



MSGT. Jose Martinez, Ret. (USAF)

November 14, 1935 - July 9, 2020

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Retired MSgt. Jose Martinez (USAF), 84, passed away July 9, 2020, in Del Rio, Texas. He was born November 14, 1935, in Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Ernestina (Tina) Martinez; son, MSgt. Jose A. Martinez (Estella); daughter, Marisa Beal (Patrick); son, Jesus Cerda (USAF retired) (Steve); son, MSgt. Enrique Cerda (USAF retired) (Beverly); son, Daniel Cerda; seven grandchildren ñ Christopher, Edric, Lauren, Jonathan, Kimberly, Christopher and Cameron; and three great-grandchildren - Elijah, Avi and Liam; sister, Nancy Iris Simones; as well as numerous relatives in Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico.

Martinez came to the United States at the age of 12. He attended school in Connecticut for four years, eventually graduating from Woodstock Academy before joining the United States Air Force. He served for 26 years, eventually retiring in 1981 from Laughlin Air Force Base. His service in the military brought him to Del Rio in 1973, where he began a lifelong service to this community.

During his lifetime Martinez was a member of the San Felipe Lions Club, Help

A Needy Neighbor, the Brown Plaza Association, the International Good Neighbor Council, and helped found a woman's softball team and youth soccer team.

He dedicated much of his later life to working with and serving military support and veterans organizations. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion, Air Force Sgt. Association and Non-Commission Officers Association as well as Operation Troop Family Support. At the time of his passing, he was the commander of the American G.I. Forum – Dr. Fermin Calderon chapter.

A Chapel Service will be held on Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Trinity Chapel of Faith.

Funeral services, with full military honors, will be held Thursday, July 23, at 10 a.m. at San Felipe Cemetery.

Previous Events

Chapel Service

JUL **22**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary
206 Kings Way
Del Rio, TX 78840
(830) 775-2230
info@trinitymortuary.com
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

Military Honors

JUL **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

San Felipe Cemetery
Brodgent Ave.
Del Rio, TX 78840

Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Our condolences and prayers to your family. Joe was a great man and we will miss him. From Julio and Rachel Flores*

Rachel Flores - July 23, 2020 at 11:14 AM

JH

“ *My good friend I will never forget you you were a very beautiful person rest in peace my friend my deepest sympathy to all the family*

Jerry hidalgo - July 22, 2020 at 11:16 PM

JR

“ *Our prayers for the family. I'm going to miss Joe. Very good Friend. Jimmy and Nancy Rodriguez.*

Jimmy Rodriguez - July 22, 2020 at 08:29 PM

DE

“ *Condolences to our San Felipe High School 1965 classmate Tina. Your San Felipe family is mourning your loss. We are here for you.*

Diana Elizondo - July 22, 2020 at 08:17 PM

EK

“ *Ms. Tina,
My condolences to you and your family. May
our Heavenly Father wrap His arms around
you and give you strength and comfort. Mr.
Martinez such a wonderful person who
always took the time to say hello.*



Eva Kirtley

Eva Kirtley - July 22, 2020 at 08:05 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the
family of MSGT. Jose Martinez, Ret. (USAF).*



July 22, 2020 at 07:34 PM

LH

“ *Tina and family, we extend our condolences and wish we could be
there physically, as well, as you were always there for us (Pérez
family). However, are definitely here for you for anything you need.
Lino and Mary Sue Hernandez*

Lino and Mary Sue Hernandez - July 22, 2020 at 05:47 PM

BM

“ When Stewart and I were 12 years old a young man entered our 7th grade classroom in Woodstock, CT and was introduced by the school principal. We were asked to share our names and say "hello." Jose repeated our names, and started to smile, and in all these years of friendship he never stopped smiling. His love of country and family were undeniable and his faith steadfast. He will be sorely missed even by those of us who only saw him occasionally. To his children, grandchildren and especially Tina, God Bless each and everyone you.

Barbara Morse - July 22, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of MSGT. Jose Martinez, Ret. (USAF).



July 21, 2020 at 10:31 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of MSGT. Jose Martinez, Ret. (USAF).



July 21, 2020 at 08:05 PM

MF

“ *Maria Beinke and Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of MSGT. Jose Martinez, Ret. (USAF).*



Maria Beinke and Family - July 21, 2020 at 03:41 PM

AI

“ *American GI Forum of Texas, Inc. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of MSGT. Jose Martinez, Ret. (USAF).*



American GI Forum of Texas, Inc. - July 21, 2020 at 01:17 PM

LM

“ *A unique man and community server, Mr. Joe will be sincerely missed. Robert and I are honored to have known him and enjoyed his stories in our conversations. Tina and family, may God grant you the peace knowing he will always be with you in spirit and your memories everlasting. God Bless!*
Lou Edna and Robert Musquiz



Lou Edna Musquiz - July 21, 2020 at 11:20 AM

TF

“ *The Campbell Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of MSGT. Jose Martinez, Ret. (USAF).*



The Campbell Family - July 21, 2020 at 08:50 AM