



Lorenzo Garcia-Alarcon

1901-1987

Lorenzo was born in San Elizario, Texas on February 17, 1901. His father was Lorenzo Alarcon and his mother was Francisca Garcia. Lorenzo's father died when he was a little boy and was raised by his mother Francisca, who attended Loretto Academy at San Elizario, and was Postmistress for more than 28 years.

Five generations of Lorenzo's family were born and raised in San Elizario. His great-grandfather, Captain Gregorio Nacenseno Garcia became an American citizen when Texas joined the Union. Capt. Garcia led the residents of the community in their efforts to repel Indian attacks, and he also donated the land and building, known as Los Portales to the community so it could be used as a school. Los Portales is one of the oldest public buildings in Texas and the first school house in El Paso County.

Lorenzo attended Sam Houston State Teachers College, the College of Mines (UTEP), U.C.L.A, and Sul Ross State Teachers College. He got his Master's degree from Sul Ross State College and dedicate his entire adult life to education. He started teaching when he was only 17 years old, and became the district's first Superintendent when he was 23. Lorenzo served as Superintendent of San Elizario Schools for 44 consecutive years.

Alarcon Elementary's library is Dedicated, The Lorenzo G. Alarcon Library, by a grateful community, in honor of a great educator, civic and religious leader who embodied all the qualities of "A Great American Patriot," and model parent.