

Johnny Joseph Valdez (1952-2007)



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Johnny Joseph Valdez entered into rest Dec. 31, 2007, in Mesa, Ariz. He was born in Barstow on Sept. 7, 1952, to parents, Fransico and Maria Valdez.

A graduate of Barstow High School, he was a resident of Barstow for 40 years before moving to Mesa, Ariz., where he lived for the past 12 years. In Barstow, he was a maintenance detailer for automobile dealership Soutar's for 18 years, and worked as a detailer for Earnhardt Dodge in Arizona for 12 years. He was a

member of the Army National Guard (E-5), and loved being with his son and family in Arizona.

He is survived by his son, Joel Blanco and his wife, Anna, of Arizona; grandchildren, Erica, Joel and Fabian Blanco, all of Arizona; brothers, Robert Valdez and his wife, Susan, Kiko Lopez, Frank Valdez and Rudy Valdez all of Barstow; sisters, Bobbie Saiz of Barstow, Lillie Barela and her husband, Tobie of New Mexico, and Maryanne Payne of Oregon; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Fransico and Maria Valdez; and a brother, Raymond Valdez.

Visitation is scheduled for 9 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Johnny's Life at 10 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, at High Desert Word Center, 30918 Soapmine Road. Burial will follow at Mountain View Memorial park in Barstow.

Arrangements entrusted to Horizon Memorial Services of Barstow, 252-5222.

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