MARTIN CASILLAS

Martin Casillas, 81, the owner and operator of Casillas Mexican Restaurant for many years, died March 16, 2007 in Decatur.

Mr. Casillas was born January 30, 1926 in Bridgeport to the late Charlie and Josephine Burrola Casillas. He married Ruth Valasquez on January 6, 1941. Thery were united 66 years until his death. He was a U. S. Army Veteran and a member of St. John's Catholic Church. He was preceded by his parents, his daughter, Juanita Salas and son, David Casillas.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Casillas of Bridgeport; sons, Martin Casillas, Jr. and wife, Mary Helen of Bridgeport and Charley Casillas and wife, Cecilia of Fort Worth; daughters, Mary Martinez and husband Jesse of Fort Worth, Josephine Morales and husband Joe of Fort Worth, Ida Gonzales and husband, Santos of Alvarado, Pauline Ramos and husband Robert of Arlington, Helen Casillas of Bridgeport; sisters, Mary Sue Garza of Paradise and Emily Davilla of Bridgeport; eighteen grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Mass of Christian burial was January 19 at St. John's Catholic Church with Father Gonzalo Morales officiating. Interment was at the Mexican Cemetery. Pallbearers were Marty Casillas, Jesse Casillas, Robert Gonzales, Joseph Morales, Charley Casillas, Jr., and Rich Alcaraz, Jr.

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