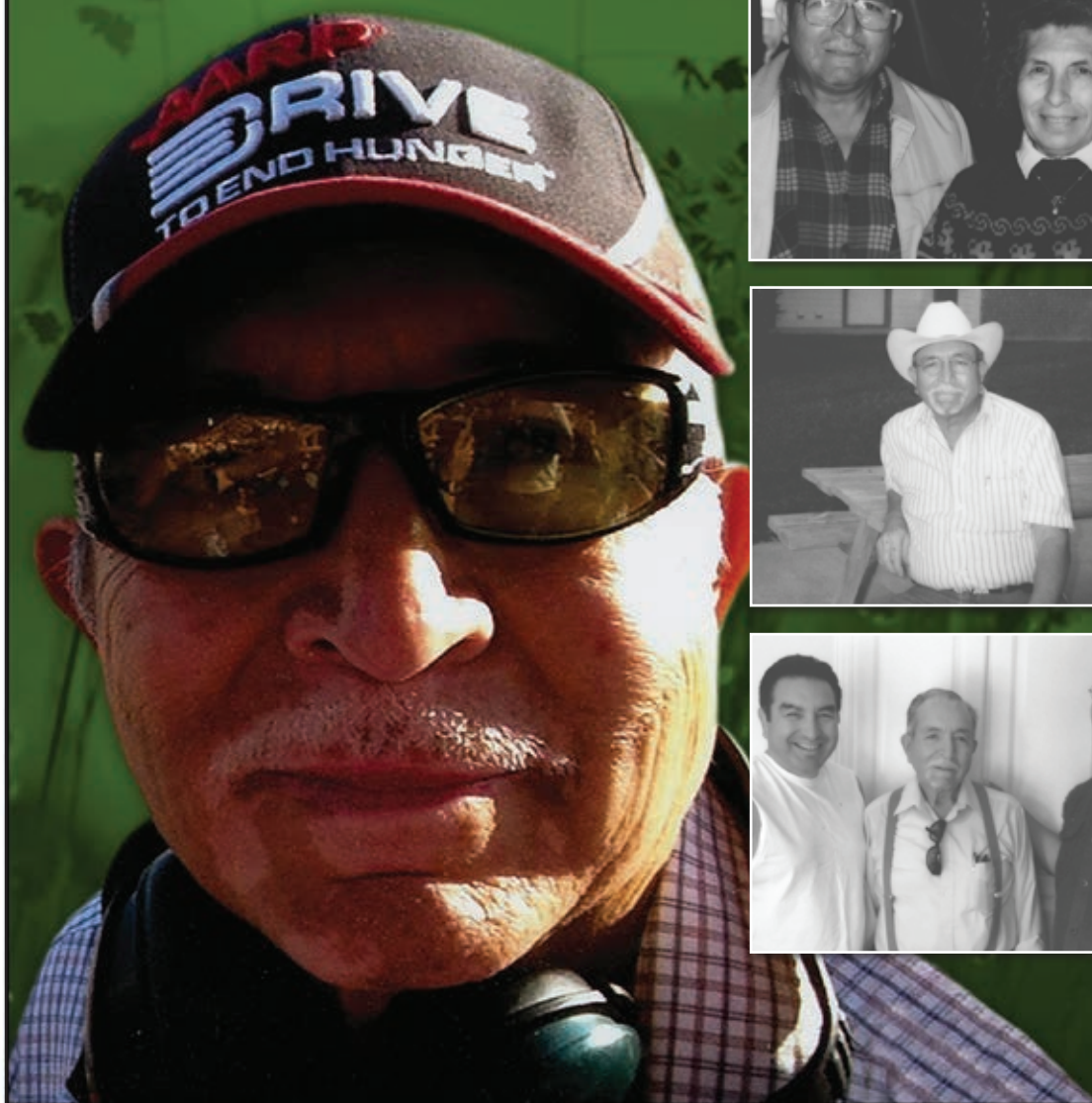


# Placido Santellan

October 5, 1935 - December 4, 2013





## *Placido's Life Story*

Through the life he lived each day, Placido Santellan exemplified that it truly is more blessed to give than to receive. He wasn't afraid to work hard, and in so doing he achieved the American dream. Placido possessed a vibrant faith, and although he was never overbearing in his beliefs he lived to spread to others the reason for the joy in his heart. A loving husband and devoted father, Placido witnessed his family tree blossom to include the generations whom he viewed as his greatest accomplishment and his richest reward. Although he will be deeply missed, he leaves behind a deeply embedded footprint that will never fade away.

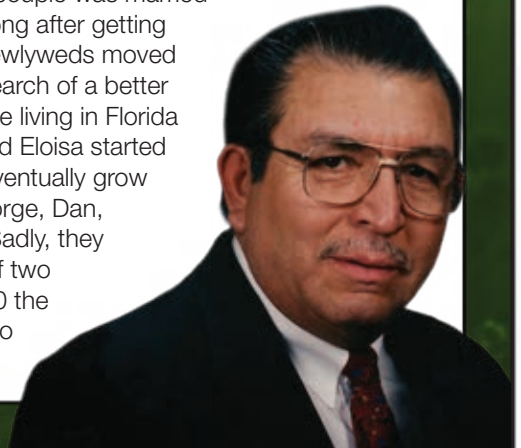


The 1930s were some of the darkest days the world has ever seen due to the unrelenting grip of the Great Depression, and nearly every nation felt the effects. This was true for America, and this was true for Mexico, which had just been working its way out of a previous economic crisis. Despite the trying times around them, a bustling family from Villa de Garcia, Mexico, was filled with unspeakable joy to welcome a healthy baby boy into the fold on October 5, 1935. Placido was one of eighteen children born to his parents, Antonio and Anastacia (Medrano) Santellan, and was raised alongside his twelve sisters and five brothers. Life was anything but easy, but the Santellan family managed the best they could. Placido and his family immigrated to the United States in 1951.



Life was forever changed for Placido when he began courting a young girl named Eloisa Moya. A short time later, the couple was married in 1955. Not long after getting married the newlyweds moved to Florida in search of a better life. It was while living in Florida that Placido and Eloisa started

their family that would eventually grow to include five sons: George, Dan, Julian, Sam, and Tony. Sadly, they also mourned the loss of two infant daughters. In 1970 the Santellan family moved to







Grant, Michigan. To support his family, Placido worked as a heavy equipment operator for Grand Rapids Gravel throughout his career until he retired in 1996. He also purchased investment property in Newaygo County. Placido's success wasn't given to him, but it was earned through hard work. His success was fueled by his drive to provide for his family coupled with his heart that beat to bless others just as he had been blessed.

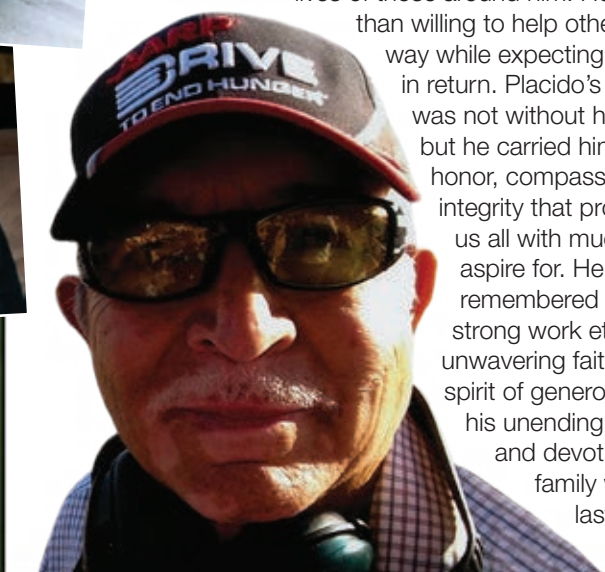


Rarely one to be still, Placido enriched his life in numerous ways through the years. He was a member of the Lakeshore Church of Christ, where he ministered to the Spanish community through his preaching, leading of various Bible studies, and benevolence. With a heart that loved to praise the Lord he loved, Placido also led the singing in the churches he attended. As his friends and family can attest, every meal needed to include refried beans and tortillas, and according to Placido, a meal simply was not complete without it. He enjoyed a diverse palette of music, although Latino was his favorite as well as country music.



A man of sound moral principle with a desire to serve those around him, Placido Santellan was a gift in the lives of those around him. He was more than willing to help others in any

way while expecting nothing in return. Placido's journey was not without hard times, but he carried himself with honor, compassion, and integrity that provides us all with much to aspire for. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his unwavering faith, and his spirit of generosity, but his unending love for and devotion to his family will be his lasting legacy.





Placido will be dearly missed and forever cherished by those too numerous to count.

Placido Santellan, of Holland, died on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. Placido's family includes his children,

George (Sherri) Santellan of Highland Village, TX, Dan Santellan of Cypress, TX, Julian (Lori) Santellan of Zeeland, Sam Santellan of Holland, and Tony (Deb) Santellan of Mansfield, TX; 12 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; 11 sisters; several in-laws; and several nephews, nieces, and cousins. Placido was preceded in death by his two infant daughters and his wife, Eloisa,

in 2003. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Lakeshore Church of Christ, 711 Butternut Drive, with Minister Mike Scholten officiating. Burial will be in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Visit with Placido's family and friends from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the Dykstra Funeral Home-Northwood Chapel, 295 Douglas Avenue. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lakeshore Church of Christ.



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