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## **Dali “Tad” Cruz**

Dali “Tad” Cruz (father of Rachel Engel), passed away April 15, 2013. He was born June 27, 1940 at Loiza, Puerto Rico to Emilio and Candida Cruz.

At the age of 16, Tad and his brother Rafael began working for Bob Schwitz on his farm in Gilead, NE. Soon after, he took a job on the Rock Island Railroad as a lineman. Later, he met Jim & Wila Buckles of Hebron, NE. where he continued to work for them on the farm and built a lifelong relationship.

Tad was of the Christian faith and had a great love for his children, nieces & nephews, grandchildren & great-grandchildren. He was a simple man who enjoyed a good laugh amongst all. He also loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, & walks in the park with his dog, “Ski”. He was a friend to everyone and knew no enemies. He retired and spent the last 10 years of his life in Jewell, KS.

He was preceded in death by his mother & father, brothers—Jesus (Millito), Emilio Jr. & Martin (Rin); sisters Hilda & Ires.

He is survived by sister Ana of New York & brother Amilio of New York and brothers Rafael & Jose of Puerto Rico; children---Carmen, Sonia, Rachel, Carlos, James, Jessica; grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

There will be NO visitation. Memorial service will be Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Jewell, KS. Memorials may be given to Tad Cruz Memorial. Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell, KS 66949 is handling arrangements.