

Ramos, Rogelio

Rogelio "Roy" Ramos, 64, of Flint, passed away at the U of M Medical Center, Ann Arbor, on Thursday, June 24, 2004. Roy was born on March 22, 1940, the son of Pedro and Elida (Alvarado) Ramos, in Falfurias, Texas. When he was a young boy, his family migrated north and resided in Elkton. He later came to Flint to work for GM Buick for 35 years, retiring on April 1, 2002. He was a member of UAW Local 599. He deeply loved his family, extended family and many friends, was always ready to help everyone whenever he was needed, never wanting anything in return. He had a terrific sense of humor and received pleasure in bringing smiles and laughter to everyone. Roy was the most wonderful father and a very special "PAPA" to his grandchildren. He sadly leaves behind his son, Rogelio Roy "Shorty" Ramos and his special friend, Kathy Kennedy, of Ewart; daughter, Tina Ramos, of Flint; grandson, Joshua; granddaughter, Amber; best friend, soul mate and fiancée, Karen Hart; mother, Elida Ramos, of Jackson; sisters, Georgina Santos and her husband, Alfredo, of Elkton, Mary Medina, Marie "Lupe" Ramos, of Jackson, Jane Wasierski and her husband, Larry, of Dover, Florida; brother, Pedro "Peter" Ramos, of Jackson; and 12 sisters and brothers-in-law; the mother of his children, Shirley Bland and her husband, Don; extended family "daughters", Keri Hart, Michelle Johnson, "grandpa" to Cassie, Jessica, Natasha, Corey, Adam and Matt; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father; two brothers; two sisters; grandparents; and his mother-in-law, Amelia Marie Blackstock. His family wishes to express a special thank you to the U of M Medical Center, helicopter flight team, all the doctors and nurses in the Medical Critical Care Unit who were the most compassionate and caring professional people to Roy and his family. A funeral mass was celebrated at noon today at St. Mary Catholic Church, 2500 N. Franklin, Flint, with Fr. Robert Copeland, celebrant. He will be laid to rest in Flint Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Roy may be made to the University of Michigan Medical Center for Lung Research, 301 E. Liberty Street, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-2251.