

## John S. Esparza

5/23/1941 – 2/23/2010

John S. Esparza age 68, 400 East Warren Street Lot 5 Celina , Ohio and former Portland resident passed away Tuesday morning in Mercer County Community Hospital . He was born May 23, 1941 in Laredo, Texas the son of Silvestre and Magdalena (Torres) Esparza. He was married to Edna Hinshaw in 1964 and she died in 1969. He later married Lois Theurer on January 22, 1972 and she survives. He was retired in 2000 from Indiana Glass. He was a member of

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Celina, Portland eagles Lodge, Portland Moose Lodge and Local Union 501.

Surviving are his wife Lois, one son Kevin Esparza of Indianapolis , one daughter Mrs. Brian (Kim) Hebble of Celina, two step-daughters Mrs. Steve (Sherri) Heileman of Franklin, TN. and Mrs. Justin (Kristin) Vargas of Springhill, TN. Three brothers Benito Esparza of Pennville, David Esparza of Portland and Reuben Vela of Portland, Eight sisters Mrs. David (Margarita) Vasquez of Portland, Mrs. John (Beatrice) Riojas of Portland, Mrs. Pat (Mary) Martinez of Redkey, Mrs. Isabel (Jane) Costillo of Portland, Mrs. Jose (Yolanda) Nunez of Decatur, Mrs. George (Irma) Drumm of Portland, Mrs. Rick (Josephine) Norman of Decatur and Mrs. Randy (Alisia) Crouse of Portland Twelve grandchildren and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by a sister Minerva Tingley.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10:00 A.M. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Portland with Fr. Robert Moran presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery . Visitation will be Thursday from 3:00 – 8:00 P.M. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society, Jay County Heart Fund, Diabetes Association or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

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