

**Joel Gonzalez (1949-2010)**



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Joel Gonzalez went to be with the Lord on Jan. 31, 2010 at the Veterans Hospital in Fresno, Calif. He was born on Aug. 17, 1949 in Barstow.

Joel attended John F. Kennedy High School then joined the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1969. He served in Vietnam and continued to serve his country for the next 28 years in the Army Reserve.

He is survived by his loving wife, Isabel Gonzalez of Fresno; daughters, Angie Gonzalez and Tiffany McKee of Oregon, Regina Bachus of Fresno; sons, Vicente and Antonio Garcia of Fresno. Joel is also survived by his parents, Dolores and Salvador Benavides of Barstow; sisters, Suzan Chadwick of Barstow, Anna Martinez of Texas, Martha Berndt of Washington; brothers, Dee Johnson of Barstow, Robert

Benavides of Oklahoma, Paul Benavides of Wisconsin; six grandchildren; with many nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Joel was a loving husband, father, son, and brother, and will be missed by all.

Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010 in Fresno.

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