



Arturo Cruz

June 10, 1935 - October 12, 2015

Arturo Z. Cruz lost his fifth battle to cancer on October 12, 2015 in his home surrounded by his loving family and friends. Arturo was born on July 10, 1935 in Asherton, TX to Cleofas Cruz and Refugia Zamora Cruz. He lived in Texas for 26 years where he met the love of his life Anita Trujillo, who he later married on January 21, 1955. The first twelve years of marriage Arturo and Anita traveled from state to state as migrant workers and ended up in Moses Lake, WA in 1961 where they bought their lifelong home. Arturo worked with Hara Farms, Forest Lybbert Farms and Hugh Baker Farms before working for Americold for 17 years where he retired in 1997.

Anyone who knew Arturo knew that if they came to his house, he would welcome them with open arms. He enjoyed working in his garden where he grew tomatoes and jalapenos for his daughters to can chile (salsa) as a yearly tradition with their mom. Another fond memory that he shares with his sons is butchering pigs to feed their entire family at many family gatherings. Arturo took a lot of pride in his yard and spent many long hours outside enjoying the sunshine, eating watermelon and making his famous homemade snow cones for all of his grand children and great grandchildren. He enjoyed camping in Republic, Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens with all his family as well as going fishing.

Arturo enjoyed watching sports and traveling to games out of town to watch

his sons, grandkids and great grandkids play sports. He loved going to watch the Seattle Mariner's at both the King Dome as well as at Safeco Field.

Arturo and Anita started their legacy with 6 children; Dalia (Leo) Cortez, David Cruz, Armando Cruz, Monica (James) Smith, Sylvia (Cody) Hutchison, Arturo Jr. (Suzanne Trowbridge) Cruz, 26 grand children and 38 great grand children. He is preceded in death by his parents Cleofas and Refugia Cruz, his brother Alonzo Cruz, his first born son Arturo Jr, his grand daughter Amy Cruz and his great grandchildren Elizabeth Navarro and Isaiah Medina.

The family would like to give special thanks to the Columbia Basin Cancer Society of Moses Lake, Northwest Cancer Treatment Center in Spokane, Assured Hospice of Moses Lake and all of the family and friends that supported Arturo through the 13 long years he fought his battle with cancer.

Holy Rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2015 followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Interment will be in Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L NE, Moses Lake. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Service

OCT 16. 9:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)
200 North Dale Road
Moses Lake, WA

Service

OCT 16. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)
200 N. Dale Rd
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

MS

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"NUESTRAS CONDOLENCIAS A LA FAMILIA CRUZ"

*My name is Miguel A. Salinas-Historian
Hijo de Arturo Flores Salinas de Asherton "Cheto" Texas
I live in West Linn, Oregon and dedicate myself to research.
Nuestra gente
de Asherton is one of my major projects.*

*Asherton-Ashinto-Cheto is a town that made its mark dating back to the
late 1930's early 1940's. Arturo Cruz and his entire family according
to other people
who knew the family would by-pass Oregon and migrated to the
Moses Lake Area.*

*Thanks to Roberto Cruz who resides in Oregon, I was able to learn
about the CRUZ FAMILY. I plan to add the Cruz Family to my
website which I started five years ago. I will respectfully add this
LINK to share a brief story about a Pioneer Family in the NW
Ashertonian- ARTURO CRUZ.*

Please visit www.texmexorusa.org

*Feel free to pass on this LINK to others as we LA GENTE DE
ASHERTON have Pioneer Stories that must be shared.*

*A la familia de Arturo nuestras condolencias de parte de la RAZA
de Oregon originaria de Asherton, Dimmit County, Texas USA.*

*conAMISTAD!
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NOTE: According to an Ashertonian by the name of Maximiano (Mikes) Salinas (RIP) "Cuatro hombres solos" were going to Moses Lake and their car broke down by the city of Woodburn, Oregon in the mid-1940's. The four men were: Cleofas Cruz, Manuel Garcia, Santos Vasquez and Arturo F. Salinas (my dad). A fellow by the name of Harry Kessler helped these four men and found work for them. Later, Cleofas decided to proceed to a place he knew better.... The Moses Lake Washington Area.

*STORY SOURCE Cruz Robles Garcia - Met Harry Kessler in 1948..Fairfield, Oregon
Albert Bustamante -- Recalls the journey by families to Moses Lake and other areas in Washington State He used the phrase "Por aqui pasabamos y un dia nos quedamos"...*

If you know anything about this special journey? Please contact me...GRACIAS! Miguel

Miguel Salinas - February 11, 2017 at 05:27 PM

RZ

“ *To all of Arturo's Family and wife Anita,*

We are deeply saddened by the news of Arturo's passing. Our heartfelt condolences go out to all of Arturo's family and beloved wife Anita. We were very fortunate to spend some time with him and all his family in Moses Lake, Washington. He will most definitely be missed by us. We will continue praying for him, his wife, and all his family.

From: Adrian Zamora, wife Rosa Zamora, Sons Michael, Mark, and mom Cristina Zamora.

Rosa Zamora - October 18, 2015 at 05:58 PM

LB

“ To the family of Arturo Cruz,
Art drove truck in harvest hauling Potatoes and Sugar Beets for my father, Thurn Baker. When I was a young boy I would come home from school and hurry to the field so I could ride with Art in my Dads 1954 Red International Truck to the Factory or Storage where we would unload the truck. It seems like we would get at least two loads each evening before the Scales closed. We had some great visits in the truck and I learned much of my driving skills from him. I will be driving truck in our own Potato Harvest tomorrow during his Services as we are busy in harvest and to honor those many years with Art. I still love driving truck in harvest, it is one of the highlights of my year, and I owe it to those wonderful memories. I mourn with you his loss from this life, but know that because of Jesus Christ we will all be Resurrected and have our bodies and spirit together in a perfect physical body that will never die again. I really look forward to seeing Arturo again. I know that he is enjoying being with his parents and family that have already passed. I remember hearing his parents testify many times that they knew there is life after death. It will be a great day when you will see him again. I hope that as your hearts mourn you will be able to remember the many great times with him. My heart goes out to you.
Leon Baker

Leon R Baker - October 15, 2015 at 11:51 PM

MG

“ Michelle Guzman lit a candle in memory of Arturo Cruz



Michelle Guzman - October 14, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened to hear of a loss of a great man, Arturo. On behalf of The Perez familia, my sincere condolences to you all. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this grieving process. May he rest in peace.*



Cypress P Perez

Cypress Perez - October 14, 2015 at 03:41 PM



“ *For Art's Family,*

All of us at Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation were so very sorry to hear that Art has passed away....He was such a very special man, and it was wonderful to see how many family & friends held him so near to their hearts! He was well-loved in his life, and I know you will all miss him very much! He fought his battle with such great courage and dignity, and was such an inspiration to us all! I hope it is some comfort to you that he is now resting peacefully, and doesn't have to struggle or suffer anymore. We will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers!



*Jean Copley, Patient Services Coordinator
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Jean Copley - October 13, 2015 at 04:47 PM

MZ

PARA LA FAMILIA DE ARTURO

ANITA Y TODOS SUS HIJOS,

It is with great sadness to learn of Arturo's passing. Even though we knew he was very sick, it was still very painful and sad to learn of his passing. I told my dad (Amaro/Aurora) and they send their heartfelt condolences. QUE DIOS LOS BENDIGA.

De parte de Mario/Alma Zamora and my sons, Mario Jr., Michael, Sergio and our grandkids, Magaly, Esai, Michaela, and Lyla Zamora.

Mario Zamora - October 14, 2015 at 04:54 PM

DN

Anita and Family

Our most sincere condolences on the passing of Arturo. May he rest in peace. I am so glad we had the pleasure of seeing him last time he was in Asherton, Tx. God bless you Anita and the whole family. All our love, Sulema & Calo Banda and daughters, Diana, Delia, Dalia and Denise

Delia Navarro - October 15, 2015 at 02:22 PM

CH

Our condolences go out to all of Tio Arturo's 'Ohana. God bless and keep you all together and stronger than ever.

Love,

The Ross'

Charmaine - October 16, 2015 at 12:32 AM

WH

To The Cruz Family: We are very sad to see the news of Art's passing. I worked with Art at Americold for many years, and had great respect for him as a humble, yet proud and hard-working gentleman. I can never once remember Art ever being angry for any reason... he was always a beacon of light, and he helped brighten the day of anyone he came in contact with!! He was the King of facility maintenance, and took great pride in keeping everything looking good at an extremely busy facility. Even though I have not seen him for years, I still wondered about him frequently, hoping that all was well, and thinking that I would surely run into him somewhere and share some old memories. Condolences to Anita and family...

Love,

Wally & Linda Hanson

Wally Hanson - October 18, 2015 at 11:43 PM

MR

To the Cruz family: We are deeply saddened to hear the loss of a great man. God saw Art was getting tired and a cure was not to be. He put his arms around him and whispered "come to me". With tear-filled eyes, we watched him suffer and fade away. Although we loved him deeply, we could not make him stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands put to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best. May he rest in peace. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Lonnie & Ruby Reid - Seattle, WA

Marvin & Cheri Reid - Las Vegas, NV

Marvin Reid - October 19, 2015 at 07:49 PM

DK

monica , am sorry for the passing of your father, but we know he is not suffering any more he will be missed, but you will see him again. doris kissner

doris kissner - October 20, 2015 at 07:50 AM