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A loving husband and father, Rudy Lira, 72 years of West Toledo passed away Sunday evening, January 25, 2009 at the St. Vincent Vascular and Heart Surgery center.

Born and raised in Asherton, Texas, Rudy moved to the Toledo area in the early 1960s. From 1980 through 1983 he was a lay minister along with his wife in the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, TX.

Rudy was a migrant worker from 1945 to 1963 when he began working for the Lucas County Welfare Department until 1969. He then moved over to the Economic Opportunity Planning Association of Greater Toledo until 1980. He worked for the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services from 1983 to 1998 when he retired.

After retirement Rudy joined the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office as a client advocate until 2005. He was honored for his contribution to the community at the 5th Annual Humanitarian Awards.

He was also presented the 2007 Cesar Chavez Humanitarian Award for

service to the Latino Community.

He is the widower of Maria Lira who died in January 2008. Surviving are his children, Jesse A. Lira, Reyes Lira, Mrs. Maria (Mohammed) Jamaledin and Rodolfo Lira, Jr. The grandchildren are Mathew, Monica, Erica, Reyes Lira Jr., Laila and Jesse Lira, Jr. Also surviving is his sister, Elvira Hernandez. He was preceded by his parents, Reyes and Luz (Garcia) Lira and sisters, Magdalena Alfaro, Rita Gonzales and Conception Correa, brothers, Luis and Vincent Lira.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd on Thursday from 4-8 pm and Friday 2-8 p.m. where services will be held at 7:00 pm. each evening. Funeral services will begin in the mortuary Saturday at 9:15 am followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at SS. Peter and Paul Church at 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials may take the form of a contribution to the family.