

Matias Herrera

Matias Herrera, 55, a resident of Barstow, died Wednesday 25, at St Mary Hospital in Apple Valley. Matias was born on Sept. 27, 1947 in Austin, Texas to Matias and Augustina Herrera. He graduated from Barstow High School in 1966. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, his children, Paula Beatty and her husband Jeff, Adrian, Selina, and Jackie, as well as two grandchildren, Adrian (Boo) and Nalani. He is also survived by his sister, Esperanza, his special nephew Mark Ulibarri, and numerous nieces and nephews. Matt loved sports and working with children. He was the Cub Master of Den # 62 with BPO [Elks Club](#) #1920 for two years and he coached both little league baseball and Barstow Youth Football for many years. Later, Matt coached baseball and football at Silver Valley High School and also found time to referee or umpire whenever he was needed. For 25 years one of Matt's greatest joys was serving on the March of Dimes Steering Committee, and helping provide refreshments to the participants at the end of their long walks. The 20 years Matt served as a volunteer Sheriff's Reserve Officer was very rewarding. He made many lifelong friends and enjoyed serving his community. Before his illness, Matt was a Eucharistic Minister at St. Philip Neri Church in Lenwood. He was the Alter Server coordinator, taught CCD classes, and a member of the Parish Council. Matt belonged to the English Cursillo and volunteered many hours at Friday night bingo. He took great pride in his affiliation with the Knights of Columbus; Gray Francis Council 1830 where he was a member for many years. He will be greatly missed by everyone whose life

he touched. Rosary will be Wednesday, July 2, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 505 E. Mt. View. Mass will follow at 7 p.m. also at St. Joseph Catholic Church. A reception will follow at Knights of Columbus, 581 Victor Ave.

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