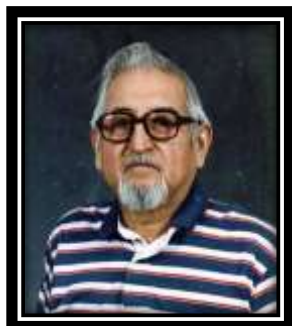


# 1SG (Ret) Antonio Lopez, Sr.

June 27, 1927- May 30, 2009



A funeral service for retired 1st Sgt. Antonio Lopez Sr., 81, of Lawton, was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Prakash Madineni, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Elgin, officiating. A rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at the funeral home chapel. 1st Sgt. Lopez died Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Lawton. The cause of death is unknown. Burial with full military honors was held in Post Cemetery in Fort Sill.

He was born June 27, 1927, in McFaddin, to Luis and Adelida Hernandez Lopez. He married Trine Flores on Aug. 19, 1947 in Victoria. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Medals he was awarded include: Bronze Star Medal with V Device, second Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two Battle Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Unit Citation with Palm, Good Conduct Medal Seventh Award, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan). He retired after 30 years of service at the rank of First Sergeant (E-8). He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America Lawton Chapter 751. Following his retirement, he was a civilian contractor at Fort Sill for 27 years.



In addition to his wife, of the home, he is survived by seven sons and daughters-in-law, Luis and Gloria Lopez, of Victoria; Antonio and Janice Lopez, Jr., of Jacksonville, Florida, Albert and Diane Lopez of Lawton, Richard and Rebecca Lopez and Joe and Daphne Lopez, all of Qatar, Robert Lopez and Paul and Tammara Lopez, Sr., all of Lawton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jo-Ann and Rollin Robinson, of Lawton and May-Jo and Jeff Greene, of Bellingham, Washington; 25 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Julian and Raymond Lopez, both of Victoria, and; three sisters, Florence, Caroline and Lucy, all of Victoria. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Florencio Lopez and a sister, Lydia Rocha.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Elgin, Oklahoma with Reverend Father Prakash Madineni, as celebrant. Interment with full military honors was in the Post Cemetery in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Tribute to a great uncle. Love, Irma and Juan.

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