



Willie Champion

June 21, 1933 - August 18, 2012

Legendary Flamenco Guitarist "El Curro" Willie Champion passed away on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at the age of 79. He was born to Frank and Beatrice Champion on June 21, 1933, in San Antonio, TX. Mr. Champion was a proud veteran that served honorably in the United States Army; during the Korean War. Flamenco Guitarist, and San Antonio Legend, Champion has shared his gift and passion for Flamenco Music not only with the people of San Antonio but also with many audiences around the world. "El Curro" also left behind his family at Las Canarias Restaurant where he was employed for 44 years. He is preceded in death by his parents; son William Champion, Jr. Willie is survived by his loving wife of 57 years Teresa Champion; 2 daughters Rosalinda "Chayito" Champion and Elsa Mari Tere Champion; 5 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; other numerous family members and friends.