



## Jesse Avila

Jesse Avila -- Bourbonnais Jesse R. Avila, 76, of Bourbonnais, died Sunday (June 4, 2006) at Porter Hospital in Valparaiso, Ind. A memorial service will be held at St. Boniface Church in Monee. Memorial donations may be made to the family. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Avila was a union painter for over 30 years. He was born April 9, 1930, in Chicago, the son of Jesus and Modesta Gonzalez Avila. He attended St. Boniface Church and enjoyed traveling and picnics. Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gilbert and Corinne Henson of Illinois; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lillian Henson-Burke and Joseph Burke of Bourbonnais, Camille and Michael Bidese of Hawthorne, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, Julia, Jenna, Nathaniel, Chad, Nick, Tyler, Dylan, Samantha, Ryan, Charlie and Annalise; one great-grandchild, Payton; one sister and brother-in-law, Marty and Rodney Diaz of Seattle; one brother, Rudy Avila of Iowa; one son, Robert; four daughters, RoseMarie, Cary, Lauren and Geanine; and one very special friend, his brother in spirit - Martinez. Deceased are his wife, Teresa Henson-Avila; his parents; and his first wife, Marilyn.

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“ Dearest Dad,<br><br><br><br>So many prayers I have for you...<br><br><br><br>I pray that our mother, Marilyn has forgiven you and that you are reunited in eternal life forever.<br><br><br><br>I pray that you and our mother will continue to watch over us, especially now in this time of need. <br><br><br><br>I pray that our family finds peace and unity now that this nightmare is over.<br><br><br><br>I pray that you will always know what a privilege it was to be your daughter.<br><br><br><br>Finally, I pray that Lillian finds the courage to entrust us with your remains so that we may bring you home.<br><br><br><br>Your loving daughter, Cary<br><br><br><br>##imported-begin##Cary##imported-end##

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“ My father was a good hard working man that always provided for our family. ĩ½We were fortunate to grow up with plenty of food, clothes, and receive a good education. I know that my parents would be proud of all the accomplishments that their children have made over the years. ĩ½It brings tears to my eyes when I think if the needless pain and suffering that was caused by his second marriage and his wife's manipulative children. I know that his health deteriorated from all of the stress and anxiety. ĩ½I hope and pray that he rests in peace with my mother.<br><br>##imported-begin##Lauren M. Elkin##imported-end##

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“ My father was a devoted husband & father. He was married to my mother Marilyn for 39 years; he is the father of 5 children, 8 grandchildren (one soon to be born) & 1 greatgrandchild.<br><br>Decisions he made after my mother's death, caused him to become estranged from our family & see him on a limited basis. We have greatly missed him in our lives. He has missed so many important family events. He has missed getting to know so many new family members-grandchildren & spouses.<br><br>He loved having his family gathered in their home, enjoying each other's company & my mother's wonderful cooking. My parents instilled in us a strong sense of family, responsibility & work ethics.<br><br>My brother & sister have become wonderful adults, spouses & parents, despite the life they were handed. My father provided part of the foundation they have built their lives around.<br><br>May my father rest in peace & be with my mother once again.##imported-begin##Rose Smolinski##imported-end##

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“ May Mr. Avila rest in peace. I say his name so formally because I have never met him. My husband, Robert is his only son and youngest child. Rob was 17 when his father walked out "remarried" and decided to discontinue contact with his real children. My two children never had the chance to meet their grandfather, and that is such a shame. Maybe one day we will be able to explain it to them. I hope he died peacefully and has felt the forgiving love of God.##imported-begin##Suzanne Avila##imported-end##

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