

Mr. Elias M. Mascorro, 66, of Unionville, passed away Thursday morning, Dec. 8, 2011, at his residence.

He was born in Castorville, Texas on Jan. 9, 1945, a son of Camilo and Victoria (Martinez) Mascorro. "Lee" Mascorro was a veteran of the U.S. Army, retiring after 23 years of service as a command sergeant major, the highest noncommissioned officer rank attainable. He had served two terms of duty during the Vietnam Conflict and while there, he was wounded in action on more than one occasion. He married the former Maria Gloria Cruz on May 26, 1968, following his retirement.

He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 421, Unionville and VFW Post No. 239, Sebawaing. He, along with Gloria, performed maintenance duties at the American Legion hall. He then assumed responsibilities as manager of their bowling facilities.

In earlier years, Lee managed the senior citizens meal site, worked at Michigan Sugar Co. and at a lumber company in Caseville.

He is survived by Gloria, his loving wife of 43 years; a son, Lee Michael Mascorro of Ohio; daughters Tina Marie Mascorro, living in Clarksville, Tenn., and Christina Ann Mascorro of Orlando, Fla.; grandchildren, Christian Gabriel Mascorro, Antonio Michael Mascorro and Maria Victoria Mascorro; seven brothers and eight sisters.

He was preceded in death by brothers Ferman and Camilo, Jr.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, 2011 at Holy Family Catholic Church, with Fr. John Weis officiating. Lee will receive full military honors following mass under the auspices of the United States Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be directed to the wishes of the family.

Arrangements made by the Unionville Funeral Chapel.