



Juan Saenz Medina

December 27, 1926 - January 9, 2012

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Juan Saenz Medina was born on Dec 27, 1926 in San Antonio Texas. He was the oldest of three boys, Jesus and Jose, born to Pedro and Rosaura Medina. When Juan was 7 years old, his mother passed away. He was raised by his father and grandparents. As he grew older he would travel with his father and brothers to pick cotton in South Texas. When he was 19, he served in the U.S. Army. By that time he had already met a beautiful young woman, Adela Gracia. They corresponded and fell in love. When he returned home, he and his father Pedro went to ask for her hand in marriage. As she was the youngest of 3, her parents were over protective and did not want her to get married so young. She told them, "Juan and his father are coming to ask for my hand in marriage and I am going to marry him". And so on April 13, 1947 they were married. When he was in the service he sent his money to his grandfather, Lucas Medina and unbeknownst to him he was saving his money. When he returned from the service and married, his grandfather presented him with the savings and a lot of land right next to his grandfather's. He told him that he gave him this so that he could start building his home. Juan's uncles, Santiago and Eduardo Saenz were carpenters by trade and along side them he learned the trade of carpentry and helped build his home. He eventually started building houses and was self employed in that trade. Juan was an honest and hard working man, at times laboring long hours to provide for his 9

children. He was a faithful husband and he will always be loved and remembered for his strong work ethic, and for always providing for his family, making it possible that his wife could stay at home and be the loving and nurturing mother that she was.

Juan is preceded in death by Adela, his wife of 64 years. He is survived by his 9 children Rosaura Johnny, Juan Jr Juana, Maria Elena Cordell, Sarah Ernest, Gloria Tim, Diana Chris, Daniel Martha, Andrew Clara, Patricia Jim along with his 35 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank all the many relatives and friends for their love, support and prayers that were said on his behalf. We are grateful for the knowledge that families are forever and he is with his beloved wife, mother and father.

We would also like to thank the wonderful staff at Christus Hospice for the wonderful services provided. Especially Jean, Margaret and Sandra for the loving care and compassion they gave to our beloved Patriarch.

Funeral Services will be held Friday January 13th, 2012 at 10am at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 311 Galway, First Ward Building in San Antonio, TX.