



Gilbert Ruiz

November 29, 1944 - December 24, 2008

Gilbert Ruiz passed away December 20, 2008 at his home in Huntsville. He had been a cancer fighter since 2004. He was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on November 29, 1944 to Roman and Maria Arredonda Ruiz. Since the age of nine he had lived in Huntsville. He was employed by Southwestern Bell for 32 years. He was an extraordinary fisherman and he was also known for his bowling skills. He loved to play slow pitch softball as long as age and health would allow. He always got straight to the point. He had a big heart and was willing to help anyone in any way. Gilbert was an avid poker player and enjoyed the time spent around a poker table with his close "buddies." He is survived by a large family; step-daughter Stephanie Lindley and husband Matthew Sr. and two grandsons Luther Lindley III and Maththew Lindley, Jr. of Orange, TX, step-son Steven Greenhaw and wife Krisstin and two grandsons Blayne and Rope Greenhaw of Huntsville, daughter Toni Ruiz and grandchildren Aaron and Isabella Ruiz of Austin, daughter Anita Whitley and husband Reese and grandchildren Preston and Adaline Whitley of Austin, son, Chris Ruiz, brothers; Raymond Ruiz of Sacramento, CA, Pete Ruiz of Nancho Cordova, CA and Arvitico Ruiz of Dallas, sisters; Julie Cruz of Perterville, CA, Stella Salazar of Virginia, Yolanda of Washington, Gloria of Las Vagan, NV, and Elma, foster brother Johnny Amick of Huntsville and best friend and caretaker Donna Parson of Huntsville. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers; Johnny, Ramiro and Richard Ruiz. Services will be held Wednesday December 24, 2008 at 10 AM in the Sam Houston

Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. William Bushong officiating. Interment will follow at Brooke Cemetery under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers are John Greenhaw, Sr. Matthew Lindley, Don Carpenter, Roy Kibby, Jamie Jeter, Budda Oliver, Luther Lindley, Jr. and James Stapelton. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gilbert Ruiz*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Not long ago I had taken Gilbert to be admitted to a hospital in Conroe. The nurse came in to fill out the paper work. She ask who I was and before I could say anything he said that's my brother. I was touched at the time now it brings tears to my eyes.*

Donna thanks for asking me to help "haul Gilbert around". It was an honor to help out when I could and I will always treasure these times and all the memories we had growing up.

I have had deep regrets missing the service but I took a trip with my family that had been in the works for quite awhile and was hard to cancel or reschedule. Myself and my friend Bobby Prentice are planning another graveside memorial service soon for those that could not attend his Christmas Eve service.

Farewell Gilbert and thanks for being my brother. We will meet again.

Johnny Amick - December 28, 2008 at 11:07 PM



“ *I was very sorry to hear about Gilbert, he was a good man. I will always remember him.*

Terry Neal - December 25, 2008 at 03:12 PM

MV

“ It has been quite sometime since I worked with Gilbert. Some days it feels like just yesterday and others, the 30 years it has been. In reading the condolences, I see he is still the Gilbert I remember. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family as they take this final journey with him.

Mary Vaults-Riley

Mary Vaults-Riley - December 24, 2008 at 06:49 PM

BC

“ DONNA ARE THOUGHTS AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOU FAMILY AT THIS TIME AND ALWAYS. HE WAS A VERY GOOD NEIHBOR FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS.

ALTON AND BETTY CARROLL

betty & alton carroll - December 24, 2008 at 04:00 PM

MF

“ There will come a day when the tears of sorrow will softly flow into tears of remembrance...and your heart will begin healing itself...and grieving will be interrupted by episodes of joy...and you will hear the whisper of hope. There will come a day when you will welcome the tears of remembrance...as a sun shower of the soul...a turning of the tide...a promise of peace. There will come a day when you will...risk loving...go on believing...and treasure the tears of remembrance. As for me, I will lie down that I may sleep; I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me. -Psalms 3:5 I have fought the fine fight, I have run the course to the finish, I have observed the faith.-2Timothy 4:7.

Magallon Family - December 24, 2008 at 10:33 AM

LD

“ *Donna and the Ruiz Family,
Just wanted to tell you that Gilbert was one of the sweetest men we knew. Each and every time he walked into the office, he was smiling and so full of joy. We will miss him coming in but will always have fond memories of him. May God bless you all during your time of loss. We will be thinking and praying for you.
Lynette Dobbins & JoAnn Bongiovi (Farmers Insurance)*

Lynette Dobbins - December 24, 2008 at 08:19 AM

BD

“ *Gilbert, you will be missed and although I haven't seen you in years because of my move to California, you were always a friend. Dennis Vermillion and I always enjoyed playing ball with you and hanging out with you at various places in Huntsville. I always knew when we saw you we had a true friend in the house. Your honesty, friendliness, and intergrity were just a few of your greatest virtues. Until another time and place my friend, good-bye.
Benny Dixon, hornet great class of '67*

Benny Dixon - December 23, 2008 at 07:06 PM

MM

“ *To the Ruiz Family,
Our heart is filled with sadness at your loss of Gilbert. We can not imagine the pain you feel now but we wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Our deepest sympathy
The San Miguel Family*

Maria L San Miguel - December 23, 2008 at 02:00 PM

MC

“ Johnny-am so sorry to hear about your loss-seems like only yesterday we were all growing up in Huntsville-my thoughts and prayers are with you as well as the rest of Gilberts family

Mary Beth Kaltwasser Cook - December 23, 2008 at 01:46 PM

LH

“ Gilbert was a very old friend of mine. We rode the same school bus and sat at the back of the bus. He was my hero as he protected me from the other bigger kids on the school bus. So I have known him at least 51 years. He has always been a very sweet individual. I saw him again, after so many years,at the bowling alley where he bowled with my son Walter N.Horsley. Wally talked and talked about Gilbert, but I didn't even have a clue it was the same one I'd always known. It was so good to see him again after all these years. Gilbert will be missed.

Lydia Martinez Horsley Schraeder

Lydia Martinez Horsley-Schraeder - December 23, 2008 at 10:00 AM