

RAY MORALES

1941-2008

CHICO: Alton "Ray" Morales died July 29, 2008.

Ray was born on June 8, 1941 to Alton "Hoot" and Frances Kuykendall Morales in Fort Worth. He grew up and went to high school in Handley, Texas. After high school he served in the U.S. Navy. December 19, 1959 he married his childhood sweetheart, Ruby Gipson, in Fort Worth, where they began their life together and started a family. They moved to Chico in 1976.

His passion for farming was a family tradition. He grew hundreds of acres of watermelons, cantaloupes and pumpkins in the Wichita Falls area as a hobby. He was the owner of several metal recycling companies. Ray was a friend to everyone he met and had a generous heart. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Ruby Morales; his loving companion, Precious (his dog); daughter, Brenda Mowery and husband Walt of Chico; sons, Doug Morales and wife Sandra

of Bridgeport, Calvin Morales and wife Donna of Chico, David Morales and partner Kevin Beard of Dallas, Rick Morales and wife Stacey of Bridgeport; sisters, LaNell Langley, Martha Jackson, Ann Hansen, Kat-herine Brooks, and Pam Fuller; grandchildren, Crystal Mc-Kelvain, Derrick Mowery, Crystal Rodriguez, Natalie Vidal, Justin Morales, Matthew Morales, Calvin Morales, Jr., Jonathan Morales and Lauren Morales; 7 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hawkins Funeral Home. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery #3. The Reverend Melvin Gipson officiated, assisted by Reverend Dwayne Lamberson.

Pallbearers were Tim Speck, Peter Baum, Ronnie Koehler, Mark Hazelhurst, Jerry Cooper, Mike Lane, Randall Carr, and Robert Emory.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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