



Mauricio Diaz

September 22, 1928 - January 26, 2010

Mauricio Renteria (Ornelas) Diaz, 81, a longtime Wenatchee resident, passed away peacefully January 26, 2010 at home in Wenatchee, WA.

Mauricio was born on September 22, 1928 at Cruzes, Valparaiso, Mexico, the youngest son of seven, of the late Tomas Renteria and Suzana Diaz. He lived in Mexico until the age of 15 ½ when he migrated to the US in order to work.

At the age 21 he married Maria Juarez Rodriguez. For the next 6 years the family migrated from Eloy, Arizona to Toppenish, WA; following agricultural work. In 1960 Mauricio settled his family in Quincy, WA. Mauricio attended school to learn English and obtain his US Citizenship. He worked in farm labor and in 1972 he bought a small orchard in Wenatchee, WA, as well as several rental residences to support his family. Mauricio retired in 1996. He is survived by: his wife of 60 years, Maria Diaz; three daughters: Jovita (Ruben) Balderas, Moses Lake, WA, Blanca (Lalo) Gonzalez, Moses Lake, WA and Valentina (Ruben) Saucedo, Wenatchee, WA; five sons: Jerry Ornelas, Wenatchee, WA, Ruben (Sheila) Ornelas, Wenatchee, WA, Martin (Susie) Diaz, Wenatchee, WA, Mauricio Jr. (Tiffany) Diaz, Wenatchee, WA., and Daniel Ornelas; 21 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, 5 brothers, a granddaughter Rosemary Gonzalez, August 12, 1989 and a son Juan Michael Ornelas, February 19, 1994.

Rest in peace, Pápi, until we meet again.

Visitation will be 3:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM Monday February 1, 2010 at Telford's

Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee. Funeral Services begin at Telford's at 10:30 AM Tuesday February 2, 2010. Interment will follow at Wenatchee City Cemetery.