

### **Avalos Sr., Apolonio**

Apolonio Antonio "Paul" Avalos Sr., 81, of Pigeon passed away on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002 at Scheurer Hospital Long Term Care Unit after a long illness. He was born in Hebbronville, Texas on March 10, 1921, the son of the late Antonio and Anita (Leal) Avalos. On Oct. 5, 1947, he was united in marriage to Ella Cantu in Hebbronville. Mr. Avalos was a factory worker and farm worker in the Pigeon area for many years. He enjoyed woodworking, playing billiards and especially being with his family. He attended Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon and was a member of the Pigeon V.F.W. Post #2236. He is survived by his wife, Ella, of Pigeon; eight children, Mary Guardian and her husband, Armando, Jesse Avalos and his wife, Mary, Mary Schulze and her husband, Gene, Joe Avalos and his wife, Sylvia, Joel Avalos and his wife, Lisa, Esther Hill and her husband, Jeff, and Raul Avalos, all of Pigeon and Juan Avalos of Gagetown; 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Josephine Garcia of Texas; a brother, Bernardo Avalos and his wife, Andrea, of Georgia; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Juanita; a son, Chino; two brothers, Manuel and Porfidio; two sisters, Maria and Sophia. The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002, at Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon. The Rev. Michael T. Sawicki, pastor will officiate with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Pigeon. The V.F.W. Post #2236 will present an honor guard at the gravesite. Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.