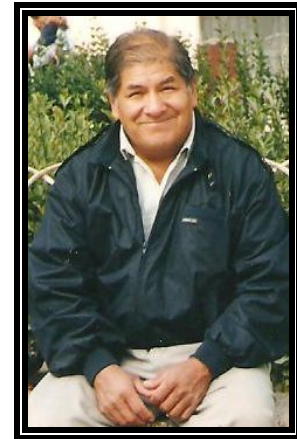


OBITUARY

GERARDO RAMIREZ GONZALES, 63

Gerardo Ramirez Gonzales, 63, of Pingree, passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at his home following an extended battle with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Gerardo was born on December 5, 1946 in Talavera, Apurímac, Peru to Jose Ramirez Palomino and Salome Gonzales Centeno de Ramirez. He was raised in Peru and graduated from Peruvian high school. In 1971, Gerardo immigrated to the United States and took employment in Buhl, Idaho. He continued to work for various farmers and ranchers until he went to work for Simplot in Aberdeen in 1985. As part of his employment Gerardo completed his General Education Diploma and also became certified as a Boiler and Compressor Operator through Idaho State University Vo-Tech. He was always known as a very dedicated and hard worker.



Gerardo was a member of the St. Bernard's Catholic church in Blackfoot. He enjoyed playing soccer and basketball, camping, fishing, hunting, dancing, watching American football and above all he was a family man and cherished the time he spent with his children and grandchildren.

Gerardo is survived by his wife Yasmin of Pingree, two sons, C.J. (Becky) Bay of Gooding, ID and Renny Valdez of Pingree; five daughters, Alexandra Reyes of Arlington, Virginia, Ysabel Reyes of Blackfoot, Liz (Richard) Hervias of Paterson, New Jersey, Sonia (Oscar) Lopez of Blackfoot, and Tessy Valdez of Pingree; his mother, Salome Gonzalez de Ramirez of Peru, one brother, Jesús Ramirez of Pingree; three sisters, Fortunata Ramirez of Peru, Susana Ramirez and Eugenia Ramirez both residents of Italy; grandchildren, Mariam, Israel, Gabriela, Elizabeth, Lucas and Nicolas; close friends and coworkers Ron Inskip, Martin Elguezabal, Jose Martinez, and Ignacio Ruiz; as well as many other close friends and family members.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 25, 2010 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Blackfoot. A rosary service will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 25, 2010 with a viewing continuing until 9:00 p.m. at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling, Blackfoot.

Interment will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery.

Condolences for the family may be sent to condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.