

John Antonio Soto Sr.

John Antonio Soto Sr., 52, of Barstow, went to be with Jesus on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001, in Barstow. Born May 6, 1949 in San Bernardino, Soto was a lifetime Barstow resident and a 1967 graduate of Kennedy High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam and received the Purple Heart. Soto worked as an electrician at the Marine Base for 20 years. He was an interpreter for the deaf, a 1983 nominee for "Man of the Year" in Barstow, was an assistant coach at Barstow College for one year and coached Little League baseball for 18 years. Soto loved being with his family, hiking and spending time at the beach. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and helped run a boxing club as well as serving as youth director for five years. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Enedine Soto of Barstow; son and daughter-in-law John and Stephanie Soto, son and daughter-in-law Edward and Jennifer Soto, and son and daughter-in-law Mark and Denise Soto, all of Barstow; five grandsons, John Soto III, Matthew Soto, Edward Soto II, Ryan Soto, and Adrian Soto, all of Barstow; three granddaughters, Ashley Soto, Alexis Soto and Rayna Alcantara, all of Barstow; his father, Antonio Soto of Barstow; two brothers, Cruz Soto and Arnold Soto, both of Barstow; and four sisters, Wilma Jaramillo, Marylou Monreal, Sylvia Soto and Julianna Soto, all of Fontana. He was preceded in death by his infant granddaughter, Alyssa Soto, his mother, Felipa Soto, and his infant son Mark Raymond Soto. Mass will be said at 11 a.m. today, Sept. 20, 2001 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 505 E. Mountain View St. Burial will be at Mountain View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road.

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