

# OAKLAND TRIBUNE

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## 1,000 mourners attend slain drug agent's rites

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CALEXICO, Calif. — More than 1,000 mourners gathered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church here yesterday at a memorial Mass for Enrique (Kiki) Camarena, the U.S. drug enforcement agent murdered apparently by narcotics traffickers in Mexico.

Another thousand spilled out onto the sidewalk and street in front of the church of this small, dusty border town where the 37-year-old Camarena was raised and got his start in law enforcement.

A Marine color guard preceded the copper-colored urn containing Camarena's ashes into the church, the same one in which he was married.

Among the mourners were U.S. Ambassador to Mexico John Gavin, U.S. Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif. and John C. Lawry, acting chief administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Representatives of many local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as representatives from Mexican police agencies stood along one wall of the church as San Diego Bishop Gilberto Chavez called Camarena a martyr for the sake of goodness and a hero to our country because he tried to free us from the slavery and atrocity of illegal drugs.

Camarena was abducted in Guadalajara, Mexico, on Feb. 7, apparently by narcotics traffickers. His battered body was discovered last week.

Mourning widow Geneva Camarena and her son, Enrique Jr., II, survivors of slain drug agent.

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