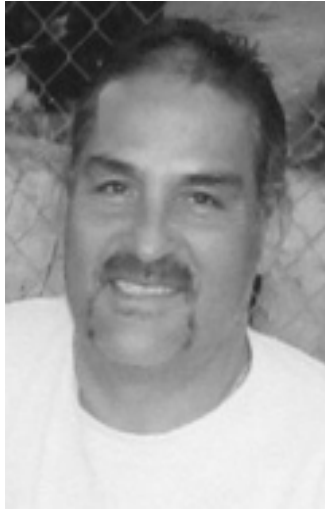


## STEVE SOTO (1959 – 2011)



Steve Soto entered into Heavens Gates on Saturday October 15th, 2011. Born on May 1, 1959 in San Bernardino, he was raised in Barstow most of his life.

He was proud to be a "Barstow Riffian." He graduated in 1977 and was the high school quarterback for 3 of his high school years.

Steve was a veteran and served in the United States Air Force from July 1978 through May 1983. Steve also worked for Yellow Freight Systems for a total of 22 years.

He enjoyed relaxing and drawing. He could draw just about anything including himself. But most important he treasured time with his family. He was great with kids. His grandchildren loved him very much.

He was preceded in death by his loving mother Grace Villars. Surviving family includes his father Cruz Soto (his wife Margaret), stepfather Gerald Villars (his wife Sally.) Steve left behind wife Nancy Soto, 3 daughters Nicole Smalls (Soto), Tiffany Ballastracci (her husband Bryon), Andrea Soto (her fiance Angel Juarez), and 1 son Manuel Soto. Grandchildren are Malaki, Brooklyn and Kyden Smalls, Gracilynn & Saryn Ballastracci and soon to enter the world Baby Elijah Juarez. Steve's siblings include Debbie Zapeda (her husband Alex), Phillip Soto (his wife Odelia), Paul Soto, Gabriel Soto (his wife Deanna), Michelle Soto (her fiance Vince Misalagi), and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held at New Life Fellowship Church, 134 West Main in Barstow, at 10 a.m. Wednesday October 26th, 2011. A reception will follow the church service. A Graveside Service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday October 27th, 2011, at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd in Riverside, California. Arrangements entrusted to Horizon Memorial Service of Barstow.