



Gary Rankin

December 27, 1947 - November 24, 2006

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 1, 2006 at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Gary Rankin passed away suddenly November 24, 2006. He was born December 27, 1947 in Saginaw, MI. Gary was a 1966 graduate of Saginaw High School, where he played basketball and baseball. He continued his love for sports while serving in the U.S. Army from 1968-1970. He married Gloria Santoya in 1976. She survives him. He was employed at the Hampton Inn. Gary leaves behind his wife, Gloria; children, Tina (Juan) Facundo, Eric (Jeanna) Rankin, Troy (Anna) Rankin and Andrea Rankin; and his pride and joy, his 10 grandchildren, Jessica Cole, Victoria Facundo, Rosa Facundo and Juan Facundo, Cassandra Rankin, Jada Rankin, Troy Rankin, Jr., Brittany Rankin, Torion Rankin, Julian Allen, and one on the way; three sisters, Angelia Brooks, Saginaw, MI, Romona Rankin, Irvine, CA and Roslyn Rankin, Saginaw, MI; one brother, Rodrick Rankin, Saginaw, MI; one aunt, Clara Thomas; four sisters-in-law, Julia (Alex) Hernandez, Martha Santoya, Mary Jane Gomez and Dora (Robert) Flores; three brothers-in-law, Daniel Santoya, Ramiro (Rebecca) Santoya and Edward Santoya and many other relative and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Katie Rankin; great-granddaughter, Shiree Williams; one br father and mother-in-law, Donaciano and Ofelia Santoya; sister-in-law, Annette Santoya and her son, Troy Santoya, Jr. The family would like to express special thanks to John

McKinney, Stanley Brazil, Danny Facundo, Greg Rivera and his family and many more.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Loving you and missing you forever. You will live on in our hearts Gary. Thank you for taking me in as your own. You have always been a dad to me and I love you so much for that!* ”

Tracie Emerick - November 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

“ My Tio Gary...he was a kool kat. A smooth talkin', laid back man. If you didn't bother him, he wouldn't bother you. He was just mellow like that.

My memories take me back.....back to the days (the late 70's/early 80's) where we'd be packed in the backseat of your Lincoln Continental, Lou Rawls playing on the 8 track and either going to or leaving one of your baseball games at Wickes or Hoyt Park. Man, those were the days!

For as long as I can remember, whenever I would hear this song, it reminded me of you:

"BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU GOT"

*Though you may not drive
a great big Cadillac;
Gangsta whitewalls,
TV antennas in the back.*

*You may not have
a car at all,
But remember brothas and sistas,
You can still stand tall.*

Just be thankful for what you've got.

*Diamond in the back,
sunroof top,
diggin the scene
With a gangsta lean
whoo-hoo*

You leaving us has been quite a shock. So unexpected. A true instance of "you never know when it will be the last time you see someone". I am thankful for the many memories of birthday, holiday,

bbq, family gatherings we've all spent together. Like everyone else, I wish I could have seen you to hug you and say good-bye, one last time.

I will miss you, Tio! May you rest in peace.

I hope you knew...you were one of my favorites.

Thank you for always showing me love.

~Forever in my heart~

your niece, Christina

Christina M. Hernandez-Rivera - November 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ GARY WAS A WONDERFUL MAN...EVERYONE LOVED AND RESPECTED HIM HERE AT THE HAMPTON INN. HE LOVED TO WALK THE HALLS TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING WAS OK AND RUNNING SMOOTHLY....AND IF HE WASNT WALKING THE HALLS HE WAS OUT CUTTING GRASS OR TINKERING WITH SOMETHING THAT NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED. HE WOULD ALWAYS ANSWER THE PAGES WE WOULD SEND OUT TO HIM TO HELP US WITH ANYTHING WE NEEDED HELP WITH...NOW HE HAS ANSWERED THE ONE PAGE THAT NO ONE EXPECTED HIM TO....A PAGE FROM GOD....WE MISS HIM MORE THEN WORDS CAN SAY HERE AT THE HAMPTON IN. WE WILL ALWAYS CHARISH HIM IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.....WE SEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS WITH THE FAMILY IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. WE KNOW GARY IS IN A GREAT PLACE DOING HIS DAILY GOOD DEEDS.....

ANGELA ANDERSON - November 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM