

Salvador Antonio Gomez (1953 - 2009)

Salvador Antonio Gomez, age 55, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, after a long battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

He was a devoted husband, father, son and friend, and leaves behind his legacy in everyone that he touched.

Sal was born in the Dominican Republic on Sept. 27, 1953. He has been a resident of Niceville since 1987.

Sal was preceded in death by his father, Salvador Emilio Gomez. Sal is survived by his best friend and devoted wife of 22 years, Teresa Fields Gomez; and two loving children, Salvador (AJ) Antonio Gomez Jr. and Aida Marie Andrade (Arturo) of Omaha, Neb. He is also survived by his mother, Aida Maria Acosta of the Dominican Republic; sister, Denise; brother, Rafael; and three grandchildren, Scott, Gabriel and Analena. He is also survived by brother and sister-in-law, Stuart and Mary Davis; and nephews, Stuart Paul and Will; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Pam Fields; and nephew, Caleb and nieces, Skylar and Chenoa. He also leaves behind beloved mother-in-law and second Mom, Liz Fields; Aunt Arnetta Spera, Aunt Lynn Stewart, Uncle Don Abele; and special friends Karen Fillingim, Ayne Moore and Glen Gaudette. Sal's family was the cornerstone of his life. It was his life's passion to make sure his family knew they were each loved and he gave them the gifts to be successful in life.

Sal received his B.S. degree in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle University. Sal joined the Air Force in 1974 where he enjoyed a successful career in Flight Engineering until his retirement in 1994. At the time of his death, he was employed at Lockheed-Martin as a Lead Flight Instructor. He leaves behind many co-workers that he considered good friends.

Sal enjoyed so many things in life. He loved being outdoors and had a passion for fishing and watching AJ play baseball. He loved spending time with his family and visiting with friends.

A visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 at Heritage Gardens. The family invites you to a memorial celebration of Sal's life on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Niceville. Graveside services will follow at Heritage Garden Cemetery. Pallbearers for the service are: Glen Gaudette, Angelo Pearson, Daniel Perry, Michael Coehlo, Aaren Moore and Mark Barrett.

In lieu of floral arrangements, memorial donations can be made to the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center or Opportunity, Inc. in Fort Walton Beach. You may sign a guest book and offer the family condolences at www.heritagegardensfuneralhome.com.

Heritage Gardens Funeral home is entrusted with arrangements.