

Arturo T. Presas

Arturo "Art" T. Presas, age 72, of Fort Loramie died on Monday, May 18 at his residence following a lengthy illness.



He was born Feb. 17, 1937 in Mercedes, Texas to Jose and Jesusa (Duran) Presas. He was first married on Feb. 8, 1960 to Emma Lou Huddleston, and she died Dec. 2, 2000. He married a second time on Feb. 28, 2003 to Veronica Hoying Perin, and she survives.

He also leaves behind his children: Angie (Rick) Fink of Sunbury, Dr. Art (Denise) Presas of Raleigh, N.C., Kathy (Rick) O'Donnell of Centerburg, Tony (Sue) Presas of Lewis Center, Julie Presas of Columbus and Liz (Rick) Carter of Clarkston, Mich.; as well as step-children: Bev (Joe) Bornhorst of Dayton, Lisa (Dave) Ruhenkamp of Ft. Loramie and Michelle (Andy) Counts of Sidney; and 28 grandchildren. He is also survived by special friends Larry and Jane Spieles. One step-son, Greg Perin, is deceased.

Art worked tirelessly to provide better working conditions, housing, pay and education to migrant workers and their families. He worked many years for the Ohio Bureau of Employment and was appointed Administrator of the State of Ohio. He served as National Hispanic Director for the International Union of Operating Engineers. He was an owner of the consulting firm, A.J. and Associates. He was a graduate of Delphos St. John High School, attended the University of Dayton and graduated from Ohio Northern University. He was an avid golfer, huge Buckeye and Browns supporter. As a member of the Ft. Loramie Booster club, he supported local sports.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, May 25, 2009 at St. Michael Church in Ft. Loramie with Rev. Steven Shoup, Bishop Albert Ottenweller, Rev. Glen Perin and Rev. Leo Hoying officiating. Burial followed at St. Michael Cemetery. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Minster handled the arrangements.