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to me

Given Name: Erasmo Fraga

Preferred Name: JR Fraga

Title: Electrician

Retired: yes

Biography

John was born in Mexico and was brought to Michigan with his sister Francis by their parents. He completed the 8th grade. He joined the Army and became a US citizen just before being deployed to fight in WW II . He was injured by shrapnel when a mine exploded next to him, refused to be discharged, and returned to his squad. During his return home, his ship was deployed to Manila where he ran into his brother Joe. After the war, he became a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Detroit. John and his wife had 2 sons, John Edward Joseph and James Valeriano.

Via Michoacan to Michigan online Bio

Submitted by Carmen Valdez Dotterer – tribute to Erasmo/John Fraga by Vicky Valdez Feigel Feb 10 2019?

John Fraga was the 3rd child of Valeriano and Martina and was born in Mexico May 28, 1917. He came to the United States, with his parents and sister Esperanza, (Frances) when he was about 3 years old. He grew up on a farm in Michigan along with his 10 siblings. John married Florence Wilkins in 1940 and had their first child Johnny in 1941. Johnny had two children Jeff, and Michelle. He married Karen Joyce in 1996 and was with her until his unfortunate passing on September 27 2010. Uncle John lived with his son Johnny and Karen until his passing at the age of 90 on August 14, 2007. Their second child Jimmy was born June 11, 1947. He married Patti Crouchman in 1980. They had one child Jenna born in 1979. Jimmy passed away April 9, 1996. Uncle John's wife Florence passed away in 1963. When Uncle John was married to Florence her brother-in law was superintendent for Cray Electric and he was able to sponsor John to become a very successful Electrician. John was then in a position to help his brothers Joe, Paul and Martin become successful and well known respected Electricians. Everyone knew the Fraga Brothers. Because of what Uncle John started so many years ago, Uncle Paul was able to sponsor his nephew Jeff Radjewski to become an Electrician and later Jeff became the President of International Representative for Electricians. Out of 56 Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren The Uncles and Cousins have sponsored many of the Family in successful profession of Licensed Electricians. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was known in the late 50's and early 60's by the

nickname "The Father & Son Union" and Uncle John Fraga was the beginning of that legacy for the Fraga Family.

What does family mean to you?

Family means LOVE to me. The important lessons I have learned in life come from my mother and father. Family means Pride in my Mexican heritage. Family means Forgiveness, when we mess up. Family means connectedness to something bigger than myself.

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