



LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired

September 25, 1954 - October 19, 2023

LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired - Edward passed away surrounded by family Thursday, October 19, 2023. Edward was born September 25, 1954, to the late Blas and Charlotte Martinez in Geneva, NY. Growing up in a military family, Edward traveled extensively and lived in numerous places across the United States and in Spain where his lifelong love of water, the outdoors and adventure began. He grew up diving off cliffs of Palma de Mallorca as a young boy, ice fishing with his father in Minnesota and hunting in the woods of western New York as a teenager. He was a lifelong hunter and angler and enjoyed opening dove season in the Texas Panhandle, deer season in the Texas Hill Country and salmon fishing in Alaska. His love of the outdoors and respect for animals ran deep.

Professionally, Edward was microbiologist with over 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical, biologic and life science industries where he developed regulatory strategies for therapeutics and medical devices working closely with domestic and foreign regulatory agencies. In addition, Edward was a US Army Veteran and served his country proudly working as a Medical Observer Controller / Trainer with responsibilities to train military chemical and medical units throughout the continental United States to respond to Weapons of Mass Destruction, terrorist attacks, and to prepare the United States Army response to natural disasters inside the continental United States. In both civilian and military life, Edward loved teaching and was a true mentor to those developing in their careers. He believed that making a living is not the same thing as

making a life and imparted this as a guiding principle and example to those around him shaping the lives of the future.

Edward was a loving husband, brother, uncle, and friend. His passion and integrity to those he loved was unwavering. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Martinez of Helotes, TX, mother-in-law Phoebe Reynolds of Helotes, TX, brother-in-law John (Betsy) Stephenson of Round Mountain, TX, Sister Marika (Joseph) Ashmall of Abbotsford, British Columbia, sister-in-law Elizabeth Kozak of Amarillo, TX, eight nieces and nephews, Sara Robinson (Zack), Leigh Craig (Corby), Ian Stephenson (Mary), Joe Stephenson (Rebeka), Frank Morrison (Lindsey), Phoebe Perez (John), Geoffrey Golombek (Melissa), Katherine Golombek (Anthony) and his beloved feline companions Pip, Tippy and Muffin AKA Rip (all of whom, for the record, were named against Edward's will).

Edward was a Gentleman's Gentleman with a streak of Roughrider. He was an avid listener and man of few words but whose words were powerful. Everyone who knew Edward witnessed his thoughtfulness, generosity, respectful nature, and well-timed sense of humor. He always had a kind word for everyone he met.

We lovingly say so long to our gentle giant. You will live forever in our hearts. May God bless and keep you.

Celebration of Life Memorial service will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 315 E. Pecan St. San Antonio, TX, Monday November 6 at 9:30 am, The Rev. Ann Benton Fraser, officiating. Interment with Full Military Honors will take place at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, TX, Tuesday November 7 at 9:30 am. THE NATIONAL CEMETERY SERVICE WILL BE AT THE ASSEMBLY AREA LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE CEMETERY. FOR DIRECTIONS AND PARKING, PLEASE REFER TO THE MAP IN THE PHOTO GALLERY

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
315 E. Pecan
San Antonio, TX 78205

Graveside Service with Full Military Honors

NOV 7. 9:30 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ I had the good fortune of working with Ed for several years. He was always a pleasure to work with. He was a tremendously intelligent man yet approachable and social. I enjoyed sharing many conversations, sharing experiences of foreign travel.

John S - November 07, 2023 at 03:36 PM

DB

“ Debra B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.

Debra B. - November 06, 2023 at 09:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.

November 06, 2023 at 10:25 AM

RL

“ Robin L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.

Robin L. - November 06, 2023 at 10:07 AM

JT

“ Ed was a large, almost imposing, figure, with a quiet reserved demeanor. Ed wasn't a big talker, but when he spoke everyone stopped what they were doing and paid attention. He was generous with both his time and knowledge, and was appreciated by all with whom he came into contact with. He was an exceptional teammate and friend. I will miss him.

Jeff Taylor - November 06, 2023 at 06:52 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.



November 05, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.



November 04, 2023 at 12:20 PM

KC

“ Karen Craun planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.

Karen Craun - November 04, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.*



November 04, 2023 at 04:43 AM



“ *Edward you will truly be missed. I will miss your sense of humor! May you ready in paradise my friend! Love Susan Wong-Alvarado*



Susan Wong-Alvarado - November 03, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.*



November 03, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Edward was a kind, loving, and thoughtful man. I had the distinct honor and pleasure to work alongside him for fifteen wonderful years. I will always treasure the memories. The best friend and coworker one could ever hope for. Rest in Peace Edward. You are loved and missed. You will never be forgotten.*

John Branum - November 03, 2023 at 12:00 PM

LM

Well said John! My heart and prayers to the entire Ed Martinez Family.

Luis Mercado - November 04, 2023 at 04:43 AM

TS

Ed Martinez was the best. I only had the honor and privilege to work alongside Ed for a handful of years but he was my mentor from the start. He was the smartest guy in the room and everyone knew it. He had a kind and gentle way of raising the bar of the team, a true ennobler. He freely shared his knowledge with those who were smart enough to listen and he made this world a better place. We will miss him a lot. Rest in peace, my friend.

Tim Snider - November 04, 2023 at 08:11 AM

BB

“ Edward was always such a gentleman. He always had a sweet, friendly greeting, and was always attentive to every word spoken in his presence. I’m so blessed to have called him a friend. Prayers for peace.

Brenda Brown - November 01, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of LTC Edward Carlton Martinez, United States Army retired.



November 01, 2023 at 05:54 PM