



Edward Garza,

May 10, 1943 - February 22, 2008

Requiem Mass for Edward Benjamin Garza, Sr., 64, of Flint, is scheduled for 11:00 AM Monday, February 25, 2008 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev Tim Kelly & Monsignor Joseph Strickland officiating. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home in Tyler. Edward died Friday, February 22, 2008 in Tyler at Hospice of East Texas. He was born May 10, 1943 in Aransas Pass, TX to the late Roman Sr. and Marciana Garza. Edward was raised in Aransas Pass where he attended high school and in 1965 he joined the United States Navy and served for over 6 years. He later graduated from Delmar College in Corpus Christi with an Associates Degree in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. Edward went on to work for the Federal Aviation Administration for over 40 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and Parish Council. Survivors include his wife Margaret Helen Garza; son, Edward B. Garza, Jr. of Edgewood; two daughters, Renee Blackford of Conway, AR and Michelle Mead of Whitehouse; ten grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter; two sisters, Sylvia Olivares of Corpus Christi and Mina Robles of Aransas Pass; two brothers, Roman J. Garza of Aransas Pass and Homer Garza of Houston; and numerous neices and nephews. Family will receive friends 5 - 7 PM and Rosary will follow at 7pm with Deacon Clarence Blalock officiating Sunday, February 24, 2008 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703. If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas; 4111

University Blvd, Tyler 75701 or St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church "Building Fund"; 18221 FM 2493, Flint 75762. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

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“ I met Ed on June 24, 1974, a Monday, he already had a few months under his belt as a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) technician in Corpus Christi, Texas. This June day was my first day to report as a new hire for the FAA as a technician like Ed. He was a very helpful individual and one warm memory about Ed was when he drove five of us new hires to have our picture taken for our Government ID badges. His US Navy days made him an organized individual and discipline about details so it was no surprise, in retrospect, that our supervisor appointed him to show us some of the ropes. With the first day on the job preliminary paper and filling out forms is a norm, well Ed made sure we had crossed all the t's and dotted all the i's before we handed the paper work back to the secretary. Ed was always ready to tutor me in Mathematics dealing with electrical circuits supporting FAA systems. To some of us he was literally a Big Brother and mentor when mentoring as not thought of. After a short time in FAA Corpus Christi Office, we were all eventually moved to other towns. Ed was relocated to Laredo, Texas where he was assigned to that airport and the Long Range Radar site in Oilton, Texas. Shortly after reporting to Laredo he quickly acquired his journeyman's position and you knew the Laredo FAA station would be in good hands. Ed introduced me to good work ethics and after one of my training session with him in Laredo he reminded me that after a hard day's work one needs to relax and relax we surely did. Ed knew and appreciated good food and introduced me to Italian food, of all places, in Laredo, Texas. He recommended the Veal Parmesan and I have never come to regret that menu choice. Not to mention having it with a COLD beer. Down our extensive career paths with the FAA we crossed roads here and there at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City. The times Ed and I were classmates he was always ready to accomplish his very best as a student. He was masterful in taking class notes with a terrific penmanship, very intelligent, as a classmate he made you perform your very best as well.

With his passing I have come to realize he to was a Brother Knight. I will always treasure my memories about Ed Garza as a co-worker

and a caring individual.

Rey Juarez - February 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I send my prayers and love to you all. I can not believe that God has taken another wonderful person to be in his group of angels. He was a blessing and I will always have fond memories of him. God bless you all.*

Chris Wiggins - February 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ed and I shared three things: our membership in the Knights of Columbus, our membership as parishioners at St Mary Magdalene Church, and our love of Harley Davidson motorcycles. In fact, I was trying to get him a contact for a Texas club called "Knights on Bikes" to no avail.*

Anyhow, despite the fact that we were not close friends we did share our love of God and our Church together. I regret that I was not able to visit him during his long illness, but I know for sure that he is now in a better place.

Margaret, my sincere condolences to you on your loss. May you be comforted by your many happy memories and the fact that Ed's suffering is over and that he is now living eternal life with God in Heaven.

Milt Price - February 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM