



Benito "Ben" Olalde of Decatur passed away on Friday, June 29, 2007 at the Adams Memorial Hospital.

Ben was born in Houston, Texas on November 19, 1930 to the late Cruz & Connie (Urias) Mendoza. He married Geraldine L. "Jerry" (May) on September 15, 1953, she survives in Decatur.

Surviving is his son Heath (Becky) Olalde of Van Wert, Ohio, a daughter Mrs. David (Karla K.) Christen of Farmers, KY, 3 brothers Eddie Olalde of Wisconsin, Daniel Mendoza of San Antonio, TX, David Mendoza of Chicago, IL, 2 sisters Liz Schrock Colter of Decatur, IN, Dinah Cruz of Joliet, IL, 3 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by a grandson.

Ben was a member of the Decatur Church of God. He was a member of the American Legion Post 43 and worked as an upholster at Berne Furniture. He also served in the Korean War.

Calling hours are from 4-8 pm Monday, July 2, 2007 at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home and 1 hour prior to services at the church. Funeral services are at 10:30 am Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at the Decatur Church of God. The Rev. Sandy Hildebrand will be officiating. Burial is in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 43.

Memorials are to the V.A. Hospital.

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