



Lorenzo G. Loya

Mr. Lorenzo G. Loya was born in El Paso and was a life-long resident of the San Elizario community. His family lived in San Elizario since the early 1800's. "Lencho" was married to Leonor. They were the proud parents of eleven children. Mr. Loya was one of the founding members of the Action Committee and was a member of the PTA. He was a World War II Veteran and was a member of the Disabled Veterans of America. He was 19 years old when he became a school board member. Mr. Loya had the distinction of serving on the School Board since 1946. He was one of the school board members to hold the longest record of service to the community. In 1972, Mr. Loya was largely responsible for convincing the people to build San Elizario High School (now GEMS). Lorenzo Loya's philosophy: "To see that the school and church work on behalf of the people in the community."