

Calvary

SANTIAGO C. RIOS

Mr. Santiago C. Rios, age 65 of Crockett, formerly of Racine, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 8, 2003 in St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital in Mount Vernon, Ill. Mr. Santiago was born in Robstown, on September 4, 1937 to Pauline (Neo; Castellano) and Santiago Rios, on March 19, 1955 in Crown Point, Ind., he was united in marriage to Petra De La Rosa.

Mr. Rios was employed at J.I. Case for 13 years. Mr. Rios then founded Rio Real Foods and had been retired at the time of his passing. Mr. Rios began the first commercial Spanish speaking radio show in South Eastern Wisconsin followed by other programs on various local radio stations for over 20 years. Mr. Rios was also past President of Las Cruzillistas at St. Patricks Church. Mr. Rios and his wife were awarded the first Favorite Family of Wisconsin in 1986. Mr. Rios was also the former Church Association President at St. Francis of Assisi in Crockett. Mr. Rios was also a strong supporter for Habitat for Humanity and was always involved with community activities in Racine.

Survivors include his wife Petra, of Crockett; five sons Santiago (Joyce) Rios Jr., Armando Rios, Ruben Rios, Al (Jackie) Siamof, and Kemil Siamof; daughter Cynthia (Dale) Lambdin, all of Racine; thirteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; sister Felicita (Ramiro) Romo of Crockett; nieces and nephews, who dearly remember him as

Tio; and other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents and step-father Isabel Ortiz; and one sister.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Patrick Catholic Church on Friday, June 13 at 10:00 a.m. Interment followed in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of Memorials may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Church in Crockett or The Crockett Public Library, or Habitat for Humanity.

Strouf-Kniewwl Funeral Home and Cremation Services