



Pedro Antonio Cortez

January 28, 1950 - August 27, 2026

Amarillo, Texas

Pedro Antonio Cortez died in Amarillo on August 27, 2026. He was 76. Born in Amarillo on January 28, 1950, into a Mexican-American household that treated work as a language. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He moved freight across a line that was also a neighborhood. A bilingual clipboard held two calendars; he made deadlines without making enemies. Colleagues still mention a bilingual clipboard with both calendars.

He married Elena in 1973. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three children through public schools and ordinary weather. After Elena died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Amarillo, among streets he never needed to explain. The extra coffee is still in the thermos.

Services

A memorial gathering in Amarillo with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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