



## Ismael C DeLaCruz

October 22, 1944 - October 12, 2009

### DE LA CRUZ

SFC Ismael C. De La Cruz, Jr. U.S. Army, RET, born October 22, 1944 in San Antonio, Texas, passed away October 12, 2009. Mr. De La Cruz was a Vietnam war veteran and received 2 Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star, and the Army Accommodation Medal. After retirement from the Army, Mr. De La Cruz became a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service serving the Southside community at various assignments for over 17 years. Survivors include his former spouse, Gisela De La Cruz; step-father, Juan R. Bernal; daughters: Melissa De La Cruz; Melinda Jamie Catete, and Melda Raymond Peralez; sons: Ismael De La Cruz, III, Louie De La Cruz, Juan De La Cruz, Eduardo De La Cruz, and Orlando Sandy De La Cruz; sisters: Janie Graham and Yolanda Thomas Van Hell; brothers: Jessie Maggie Rios, and Richard Marla Rios; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

### SERVICES

Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 9:00 PM on Wednesday, October 14 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral Liturgy will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 15 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South with interment to follow with Military Honors at Mission Burial Park South.

# Tribute Wall

OC

“ *I LOVE YOU DAD..Always*

Orlando De La Cruz - November 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Prenant part &#224; votre douleur,nous partageons votre peine en ce moment de deuil et vous pr&#233;sentons nos sinc&#232;res condol&#233;ances.*

Karin & Christian van Hell - October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *We were sad to hear that Mel passed away. Our thoughts are with the family in this difficult time.*

Gus and Annemarie van Hell - October 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *I am really sorry about your loss and I will pray for you and your family as well as his.*

*God bless*

Nelson Marquez - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Dear De La Cruz Family:*

*It is with great admiration and respect that I offer my condolences on the death of Ismael De La Cruz. I recently learned that he was a Vietnam Veteran. Please know that he is mourned even by those who weren't fortunate enough*

Senator Leticia Van de Putte, R. Ph. - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ To my brother-in-law,  
Colorful doesn't even begin to describe you. Yet over the years, I  
have come to truly appreciate and respect that underneath the often  
misunderstood surface was the heart of a very honest and  
compassionate man who was deeply affect

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**Thomas van Hell** - October 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

YH

“ To my brother Mel:  
Your life was full of loving deeds. Forever thoughtful of our special  
needs. Today and tomorrow, my whole life through, I will always  
love and cherish you. You left us so suddenly, your thoughts  
unknown. You left us memories, we are pr

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**Yolie van Hell** - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IA

“ My most sincere condolences to Gisela, Juan and his brothers on  
the sudden loss of your ex husband and father. Onken and I offer  
our prayers to your family during this time of sorrow.

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**Isidora Arzu** - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ To dad, my daughter, my sister, my brothers, all of Mel's kids, my  
other nieces and nephews, all his ex's, and to all my in-laws in our  
family:

*We are all dealing with the loss of Mel in our own ways, some of us  
got to spend more time with him then oth*

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**Janie Graham NANA** - October 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM