



Luis M. Martinez

May 26, 1955 - April 19, 2026

Luis Morton Martinez, 70, of Carlsbad, NM, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at his home in Roswell, NM. Visitation will occur at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home chapel in Roswell on Thursday, April 23 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Visitation will also occur on Friday, April 24, 2026 9:15 AM at San Jose Catholic Church in Carlsbad, NM, followed by a Rosary service at 9:30 AM and a Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 AM with Father Juan Carlos Ramirez officiating. Interment will follow in Roswell, NM at 2:00 PM at General Douglas L. McBride Cemetery with Military Honors. Will gather at Golden Corral in Roswell for fellowship and food.

Luis was born in Carlsbad, NM on May 26, 1955 to Margarito Acosta Martinez and Blanche Morton Martinez. He was raised in Carlsbad and graduated from Carlsbad Senior High School. He enlisted in the US Marine Corp and served from 1974-1978. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA and Camp Legune, NC. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal. Luis returned to Carlsbad after his military service and was employed at IMC potash mines and later earned a BS degree in electronic engineering at DeVry Institute of Technology in Phoenix, AZ. He went on to work for Ikon/Recoh Office Products as a field service engineer where he retired from in 2025. In retirement he lived in Roswell, NM and continued his pursuits in music. He also attended veteran social functions at the American Legion and was a member of the Roswell Veterans Honor Guard.

Luis had many skills and talents that he enjoyed, including playing softball with Carlsbad local team La Raza. He played saxophone with the Carlsbad Cavemen High School marching band and stage band. He also played with a popular local dance band that included his brother Tom and other "Sanjo" neighborhood and school friends. He was a track star and won many honors in the 440 yard dash and the mile relay, where he was a member of the team that set a school record which still stands to this day. He was a long-time fan of the Dallas Cowboys, L.A. Dodgers, L.A. Lakers, and Phoenix Suns. Luis was preceded in death by his parents Margarito and Blanche Martinez, sister Blanche Madrid, brother Margarito "Mort" Martinez Jr., sister Julia Florez, sister Lupe Pena, and grandparents Teofilo and Catarina Gonzales and grandfather Dewey Morton.

Luis is survived by his children: Jennifer Chavez, Luis Martinez II; grandchildren: Nathaniel Castaneda, Reigna Lopez (4 great grandchildren, 2 from each grandchild); brothers: Thomas "Tommy" (Celina) Martinez, Gabriel (JoAnne) Martinez and sisters: Amelia Franco, Priscilla Lopez and Cathy (Jerry) Greene. Luis also is survived by many nephews and nieces, too many to list! You know who you are.

Although Luis will now be fond memories in our hearts and minds his family, friends, and fellow veterans are comforted knowing he is now experiencing extreme joy and peace in the presence of God; our Heavenly Father, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit. Well done good and faithful servant. Not perfect but purified and sanctified by the blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ so your name is written in the Lambs Book Of Life. Amen.

In lieu of flowers, please honor his memory with a donation to a local animal shelter, like Noah's Ark Animal Shelter in Carlsbad.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **23.** 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
abfh@andersonbethany.com

Viewing

APR **24.** 9:15 AM - 9:30 AM (MT)

San Jose Roman Catholic Church
1002 Debaca Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220

Rosary and Mass

APR **24.** 9:30 AM (MT)

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1002 Debaca Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220

Interment

APR **24.** 2:00 PM (MT)

General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery
Between S Main St and SE Main St (US 285) on E Jaffe St, in Roswell, at the north end of
South Park
Roswell, NM 88203

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Luis for several years before he retired and we kept in touch afterwards. He taught me many, many things and I always appreciated his friendship. RIP old friend, see you on the other side.

Leann - May 25 at 05:36 PM

FM

“ I met Luis maybe a couple of years ago at the American Legion. We had some good discussions about our families and life experiences. It was always nice to see him there and visit. Such a good person! Thank you for your service! RIP my friend, you are in God's Hands now.

Frank Montoya - April 23 at 10:53 PM

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“ Rest in Peace Marine, Rest in Peace. From your squid Commander Roswell Veterans Honor Guard

Harley Harkness - April 21 at 08:59 PM