

# **GUADALUPE D. MARTINEZ**

## **1924 - 1994**

Guadalupe "Lupe" D. Martinez, 69 of Elkton, passed away Tuesday, April 5 at his home following a long illness.

He was born Dec. 12, 1924 in Del Rio, TX, son of Josefa (Martinez) Vallepando and the late Rumaldo Hernandez.

Mr. Martinez moved to Huron County in 1935, where he farmed for a time. He had been employed as a forklift operator at Active Industries for over 30 years, retiring in July, 1990.

He was a World War II Army veteran, having served in Germany and was a member of the Tip of the Thumb VFW Post, Pigeon.

Surviving are five sons, Lupe Jr., Manuel and Robert, all of Bad Axe, Marcus of Lapeer and David of Houston, TX; three daughters, Victoria (Sam) Johnson of NJ, Susan (Garrett) Kladzuk of Bad Axe and Rose Martinez of Caro; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his mother, Josefa Vallepando of Denver, CO; his companion and dear friend, Marilyn Welshans of Elkton; his brother, Jack Rodriguez of Columbiaville and four sisters, Lupe Ramirez of Kawkawlin, Regina Medina, Chana Garcia and Camilla Gardea, all of Denver, CO.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Juanita and five brothers.

A Funeral Mass was conducted Saturday, April 9 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Pigeon. Rev. Fr. Barney Janowicz, pastor, officiated with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Memorials may be considered to the Friends for Life Hospice.

Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, was in charge of funeral arrangements.