



Fans pay tribute to late Mexican singing legend Jose Jose as the hearse carrying his remains heads to the Fine Arts Palace in Mexico City for a memorial in his honor.



"He will live on in our hearts," another mourner, 52-year-old Araceli Segura, said through tears. The coffin was then brought for a mass at the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Mexico's patron saint.

#### Collective grief

Thousands of mourners also gathered at a statue of the singer in his home neighborhood, Claveria, for a collective outpouring of grief. The hearse made a stop there, then brought the half of Jose Jose's remains to the Panteon Frances cemetery, where they were laid to rest alongside those of his mother, a concert pianist. Jose Romulo Sosa Ortiz, as he was born, sold more than 100 million albums in a career spanning over five decades.

He adopted the stage name Jose Jose in tribute to his father, an opera singer who was also named Jose, after his death in 1968. Living under the constant gaze of the public, Jose Jose openly struggled with alcoholism. He quit drinking in 1993, but health issues led him to give up singing as his voice gave out in the early 2000s. He moved to Miami in 1995 with Salazar. —AFP

