



## Ralph M. Martinez, Sr.

November 15, 2011

~Ralph M. Martinez, Sr., age 85, a resident of Los Chavez, NM passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2011. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Los Chavez and a life member of the VFW. Ralph was born in Fresno, Calif. to Isaiah and Juana Martinez. The family moved to Tierra Amarillo, NM and eventually settled in Albuquerque, NM. At the age of 17 Ralph joined the Army to serve his country serving during WWII, the Korean Conflict, and in the NM Army National Guard retiring after 33 years of service. He married Ida in 1954 and settled in Los Chavez where they raised three children and seven grandchildren. Ralph was a kind hearted patient man who will be missed by many. He was preceded in death by his parents, Isaiah, Sr. and Jenny Bueno Martinez; brothers, Isaiah, Jr. and Edward; and sisters, Margaret Tollardo and Rosalind Vasquez. Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 57 years Ida Vallejos Martinez; brother, Luther and wife, Rose; children, Cynthia Martinez, John and wife, Shari, and Chris and wife, Veronica; grandchildren, Matthew Vallejos, Jessica, Joshua, Andrew, Julia, and Brittany Martinez and Derek Castillo. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A Public Viewing will be held Romero Funeral Home Chapel from 4:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15. A Final Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church of Los Chavez on Wednesday, November 16 at 10:30 a.m. with a Funeral Service to follow at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Boyd Morerod officiating. Interment will follow at Terrace Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers will L.B. Vasquez, Luther Martinez, Peter Lopez, and Joshua, Andrew and George Martinez.