



Jose A. Esquivel Sr.

September 5, 1928 - October 20, 2008

Retired MSGT USAF Jose Joe Esquivel Sr., born September 5, 1928, has gone to the arms of the Lord on October 20, 2008 at the age of 80 years old. Jose served in both WWII and the Vietnam War where he was awarded with several medals for his honorable service. Jose was a lifetime member of VFW Post 9186 and a member of the American Legion JFK Post 485 in San Antonio. He had a strong will, enjoyed life every day, and could light up a room with his smile. He was there to offer his love and support to all those he loved whenever it was needed. His favorite hobbies were fishing with his grandson, Marcus on his boat, going gambling in hope of winning the big jackpot, working on word puzzles, traveling to visit family and friends, spending time at the VFW Post, and eating any kind of sweet you would put in front of him. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Giron Esquivel, friend, Josie Cantu, brothers, Victor, Jesse, Raul, Henry, and Pete Esquivel, and sister Trinidad. He is survived by his daughter and her husband, Judy and Jimmy Gonzales with whom he lived, daughters Peggy Villarreal, Deborah Jimenez and husband Joseph Jimenez, and Nancy, sons Jose Esquivel Jr. and Robert Esquivel. His grandchildren that were a big part in his life are granddaughter Gina Freeman and her husband Brent Freeman, grandson Marcus Gonzales and wife Roxanne Flores Gonzales and their children Xavier Flores and Vincent Gonzales, granddaughter Dena Davies and husband Dan Davies with their children Torin and Taylor Davies, granddaughter Teresa Brisco and husband

Paul Brisco and their children Ian and Lucas all of New York. Also surviving him are his sister and her husband Theresa and Tony Perez, sister Janie, and special niece Irene Esquivel all of Fresno, CA. Jose had 16 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. His family would like to extend their gratitude to Dr. Karnad and Nurse Patricia Wolff of the Audie Murphy V A hospital for their care and compassion during his cancer treatment.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Esquivel Family:*

It is with deepest sadness that I extend my condolences to you on the loss of your beloved.

As Chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, I am sincerely thankful for his valiant service and d

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte - November 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *On behalf of VFW District 20, I bid condolences to Joe's Family. His service to the Nation, and his Post will be sorely missed. Have faith that the Lord will take good care of him at his new assignment...*

David K. Alexander, VFW District 20 Chaplain - October 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM