Roberto Ramirez

Mr. Roberto Ramirez of Visalia, CA, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, March 20th, 2010 in Los Angeles at the age of 56. Roberto was born on December 26th, 1953 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Maria Elena Martinez and Juan Ramirez. He was the eldest brother to his nine siblings. He was a graduate of Orosi High, Class of 1972. He served in the United States Marine Corps starting in 1974, where he nobly earned the Pistol Marksman Badge and the Rifle Expert Badge, as well as the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1978. He began working for Union Pacific Railroad in June 1979, and had remained a loyal employee until recent time. During the same year of 1979 he married the love of his life (Hitomi Akagawa) and together raised 4 loving children. Roberto was a family man, and was extremely proud of everything each of his children had accomplished during his time here with them. He was especially proud to be a grandfather to his five grandchildren, ranging in ages from 10 months - 7 years. He will be greatly missed by those who had the pleasure to know him. He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Hitomi Ramirez, his mother, Maria Elena Ramirez, 2 sons, Michael Kazuki Ramirez and wife Rebecca; Christopher Robert Ramirez; 2 daughters, Yuko Angelica Ramirez; Naoko Jennifer Ramirez; 3 brothers, Ruben, Johny and Juan Ramirez; 6 sisters, Mary Soto, Magdalena Paneda, Maria Vivero, Rosie Jaime, Irene Perez and Santos Gomez; and 5 beloved grandchildren. A funeral mass of Christian burial will be held Tuesday March 30, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, followed by a graveside service at Visalia District Cemetery. A rosary will be held on Monday March 29, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel and visitation will be held on Monday 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be e-mailed to salseranddillard@aol.com.

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