

**Arturo “Art” Solis Jr.**, age 79, of Manistee, Michigan died early Thursday morning, November 22, 2012 unexpectedly at his home in Manistee.

He was born on March 28, 1933 in Mercedes Texas, son of the late Arturo and Louisa (Longoria) Solis. He married Maria Olga Perez on May 25, 1952 in Mercedes Texas, where they lived until moving to Manistee to make their home in 1966. She preceded him in death on May 2, 2011.

Art was employed for over 18 years at the Fallen Drop Forge Company until the plant closed its operation in Manistee. Art then attended West Shore Community College and received his welding certificate. He then was head of Maintenance at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Parish until his retirement. Art was a member of St. Mary’s Men’s Club as well as a member of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church.

He is survived by his five sons & daughters-in-law: Rudy & Barb Solis, Noe & Debbie Solis, Bob & Lisa Solis all of Manistee, MI, Abel & Kim Solis of Dale, TX and Rene & Debbie Solis of Kaleva, MI one daughter & son-in-law: Melva & Patrick Rybicki of Manistee, MI, seventeen grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, four brothers & one sister-in-law, Alex Solis, Poncho Solis, Laupe & Mary Solis, and Armando Solis all of Texas, two sisters & one brother-in-law, Mary Lou Arevalo of Texas and Ophelia & Walley Rios of Virginia, and his sister in-law, Delia Garza of Texas. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

In addition to his parents and wife, Art was also preceded in death by a son George A. Solis and a grandson, Corey Solis, a brother Alberto and two sisters, Victoria & Consuelo.

A private family service was held at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken officiating. Burial took place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also of Manistee.

**The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**