



Armando Apodaca

September 30, 1962 - December 8, 2025

Jesus Armando “Mando” Apodaca, 63, passed away on December 8, 2025 in Fort Worth, TX. He was the oldest of six children, born on September 30, 1962, in El Paso, Texas, to Maximiano Apodaca and Francisca Gaxiola Apodaca. As a child, Mando enjoyed mathematics, playing baseball, and attending church with his family. He served as an alter boy for the Catholic church and read Bible excerpts during mass in both English and Spanish. Mando attended El Paso High, where he met the love of his life, Charlotte Reyes, whom he would later marry and build a beautiful life with. From a young age, Mando developed a strong work ethic. As a teenager, he began working as a bricklayer to earn money, discovering a talent that would shape the rest of his life. Through years of dedication and mastery, he became an expert craftsman in brick masonry. His skill and reputation eventually led him to start his own business in New York, where he and his family lived for eight years before settling permanently in Fort Worth, Texas. Mando took great pride in his work, contributing to the construction of stunning homes in New York’s affluent suburbs as well as well-known landmarks throughout Fort Worth. His hands helped build the places where countless memories were made—leaving behind a legacy of craftsmanship that will stand for generations. Mando had a tender heart, especially for animals. He was known for bringing home stray dogs and cats, giving them the love and shelter they deserved. He was also known for his quick wit and unforgettable sense of humor—always ready with a joke, a playful comment, or a story that could lift

the mood of any room. His laughter was contagious, and his ability to bring joy to others was one of his most cherished gifts.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Francisca Gaxiola Apodaca. He is survived by his father, Maximiano Apodaca; his devoted wife, Charlotte Reyes Apodaca; and their three children: Crystal Nicole Apodaca (Alexis Arteaga), Justine Chiapa (Eduardo Chiapa), and Armond Anthony Apodaca (Leilani Apodaca). He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren—Hailey, Aaliyah, and Olivia—who brought him immense joy.

Mando is survived as well by his siblings: Michael “Mike” Apodaca, Paul Apodaca (Kim Apodaca), Kathy Apodaca-Stanford (Jeff Stanford), Lorenzo Apodaca (Arasele Apodaca), and Anna Apodaca-Aldape (Eduardo “Eddie” Aldape); Nieces and nephews: Christina Apodaca, Michael Apodaca, Amber Apodaca, Gilbert Chacon, James Strauss, Jason Strauss, Autumn Apodaca, Dystini Apodaca, Saleen Gonzalez, Adelina Apodaca, along with many uncles, aunts, cousins, great nieces and nephews and dear friends.

His presence will be profoundly missed, but the strength, joy, and love he brought into the world will never fade.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Amalla Funeral Home
5210 McCart Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76115

Tribute Wall



“ *Amalla Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Armando Apodaca*



Amalla Funeral Home - December 22, 2025 at 02:21 PM

WR

“ *With Love Melinda and Ruben purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Armando Apodaca.*



With Love Melinda and Ruben - December 21, 2025 at 05:36 PM

WP

“ *With much love, Jennifer Casler Price purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Armando Apodaca.*



With much love, Jennifer Casler Price - December 21, 2025 at 12:21 AM

JA

“ Jimmy and Christine Arteaga planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Apodaca.

Jimmy and Christine Arteaga - December 20, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Armando Apodaca.



December 20, 2025 at 04:38 PM

CM

“ Carla M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Apodaca.

Carla M. - December 16, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ Jim and Sandy Balch purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Armando Apodaca.



Jim and Sandy Balch - December 16, 2025 at 10:02 AM

JB

“ Jim and Sandy Balch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Apodaca.

Jim and Sandy Balch - December 16, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Armando Apodaca.



December 14, 2025 at 08:44 AM

CA

“ Crystal, Justine, Armond purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Armando Apodaca.



Crystal, Justine, Armond - December 12, 2025 at 09:27 AM

CA

“ Crystal, Justine, Armond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Apodaca.

Crystal, Justine, Armond - December 12, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Armando Apodaca.



December 12, 2025 at 08:20 AM



“ My nephew Armando Mando Apodaca was my very first nephew in our family. I recall his kind heart and his love of his family. I was a little girl when he was born and remember how they named him after his two grandfathers Jesus Gaciola and Armando Apodaca my dad. The last name Apodaca means Builder in the basque language. And Mando comes from a great line of builders his dad and grandfather.

Mando married a beautiful woman Charlotte and had 3 children who are the apple of eye. Fly high my beloved nephew !! May you rest in eternal peace in paradise . My sincere condolences to his wife and children to my amazing brother Max and all the family. I will remember you as a brilliant person who loved deeply. Vaya con Dios!! your aunt Sally Apodaca and family in Seattle ❤️🙏🙏🙏

sally Apodaca - December 11, 2025 at 11:41 PM



Thank you for sharing your memories, Tia Sally. It means more than you know 🥹

Justine Chiapa - December 12, 2025 at 12:39 AM



Thank you Sally for reaching out and sharing your family memories with me and my kids ❤️ it truly means a whole lot at this time God bless you 💕

Charlotte Apodaca - December 12, 2025 at 08:21 PM

CG

“ Casey G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Apodaca.

Casey G. - December 10, 2025 at 08:18 PM

AF

“ Allison, Sol & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Apodaca.

Allison, Sol & Family - December 10, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Armando Apodaca.



December 10, 2025 at 07:11 PM

MF

“ Monica, Gabe Del Campo & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Armando Apodaca.



Monica, Gabe Del Campo & Family - December 10, 2025 at 03:02 PM

CA

“ CareFlite planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Armando Apodaca.

CareFlite - December 10, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Armando Apodaca.



December 10, 2025 at 10:01 AM