



## Joseph Zanco

July 4, 1949 - August 2, 2010

Joseph B. Zanco Sr., age 61, passed away on Monday, August 2, 2010. He was a 34 year resident of St. Bernard Parish and a post-Katrina resident of Hammond. A sergeant in the U.S. Army, he served our country during the Vietnam War in 1968 and 1969. He earned a bronze star, two purple hearts, and numerous other distinguished medals due to his outstanding service. Joseph was a black belt in Karate and an avid outdoorsman, enjoying both fishing and hunting. Joseph leaves behind his wife of 41 years, Cathy Zanco; two children, Joseph Zanco, Jr. and wife Ashley, Jena Gemar and husband Peter, along with his precious grandchildren, Sabrina and Abby Zanco and Preston Gemar. He is also survived by his siblings, Tommy, Coca, Sal and Lily, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Estella Zanco. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral service from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, west of Hammond, on Saturday, August 7, 2010 at 12 noon, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home of Hammond.