

## **Alfonso Borrego, Sr. (1891-1952)**

**Alfonso Borrego, Sr. was born in San Elizario, Texas on July 27, 1891 and remained a resident of San Elizario all of his life. His parents were Elijio Borrego and Francisca Arias Borrego. His parents were prominent community leaders and owners of the town's mercantile store which later became the site of the post office in San Elizario. The building still stands in the middle of town.**

**Alfonso was a life-long hard working farmer. He became a successful cotton and livestock farmer and used his resources to reach out to the service of the community, concentrating his efforts on education. He served as a school board trustee for many years and was one of the founders of the first elementary school in San Elizario. He promoted and inspired others to become involved in the school system. His name appears on a plaque in the administration building. He was a God fearing man who was always active and involved in many church organizations to benefit people in San Elizario.**

**Alfonso was a World War I veteran. He served his country in France as a US Army Wagoner with the ammunition train. After the war, Alfonso married Cornelia Sanchez in 1920 and became the proud father of eleven children (Maria Lydia, Lorenzo, Luis Filimon, Raul, Josefina, Pedro, Alfonso Jr, Joe, Mike Norman, Teresa, and Ramon). He inspired his eight sons to serve their country and they all rightfully served during war and peace. He was a strict disciplinarian and taught his children to become hard working citizens. He had no sympathy for apathy in himself, his children, and in others. The Borrego family portrait and history is found in the San Elizario Los Portales Museum.**

**Alfonso Borrego, Sr. died on November 28, 1952 and left behind a beautiful widow, eleven children and a legacy of how one person can make a difference in the lives of so many people and children through hard work and dedication. Tribute has been acknowledged to Alfonso by the naming of Alfonso Borrego, Sr. Elementary School in his honor.**

