



Lionel O. Martinez

February 14, 1934 - February 27, 2021

Lionel O. Martinez born February 14, 1934 in San Antonio went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

He was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and has been a member of the United by Grace Baptist Church for 26 years.

Lionel was an avid fisherman and if you ever had a chance to go on a fishing trip with him you certainly laughed and fell in love with boating and fishing. Lionel was probably the best grill master you ever knew. He is famous for his charburgers, ribs and brisket. He attended Lanier High School and graduated in the class of 1951. He was a proud Voks fan and enjoyed following their success.

If you knew anything about Lionel, you knew he was the proud husband of Rebecca for 62 years. Lionel adored his daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He attended so many events throughout his life, he will be deeply missed. Lionel was dedicated and loyal worker. He took pride in his attendance, punctuality and ability to be a great team player. He recently retired from O'Reilly Auto Parts. Lionel is loved and admired for being a No. 1 Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Son, Brother, Uncle and Friend.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eduardo and Leonor Martinez; his brother, Arnold Martinez; and his sister, Sylvia Perez. Lionel is survived by his wife, Rebecca Martinez; his daughters, Suzanne M. Garcia and husband, Richard, Brenda M. Konchar and husband, Ralph, Darice M. Aldrich and husband, Jeremy, Kathryn M. Cianfoni and husband, Todd; 13 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; brothers, Edward Martinez and Robert Martinez; sister, Maricella Thornsburg and husband, Mark; numerous nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

Visitation will begin at 12:00 P.M. followed by the Service at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery for family members

only.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society ~ www.cancer.org.

Cemetery

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX, 78209

Events

MAR **Visitation** 12:00PM

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Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, TX, US,
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MAR **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 30 at 01:58 PM



“ "We are all better because he existed. " I heard that last week and immediately Lionel's name came to my mind. He was special and always made me feel important and loved. I loved him and am saddened by his death. Olga

Olga Satterfield - March 30 at 01:34 PM



“ It was certainly our pleasure to have Lionel in our lives for nearly 30 yrs... We cherish all of our family times we spent together.;). So many laughs.. Our deepest condolences to Becky, our daughter in law Kitty, and all of Lionels wonderful family. Our love to all...

RIP Lionel,
Ron and Donna Cianfoni

Donna Cianfoni - March 30 at 11:44 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lionel O. Martinez.



March 29 at 04:51 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lionel O. Martinez.



March 29 at 12:54 PM



“ A lot of people are talking about how wonderful my Tio Lionel was as a fisherman. I have a funny memory of being out on the boat with him and my dad and others. I think I was about six or seven and I don't know what possessed me but I threw the rod and reel over the boat into the ocean! He was so sweet to me and he didn't get mad at me. He laughed and we got it out of the ocean and I just remember feeling so loved. He always made me feel so loved. I'm going to miss him very much! He's in my heart forever. Thank you Tio for all the advice you gave me. I have some wonderful memories.

Michele Brouse - March 28 at 03:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lionel O. Martinez.



March 27 at 03:32 PM



“ We were lucky enough to have Lionel Martinez as our uncle. He was amazing, kind, sweet, understanding and so loving! Spending summers with him and his family are such great memories. Fishing and road trips were so much fun. He was there for me when I needed him always. I will miss our long talks on the phone. I loved to make him laugh because he had a great laugh! There is no one like him and I know he is in Heaven watching over us now. I will still have my talks with him. I love you Tio forever and ever! We will look over our Tia and your beautiful daughters.



Michele Brouse - March 26 at 06:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lionel O. Martinez.



March 26 at 05:53 PM



“ Lionel was the sweetest kindest man that I've ever met. He never had to raise his voice when disciplining his girls or me (Brenda and I were always up to something). He had the calmest demeanor and you never questioned his love for his girls and Becky. His caring and loving nature was felt by all that spent time with him. He will be deeply missed. I pray that all the loving and beautiful memories of him will get the family through this difficult time. Much love, Becky

Becky Figueroa - March 26 at 11:14 AM



“ My memories of Lionel, Mr. Martinez, we're from my high school years. His home was my second home. And if that door could talk...

Spending most all of my time with Brenda meant that I was able to enjoy the love and kindness that he showered on his girls and wife and also me.

His quick smile and gentle demeanor were a welcomed part of my life. You would never have known that raising 4 girls could be a difficult task from his actions. Not that Brenda nor I ever added any difficulties (I can see Mrs Martinez rolling her eyes at that comment).

His love will live forever in the hearts of his family and all the friends that were fortunate enough to have spent time with him. God Bless you Lionel Martinez and blessings to your sweet family during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Monica Valek Condomitti

Monica Condomitti - March 25 at 07:54 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lionel O. Martinez.



March 25 at 11:36 AM



“ Mr Martinez was always so very sweet to me. The epitome of a perfect daddy. So very caring and he always asked how I was doing in school and about my family. A true family man. I loved his joking, gave me a giggle.

Annie Huddleston - March 25 at 11:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lionel O. Martinez.



March 25 at 09:53 AM



“ I'm going to really miss uncle Lionel! If there is one man one step above my own sweet husband it was truly uncle Lionel. He was the perfect host for a great BBQ, sleep overs with my cousins and some of the best breakfast ever in San Antonio. My best memory of him is when we went fishing and I caught a stingray and he was able to save it and me that day. Love you uncle Lionel...We'll miss you forever with all our hearts. Steve & Donna Bell

Donna Bell - March 25 at 09:33 AM



“ I'll always remember uncle Lionel being very kind and patient. Spending summers with your family were so fun and his BBQ's were the best!! So many great memories! Thank you Uncle Lionel for being such a great part of our lives. Sandy & Terry Leathers

Sandy Leathers - March 25 at 01:14 PM



“ I was very fortunate to meet Lionel several years ago and at that moment realized how special he was as a real human being. I worked on his vehicles for years and shared a lot of fishing stories with him. If he saw me at his work he always made time to say hello. He's going to be missed. John Gabehart.

John Gabehart - March 23 at 08:53 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Lionel Martinez and his family. I am fortunate to have met him and be close friends with his daughter Suzanne Martinez Garcia. He loved his family deeply. I love you Rebecca Martinez and your family. Your loss is immeasurable and I'm here for you.

Paula Archambault - March 14 at 09:58 AM



“ I was filled with grief when I heard of my Tio Lionel's passing. No words may heal the pain but know that he was a wise man & a caring man & My condolences go out to the Martinez family & My Tia Becky. Prayers are with the family during this difficult time. The news of my uncle's death has filled my heart with sadness. May the Lord give all of the Martinez family strength to continue the journey. He will be truly missed.

Love Isabella Valladolid & Husband Jose Luis Valladolid

Isabella Valladolid - March 14 at 12:16 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Martinez family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow.

I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Lionel at O'Reilly Auto Parts, he was an amazing employee and will never be forgotten.

May perpetual light shine upon Him, and may He rest peace.



David M. Diaz - March 10 at 07:27 PM



“ I met Lionel at Mitchell and Ashby's wedding and had such an enjoyable time with him and Rebecca. He was so friendly and caring with the family, you could see they were both very loved and respected by them. Lionel was always smiling whenever I glanced his way and all of the younger kids especially loved being around him. I know one day we'll meet again Lionel under circumstances that we will both treasure and we will then have plenty of time to reacquaint and become much better friends. I know you will be forever loved and missed by your family and friends but I also know the place Christ has prepared for you cannot be imagined by those of us that are still here waiting for the day when we see you again.

Steve Gurgon

Steve Gurgon - March 08 at 04:40 PM



“ I remember when all of our families would go camping at Inks lake and our dad's all had boats. Uncle Lionel loved taking us waterskiing as did my Dad and Uncle Joe. I've always looked on those times as precious. Of course the other memories I have of Uncle Lionel was standing out back by his grill. Talking and laughing with anyone who would go outside to visit with him. He would tell me jokes in Spanish then translate them for me! They were funny in English and Spanish! Rest in Pease Uncle Lionel

Lydia Kelly - March 07 at 03:53 PM



“ El gran tío Leonel, siempre con los brazos abiertos junto a la tía Rebbeca, para recibirnos en su casa y tratarnos con mucho amor. Te extrañamos tío, y seguiremos por siempre tu gran ejemplo de Amor. Saluda por favor mi Papá allá en el cielo, y espero que algún día podamos abrazarte otra vez. Familia Orihuela Quiroz.

Humberto O - March 07 at 12:29 PM