

GARATEA

Joseph Garatea, born September 8, 1924 in the Basque town, Aldudes, France died a peaceful death on March 4, 2008. Joseph immigrated to the United States when he was 24 years old. He and his brother settled into a life as sheepherders. Joseph remained a sheepherder for six years until he gained employment at Robert L. Helms. He worked at Helms Construction until he retired at age 62. Joseph worked hard at making a beautiful home for his family, but his main interest lay in his love of the outdoors. Joseph was particularly fond of Lake Davis where he went to cut down trees for firewood. Joseph enjoyed both the hard work and solitude of nature.

Joseph was preceded in death by his father, Antonio; mother, Marie and his brothers, Michel, Jean and Jean Pierre. He is survived by sisters, Catherine Tupinier and Mariane Saldubehere. Joseph also leaves behind his wife of 42 years, Louise; daughter, Liza and his two stepchildren, Pat Lean and Jimmy Neal. He also leaves behind three nieces, a nephew many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to Manor Care Nursing Home. Joseph was loved and well taken care of by the staff of the nursing home. The family also extend thanks to Joe's Manor Care "special buddy," Stan Mazzaresse. A service will be held March 10, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Mountain View Mortuary, 425 Stoker Ave., Reno, NV 89513.