



## Isreal Rivera

July 3, 1941 - January 8, 2006

Mr. Israel Rivera, age 64, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2006, at the Charles T. Sitrin Healthcare Center. Born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico on July 3, 1941, Israel was the son of Martin and Generosa (Lopez) Rivera. He was raised and educated in Puerto Rico and then in Utica. Skilled in automotive technology and repair, he had a successful career as a self-employed auto mechanic in New York City. Gifted with a wonderful sense of humor, a winning personality, and a happy-go-lucky attitude; Israel was a well-liked individual. He was a friend to everyone who was fortunate enough to know him. He loved fishing, and he also enjoyed his collection of toy cars and airplanes. He was of the Catholic Faith. Mr. Rivera is survived by his parents, Martin and Generosa Rivera; his three daughters, Betsy Rodriguez of FL, Sonja Rivera of Puerto Rico, and Jenny Diaz of MA; a son and daughter-in-law, Israel Jr. and Gloria Rivera of Barneveld; numerous grandchildren; and the mother of his children, Luz E. Cordero of Puerto Rico. His survivors also include four sisters and three brothers, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Visitation will be held today (Tuesday) from 4 to 6 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Mr. Rivera's funeral will commence at the funeral home on Tuesday evening at 6:00 immediately following calling hours. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.