



Mario "Mike" Villarreal

April 13, 2010

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GA - Mario "Mike" Villarreal, 69, of Brown Rd, entered into rest Monday, April 12, 2010, at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, April 15, at 7:00 PM, from the chapel of Chance and Hydrick Funeral Directors, with Father Willis E. Everett officiating.

Mr. Villarreal, son of the late Lucrecia Garza and Federico Villarreal, was born in Nueva Laredo, Mexico, and had lived in the area for thirty-nine years. He served in the United States Army with three tours in Vietnam. He was a member of the VFW. He trained race horses, was a team roper and announced horse shows. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and was an ardent fan of the Georgia Bulldogs, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Texas Longhorns.

Mr. Villarreal was preceded in death by his sister, Juanita Bertha Villarreal.

He is survived by son Michael Kevin Villarreal, of Augusta; daughters, Lucrecia Shelton and husband, Matthew, Brandi Villarreal, all of Augusta, and Rebecca McPherson and husband, James, of Soldotna, Alaska; his wife, Debra Villarreal; brothers, Fred Villarreal, Ruben Villarreal, and Robert Villarreal, all of San Antonio, TX; sisters, Alicia Alfaro, Norma Guerra, Elva DeLeon, Marta Villarreal, and Juanita Carter, all of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, Rachel Goodwin, and Cory Goodwin, both of Gibson, GA, and Heidi Goodwin, of Soldotna, Alaska; and great grandchild, Liam.

The family will receive friends Thursday, April 15, from 5 PM until the hour of the service.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Rd, Augusta, GA, 30906.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Hi Becky, I hope you are doing ok after the loss of your dad. I know it took me forever to come to terms with my own daddys' death. It have been 17 years and it stil seems like yesterday!!

Please contact me if you ever read this. Dorothy and I both wondered about you over the years!!

Take care, Janet

(Dillmans MHP, remember?)

Janet Harvey-Hopkins - June 20, 2010 at 04:25 PM

JH

“ Becky and Family,

We are so sorry to hear about your dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Janet

Janet Harvey-Hopkins - April 16, 2010 at 09:19 PM

JV

“ We miss you Uncle Guero. You will always be the funniest guy I've ever met. All the stories you shared made me understand how important our name was. How proud of the name Villarreal we should be.

I will always remember our rides to and from the airport. You knew when Uncle Mario got here, we were in for a laugh...for the entire trip! Always with the offset humor, it felt like we were both 21 when we were together. Plus he always wanted me to take him out for a night on the town!

When I think back to it, the limited time that I got to spend with my Uncle left such an imprint on my life that I will always remember them like it was yesterday. I finally understood why I am the way I am. It was like a secret that was passed down from Villarreal to Villarreal. Uncle Mario changed my life and assisted in the cultivation of my maturity as a man.

We know you're up there in heaven telling jokes that are making everyone blush. We know that you're always going to make us smile. We know that no matter what, you are always going to be proud of us. You always spoke of Crecia, Becky, Brandy and Kevin with the utmost pride and gratitude. We knew, and hopefully all of you guys knew, how proud a father he was. To me, his greatest accomplishment was his kids and grandkids. Family was always number one. And for that, we are proud of him, and I owe him a debt of gratitude now that I am raising my own family, and I truly understand what it takes to be a family man.

I never got to say thank you Uncle Mario. Thank you...I appreciate everything you ever taught me and will pass it on to my sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, grandkids and otherwise.

I love you Uncle Guero, to the true meaning of Villarreal!!!

God Bless,
Your Nephew John Robert Villarreal

P.S. To Debbie, Lucrecia, Becky, Brandy and Kevin we are all thinking about you, we love you, we will be here for you always, even if we aren't there in person.

John Villarreal - April 14, 2010 at 11:03 AM