

In Loving Memory
Florentino Jasso Aguilar



Born on June 21, 1927
Passed away on June 30, 2019

Services

10:00 a.m. Friday, August 6, 2021
St. Nicholas Catholic Church

Florentino Jasso Aguilar of Pharr, Texas and formerly from Idaho passed away on June 30, 2019. He was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico to Alberto Aguilar and Bernarda Jasso Aguilar on June 21, 1927.

Florentino had a strong work ethic even as a child and wanted a better life for himself and would always try to find work in Texas. He would often make that journey by foot or any way he could get over. He often talked about those early years and how he dreamed of a better life in the States. He always appreciated when food was plentiful. So often he only got one tortilla a day to eat and that memory always stuck with him. It is a conversation I heard him tell many times. Florentino had a strong will and determination and worked many jobs in the fields to help support his growing family. He never let the language barrier or lack of understanding the culture stop his desire for a better life. He loved working with cement and quickly became a Mason by trade and years later once back in Texas, he and Cruz together built a home that they lived in for a few years.

He married Cruz Montezuma in the late 1940s and after some time in Texas they migrated the Western States and picked cotton in Arizona, grapes in California and potatoes in Idaho. They ended up in Rupert, Idaho with 3 of their children and worked many jobs in the fields and he eventually worked and retired from JR Simplot. They made their home in Paul, Idaho and raised their 7 children.

Florentino loved to dance! And where there was a Spanish dance and music you could be certain to see Florentino and Cruz making their way around the floor! Everyone was amazed how quickly he could shuffle his feet. I can still see him dancing and concentrating so much his tongue would be sticking out. Just the cutest thing! Cruz often would get SO tired of dancing because he never let her rest! She was always grateful when he took a daughter or a granddaughter for a twirl. He was very proud of his 7 children. Their families, their jobs and their homes...all because he wanted them to have a better life for them. And through his sacrifices they were all able to live the "American dream" here Idaho. Speak for all your children Florentino and say, "Thank you".

Florentino is survived by his children (Marcos) Villarreal of Boise, Maria De Jesus Kramer of Mountain Home, John Aguilar of Burley, Candelaria (Roberto) Gomez of Twin Falls, Miguel (Lisa) Aguilar of Boise, Idaho and Luis (Becky) Aguilar of Filer. He is also survived by 30 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren (with 3 more on the way).

He is preceded in death by his parents Alberto & Bernarda, wife Cruz Aguilar, son Paul Aguilar, grandson Alcario Chapa III, great granddaughter Stephanie Vasquez, great grandson Luis Cepeda and grandson-in-law Arturo Juarez.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2021 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery.

