



## Fernanado Lara Argumaniz

April 28, 1931 - February 3, 2013

Deacon Fernando Lara Argumaniz, 81, servant of God, loving husband, proud father and adoring grandfather, stepped from this earthly bondage to everlasting life on February 3, 2013. Fernando fought a good fight with great courage before passing away peacefully at his home surrounded by his wife and family. Fernando was born on April 28, 1931, one of 10 children born to the late Manuel Argumaniz and the late Maria De Lara Argumaniz. He was raised and attended school in Baird, Texas, before joining the US Army in Abilene. During his military career, he would serve in Korea during the Korean War. After his tour of duty, he would return to Sweetwater, Texas where his parents had moved while he was away. There, he would meet Isabel Torrez, and young local girl who would steal his heart. They would soon marry, and together, begin a journey of life for the next fifty-eight years. Their family would soon grow with the addition of 5 children. They would move to Grand Prairie, Texas, where Fernando would become an employee of Dallas Power and Light, which would eventually become TXU Energy. He would retire in 1988, working faithfully for many years as a mechanic. Fernando felt a special calling on his life. In 1978, he would become an Ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church. He would honorably serve on many occasions, baptizing, preaching and conducting numerous Rosaries. He had been a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church since 1966, serving with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and was also a member of the Guadalupanos. After his retirement, Fernando loved working on lawnmowers, or any other small engine. He loved

to garden, and especially enjoyed planting seedling fruit trees, watching them grow and produce fruit. In 2005, back surgery would leave him with permanent disabilities. With the addition of his electric chair, he would still remain relatively active, preaching, conducting baptisms or just giving his grandchildren free rides. His passing will leave a great void for his family, but they are thankful that he is no longer bound by his earthly disabilities. He is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Isabel Torrez Argumaniz; children, Rose Argumaniz Oden and her husband Mark, Jerald Argumaniz and his wife Teresa, Natalie Argumaniz, Christine Argumaniz Palafox and her husband Joe Jr., Fernando Jr and his wife Lisa; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 6 brothers: Pete, Ruben, Manuel, Frank, Ben, David; 2 sisters: Lala and Felipa. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Alicia Torrez. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 610 NE 17th Street, Grand Prairie, TX., 75050 where Recitation of Holy Rosary will occur at 7. Mass of Christian Burial: 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013. Burial: DFW National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Dustin, Nathan, Jeremiah, Jake, Philip and Anthony Argumaniz.