



## CMSGT David De La Cruz

July 13, 1938 - February 11, 2012

Retired CMSGT David De La Cruz passed away Saturday, February 11, 2012. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandpa. Mr. De La Cruz is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Magdalena De La Cruz , sons; David Monica and Richard Cynthia De La Cruz, daughter; Rose Marie Van Tassell, grandchildren: Javier Caesar Gutierrez, Desiree De La Cruz, Danielle De La Cruz, Austen Van Tassell, Richelle De La Cruz, Chase Van Tassell, Nicolas De La Cruz and Trinidad De La Cruz, sisters; Irene Lerma and Sylvia Andrew Villarreal, brother; John Anthony Pat De La Cruz, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends. He loved to laugh; he would tell many jokes and would share stories of all his travels. He graduated from Fox Tech High School in 1957. He was active in CYO, and was named "Coach of the Year" twice in his coaching years. He was co-founder of St. Johns Men's Club, co-founder of Mark Twain Middle School Band Club and PTA President. Mr. De La Cruz retired with 40 years, 9 months and 22 days of faithful service to the United States Air Force and Texas Air National Guard with 149 Fighter Wing. He also worked with Regent Coach Line since 1998 and enjoyed the camaraderie of his co-workers. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of the Methodist Hospital and 8 south oncology team for the wonderful care they gave to David. Also to Dr. Steven Kalter for his dedication to David's care. In lieu of flowers, please consider giving blood donations to the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center in memory of David De La Cruz. Visitation will be held on Monday, February 20, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a

rosary to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Alamo Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 12:00p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 4603 St. John's Way, San Antonio, Texas 78212 with interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with military honors.