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TMC Mourns Rio Grande Valley Region Employee

Mercedes – On Tuesday, October 2nd, 2007 TMC employee Juan Gonzalez passed away at his home surrounded by loved ones after an unexpected illness. Mr. Gonzalez had been diagnosed with cancer in September.

Mr. Gonzalez was a dedicated educator for Texas Migrant Council in Edcouch and Mercedes for 20 years. He is well known as “Teacher Juan” and he loved teaching and singing with the children.

A lifelong Mercedes resident, he was born on July 13, 1954.

He is preceded in death by his father Antonio Gonzalez and his mother Guadalupe Camacho and is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Maria Ayala Gonzalez, his son Juan Gonzalez, Jr. (Marissa) of Mercedes; his daughter Magda Gonzalez (Michael) of Mercedes. Also surviving are 4 grandchildren Michael Noriega, Jr., Mallory Lynn Noriega, Mia Gonzalez and Daniela Gonzalez. He is also survived by his two sisters Rosa Garcia (Inocensio) of Mercedes, Felipa Martinez of Donna.

He was also a local musician, creator of Destyno Band, releasing several titles such as Book'em Dano, Recordandola, Tu Y El, No Hay Razon, and En el Parque. He loved playing his guitar and singing with friends and family.

He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, participating in tee ball practice, swimming lessons, and taking them to the park to enjoy an ice cold raspa. He always had a smile on his face, full of hope and love each and every day. He will be greatly missed by all.

The Gonzalez family would like to thank all of their family members for their support and love during their time of heartache. A humble thank you is extended to Texas Migrant Council and its staff for their support by bringing him his student's artwork and words of encouragement; and to all of his friends for helping the family cope with such a tragedy.

Visitation will be held at Garcia & Trevino Funeral Home in Mercedes, on Thursday Oct. 4, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Friday October 5, 2007 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Obituary provided by the Valley Morning Star