



## Joseph Melendres

February 21, 1932 - January 19, 2007

Joseph Melendres age 74 of Rock Falls, IL died Friday Jan. 19, 2007 in his home. He was born Feb. 21, 1932 in Nachusa, IL the son of Jesus and Felipa (Moya) Melendrez. He had worked at Northwestern Steel and Wire in Sterling for over 25 years prior to his retirement in 1988. He was a veteran of the Air Force during the Korean War. He married Veneta Joy Bateman July 23, 1955 in Jerome, Idaho. She preceded him in death May 27, 1972. He was also preceded in death by 2 sisters Alice Rodriguez and Jessie Melendrez and a son in law Mike Holbrook. He is survived by his children Jodi (Wesley) Holbrook - Street of Rockford, Jan Mekeel of Chicago, Joseph V. Melendres of Ft. Worth, TX, Jeffrey (Jane) Melendres of Rock Falls, Jeanne (Barry) DePuy of Rock Falls, Jenifer (Christopher) Haas of Geneva, IL, step daughter Lisa Oudekerk of Morrison, IL 10 grand children and 1 great grandchild. 5 sisters, Mary (Robert) Steele, Julie Klosterman both of Rockford, IL, Helen (Richard) Clayton of Dixon, Dolly (Paul) McIntyre of Fargo, ND, and Connie (Thomas) Broderick of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, 4 brothers Philip Melendrez of Rockford, Ben (Linda) Melendrez of Franklin Grove, Steve (Donna) Melendrez of Loves Park, IL and Donald (Barbara) Melendrez of Dixon. Funeral services will be on Wednesday Jan. 24, 2007 beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Robert Jones pastor officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon with Military Honors by the combined veterans group. Visitation will be on Tuesday from

4:00 to 8:00 PM in the Jones Funeral Home with a scripture service at 7:30 PM. A memorial has been established.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Melendres*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Joseph Melendres*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *I name is Amy Theriot and I live in south Louisiana. I am Papa Joe's granddaughter and I was very saddened to hear about his passing. I will be unable to attend the services but wanted to family to know they are all in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember Papa Joe and his "dirty old nickels"  
All my love*

**Amy "Hines" Theriot** - January 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *MY HEART HAS BEEN DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE NEWS OF PAPA JOE'S PASSING. MY PRAYERS AND FONDEST THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. PAPA JOE HAD THE BIGGEST, KINDEST HEART AND WOULD ALWAYS BRIGHTEN MY DAY WHEN HE SHOWED UP AT THE OFFICE! THIS WORLD WON'T BE QUITE AS ORNERY WITHOUT HIM!*

**KYM HARVENGT** - January 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I read of Joe's passing in the Sterling paper today and wanted to pass along my sincere condolences on the loss of your father. May God Bless You All.

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**Lee Hansen** - January 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ "God didn't promise days with out pain, laughter with out sorrow, nor sunlight with out rain. But he did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears and light for the way." -Unknown  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of need.\*

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**Kerene Sutton** - January 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM