



Nazario "Charlie" Solis

August 22, 1942 - December 19, 2009

Nazario "Charlie" Solis, 67, of Kankakee, died Saturday (Dec. 19, 2009) surrounded by his family at his daughter's home. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, and from 10 a.m. Tuesday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Briarcliff Lane in Bourbonnais, until the 11 a.m. funeral service. Bishop Steven Beyer will officiate. Burial will be in Aroma Township Cemetery. Charlie was born Aug. 22, 1942, in Grulla, Texas, to Andres' and Maria De La Luz (Ortiz) Solis. He married Nancy J. Crawford on Aug. 22, 1970, in Aroma Park. Charlie felt it was an honor to spend time serving his country. He joined the army in 1963 and throughout the years, spent a considerable amount of time on foreign assignments -- two tours to Germany, two to Honduras, two to Korea, two to Venezuela and one to Vietnam -- as well as many different stateside assignments. During his tour in Vietnam, he received many medals and commendations, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and the Army Commendation medal with oak leaf cluster and "v" device. He spent a total of 30 years in active service, as well as a federal employee working for the DOD at both Glenview Naval Station and Fort Sheridan. After retiring from the military, he drove a truck for Coal City Cobb trucking company. He liked being on the road -- always going new places and meeting new people. Charlie was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bourbonnais. Through the years, he served many different callings in the LDS church. He was also a member of

Boy Scout troop 332, serving on the troop committee, as well as attending summer camp with the boys. Charlie enjoyed collecting, restoring and riding motorcycles, touring through Europe and making road trips to Texas and Florida. He liked spending time with his grandchildren. Camping, fishing, carpentry and mechanical skills were just a few of the things he passed on to them. Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Kankakee; one son, John (Cheryl) Solis of Hurricane, Utah; one daughter, Monika Shadduck of Limestone; 10 grandchildren, Cassandra, Alicia, Kelly, Makenna, Emily and Joshua of Utah and Kayla, Zackary, Nicholas and Kara of Limestone; six sisters, Lupe Delgado, Edna Villalon, Augustina Nuncio, Juanita Balderas, Maria Ayers and Paula Pesina, all of Texas; one brother, Andres' Solis Jr. of Texas; and special extended family of Corinne Eby, her son Braedon, and Richard Schultz. He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Steven Solis; and two sisters, Juvencia Blanco and Noemi Fernandez.



“ Dear Nancy and Family,

People come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, and frames of mind. You like to be with some; not with others. Charlie was a gem and one you always wanted to be around. He was a bright light in our days; a humble servant of man and God, just as God wants us to be. His shining light will be long missed by all of us. Peace be with you, Charlie.##imported-begin##Jim Lomonaco##imported-end##

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“ While I only worked with Charlie for a few years, I enjoyed the time that we did work together. He was a very good worker and always had a positive outlook toward whatever the day had in store for him.

May God watch over you Charlie, and your family.##imported-begin##David Watkins##imported-end##

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“ In this time of sorrow we would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family. Our prayers are with each & everyone of you. ï¿½ï¿½Love Bea##imported-begin##Bea & Harold Dober##imported-end##

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“ I am proud to have had you as a friend. You were a wonderful man. God has called you and you were worthy to go Home. ï¿½ï¿½I shall miss you Charlie. Til we meet again.##imported-begin##Patricia Stephens##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you deal with this great loss. I know your Dad, Grandfather, Husband was a huge part of your lives and he will live on forever in your hearts. Now is the time to remember all the good times you had with him and know that he is watching over all of you.##imported-begin##Heather Garcia##imported-end##

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“ Nancy and Family You have my deepest Sympathy. ĩ½

Debbie Young Garretson##imported-begin##Debbie Young Garretson##imported-end##

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“ may you rest in peace. you leave behind a wonderful family. you will be missed.##imported-begin##james turner##imported-end##

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“ Some of my fondest memories from Crystal Lake relate to the Solis family. ĩ½Charlie was one of the kindest people I have ever met, and it was reflected in the friendships I had (and have) with his children John and Monika. ĩ½Charlie always had a smile for people, and I never heard him say anything angry or hurtful. ĩ½I am pleased to have known him. ĩ½My heartfelt condolences to Nancy, John, Monika and their friends and families.##imported-begin##Mieka Shuman##imported-end##

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