



IN MEMORIAM



RAUL "BULIE" PEÑA

April 1, 1932 – November 9, 2007



Lion RAÚL "BULIE" PEÑA, 75, of Mesilla, also known as "Hardcore" to his biker family, entered eternal life Friday, November 9, 2007 at Memorial Medical Center. He was born April 1, 1932, in San Miguel to Pedro and Isidra Borunda Peña. Lion Bulie came from a family of farm laborers who moved to Mesilla and lived and worked at the Harry Tashiro Farm. As a young man, he did some migrant farm labor in California. He then returned to Mesilla, forged his birth certificate and joined the U.S. Army. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. After discharge from active duty, he married his girlfriend, Beatrice Lucero, of Mesilla and began working at Ikard and Newsom Propane Company. In 1963, Lion Bulie founded Valley Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Inc. in Mesilla. He was a charter member of Los Leones de Mesilla and also 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Assembly No. 0684. For the past fourteen years, his favorite pastime was riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and attending various runs, rallies and benefits. He was the spokes person and organizer of the Barney Run, and participated in the Toys For Tots Run. Lion Bulie was a communicant of San Albino Catholic Church where he served as usher.

Survivors include his loving wife, Beatrice L. Peña of the family home; son, Steve L. Peña; grandchildren, Lisa Peña Curry and husband Brian, all of Mesilla, and David Peña of Las Cruces. Great-grandchildren, Kaya Bleu and Jack "Melo" Curry also of Mesilla; his sister, Elisa Peña Nieto and husband, Filemon of Las Cruces. The funeral occurred November 16, 2007, at San Albino Catholic Church in Mesilla.