



## Luis C. Trujillo

May 4, 1927 – December 1, 2012

Luis C. Trujillo, 85, longtime Ogallala resident, died Saturday, December 1, 2012 in his home.

Luis was born May 4, 1927 in Otero, New Mexico, the son of Antonio and Lucia Sanchez Trujillo. Luis attended school in LaJunta, Colo. and graduated from high school there.

He served in the US Army from August 8, 1945 to December 14, 1946. He was in the Quarter Master Corp. in La Harve, France. After discharge Louie purchased a small farm in La Junta, Colo. and then went into the trucking business.



On April 9, 1950 Luis married Rosie Baca in Rocky Ford, Colo. They moved to Julesburg in 1956. He was employed at Good All Electric and also was a Fuller Brush salesman until 1957 when they moved to Chicago, Ill.

The couple returned to Ogallala in 1958 and opened a restaurant called "Louie's Cafe" and operated it for a year.

Luis became an Ogallala Police Officer on July 15, 1959 and served until June, 1969. He was then appointed Keith County Sheriff. In May 1970 he ran on the Republican Ticket for sheriff and won the Primary Election overwhelmingly and was unopposed in the November election, thus serving as Sheriff until January 1975.

During this period, their oldest son, Luis A. Trujillo was murdered at a Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa on August 22, 1974.

On February 8, 1975 Trujillos opened a Mexican food restaurant and Lounge called La Paloma and operated it until 1986.

In March 1960, Luis attended the law Enforcement Institute in Grand Island. In May 1968 he tied with Sheriff I. Armstrong for "Officer of the Year," an award sponsored by the Ogallala Jaycees. He tied for the same award with Chief of Police Veldon Fuller in 1970. In March 1969 Luis received a Certificate of Achievement in Law, Court Procedures & Human Relations. He was awarded a Certificate of Law Enforcement Science by the American Federation of Police in October 1970. He completed a basic course with the Bureau of Prisons in jail operations in 1971. He received Appreciation plaques from the Ogallala Police, Nebraska State Patrol, and Nebraska Game Commission for service from 1959 to 1974. He also received a Certificate from Gov. Exon for the Drug Abuse Seminar.

He was a life time member of the Ogallala Elks, a life time member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a member of the American Legion Post #0125. Luis was a member of St. Lukes Catholic Church for sixty years.

Preceding him in death was his son Luis A. Trujillo and a great-granddaughter Alejandra Reyna.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years Rosie Trujillo of Ogallala; one son Raymond (Jackie) Trujillo of Fremont; two daughters: Toni Scusa of Yuma, Colo. and Melissa Trujillo of Hiawatha, Kan. Two brothers: Antonio Trujillo of Kansas City, MO. and Benito Trujillo of La Junta, Colo. One sister Julia Trujillo of LaJunta, Colo. Also four granddaughters: Rissa Patterson of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Kerstyn Scusa of Omaha; Kayla Mace of Omaha; Lucia Trujillo of Fremont. Three grandsons: Max, Austin, Thomas, all of Fremont. Six great-grandchildren: Annabella Reyna of Denver, Colo; Sophia, Ella, and Eli Mace, all of Omaha; Tristan and Jove Patterson of Cheyenne, Wyo;

The visitation will be Tuesday, December 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. The Wake & Rosary Service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in St. Lukes Catholic Church.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, December 5, at 10 a.m. in St. Lukes Catholic Church with Rev. Bryan Ernest the Celebrant.

Interment is in the Ogallala Cemetery with military honors by the Keith County Veterans Organization. A memorial has been established to St. Lukes Catholic School.

Online condolences may be sent to [webmaster@drauckerfh.com](mailto:webmaster@drauckerfh.com).

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.