away peacefully, with family by his side, on March 30, 2022, in Dallas, Texas. Elias was born in Zaragoza, Mexico to Santiago Lira and Juana Rivera on July 20, 1932 and moved to Texas when he was around twelve years old. He was preceded in death by his dear wife, Maria Rivera, son Lucio "Milo" Rivera, his sister, four brothers and his sister-in-law Pilar Perez.

Elias was well known as a ranch hand, ranch foreman and eventually a rancher. He is also known for his many years of service to the Forney community. Elias and Maria were married on December 7, 1963 and after some years in West Texas settled their family in the Forney community in 1972. Elias was also known for his excellent horsemanship and his AI skill in breeding cattle, specially Charolais and Limousin. He worked for several ranches such as Floyd J. Ridley in Barnhart Tx & J.E. Hamblen Ranch of Forney TX as well as his own ranch. When Elias was not in the saddle on the ranch, he was busy in the community serving others. He was active in Forney's FFA, 4H Club, Forney Parent's and Friends and the many projects for the Forney Beautification Committee.

Elias was a faithful Catholic man and follower of Christ. He had a warm heart and had so much compassion for others. He was always willing to feed and shelter those in need. His nature was one to always help and teach others

with wisdom and his experiences. The lives impacted by his generosity are countless.

Elias is survived by his children from his second marriage are Juanita L. Rivera & Victor Flores, Santiago L. & Heidy Rivera, Cesareo L. & Belinda Rivera, Elias Jr. & Crystal Rivera, Oscar Rivera, Brother in law Enrique Perez, niece Paula Perez, family friend Jurgen Hubert and children from first marriage Juana Lira de Castro & Norberto Sanchez, Elias & Lucy Lira, and Jorge & Irma Lira. He was not only a beloved father to those named but an uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend whose memory will be cherished.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on April 6, 2022, at 2 PM at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Garland with burial to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Forney. The family will receive friends and those wishing to extend their condolences Tuesday April 5, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel in Terrell, Texas. A Recitation of Rosary will be delivered at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 following the visitation at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

401 W Broad St.  
Forney, TX 75126

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Recitation of Rosary

APR 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael the Archangel  
950 Trails Parkway  
Garland, TX 75043



# Tribute Wall



“ *Elias Lira Rivera*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elias Lira Rivera.*



April 05, 2022 at 11:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elias Lira Rivera.*



April 05, 2022 at 09:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elias Lira Rivera.*



April 05, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Elias Lira Rivera*.



April 05, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Elias Lira Rivera*.



April 05, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - April 05, 2022 at 11:03 AM

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“ My Uncle was my dad's best friend; more like a brother, than a cousin. Our families were and have been close, so it is with a sad heart, to lose such a wonderful, hard-working man that would do anything for his family, just like my dad did.

*I will miss him dearly. Much love to all the family and prayers for all of you and my uncle, may he rest in peace.*



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**Maria G Brooks** - April 05, 2022 at 12:02 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elias Lira Rivera.



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April 04, 2022 at 11:52 PM

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“ FAMILIA RENTERIA LIRA purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Elias Lira Rivera.



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**FAMILIA RENTERIA LIRA** - April 04, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elias Lira Rivera.



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April 04, 2022 at 12:11 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Juanita Rivera Flores** - April 04, 2022 at 12:07 AM



“ *Classic Charcuterie Snacks Gift Set was purchased for the family of Elias Lira Rivera.*



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April 03, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *I didn't know Mr. Elias very well, but I do know he was Loved by his children and grandchildren, which says alot about him. I know his children took really good care of him in his lader days and know he was Blessed to have been loved and cared for so well! RIP Mr. Elias!!!!*

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**Tracie Esquivel** - April 02, 2022 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Mr. RIVERA, was very blessed many with many children that lived him deeply, he was a friend of a friend to all, his home was always open he will be deeply missed him and my dad were good friends.  
RIP FROM Cecilia Ballew*

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**Cecilia Ann Ballew** - April 01, 2022 at 08:05 PM