



Raymond "Ray" Velasquez

February 15, 1941 - November 30, 2013

Memorial services for Ray will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the VFW in Geneva. Roger Velasquez will be the officiant. Military Rites will be performed by the Geneva VFW Post 7102 and the Lt. Forbes Post 21 outside of the VFW following the Memorial Service.

Raymond Velasquez, 72, of Fairmont NE, passed away at his home Saturday November 30, 2013, surrounded by his family. Ray was born on February 15, 1941 in Edinburg Texas and was the oldest of 20 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife Terry Soliz Velasquez, whom he was introduced to by his brother Herman, The couple married July 1, 1964. Together they had 6 children.

He enlisted in the Army in March 20, 1963 to March 19, 1968 where he obtained his GED. He served in Vietnam 1965-1966 with the First Division (The Big Red 1), stationed in Fort Riley Kansas. Ray is a member of The American Legion Post LT Forbes Post 21 Fairmont, NE & The VFW Samuel J Marsh Post 7102 Geneva, NE.

Ray loved to be on the open road. He made his living as a truck driver, better known as "Speedy" over the CB. He drove for 40 + years. 30 of those years Ray and Terry drove together as a team. Being a truck driver was not only his job, he had the added benefit of getting loads to certain states, as this meant he could see his extended family. He loved every opportunity he got to see his Brothers and Sisters. He was especially fond of all his nieces and nephews. Ray continued to drive a truck until 2012, and only stopped driving for health

reasons.

Ray loved everything outdoors; you would often find him on his deck enjoying the sun. He especially enjoyed outdoor activities with his grandsons, fishing or camping if the time was available. He very much enjoyed firing up the grill for an impromptu family gathering. He would bring all his kids together then sit back on the deck, usually with a cold beer in his hand, enjoying all the chaos con su familia.

Ray enjoyed socializing with his “buddies” (old and new) at the Legion in Fairmont. He particularly enjoyed checking his “voice mails” with his good friend and neighbor Stan at the BVI in McCool.

Speedy will be missed dearly by all.

Memorials are directed to the family in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

CK

“ *To the entire Velasquez family,
Our love and prayers remain with you as you have put this precious
man to rest and are adjusting to life without him. May you find great
strength and comfort in our Lord & Savior.
Charlie Koozer & family Matthew 5:4*

Charlie & Shelley Koozer - December 06, 2013 at 05:22 PM

CF

“ *You will be missed. Please look after us all from Heaven and may
you enjoy the Lord's embrace. Our children now have two
grandfathers in Heaven. We wish we had had time to meet you and
let you know your son's wife and children. Our deepest sympathy to
those who knew you best.
With Heartfelt Sincerity, SSgt Christopher B. Barraza, Sgt Arianna
N. Barraza, and children; Katherine Olivia, Sydney Marie, and
Sophia Elena*

Christopher Barraza Family - December 06, 2013 at 01:25 PM

CH

“ *I miss you Daddy! Those words are the only ones I can find from my
heart!*

Corina Hamlin - December 05, 2013 at 02:56 PM

DF

“ *Prayers to the Velasquez family during this time of sorrow. We love
and miss everyone!!*

David Zavala Family - December 05, 2013 at 12:02 PM

JG

“ To Terry and family, Ray will be missed by so many. May God bless you all.

Jennifer Glenn - December 03, 2013 at 10:49 PM

DD

“ Prayers for your family in this time of sorrow.

Deb Dixon - December 03, 2013 at 10:44 PM

JH

“ Sending my deepest Sympathy to all the Velasquez family!

Judy Herrera - December 03, 2013 at 10:14 PM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers for the family

Carla Hochstein - December 03, 2013 at 06:59 PM

MA

“ Miss you and I know we will be together some day!

Maryvelasquez - December 03, 2013 at 06:06 PM

EV

“ All my love and prayers to the family. Your little sister Eloise

eloise valadez - December 03, 2013 at 05:57 PM

PH

“ Prayers of comfort and peace....love you all!

Patty Hartline - December 03, 2013 at 03:45 PM