



Eladio Martinez Laza

December 22, 1951 - March 6, 2025

Eladio Martinez Laza was born on December 22, 1951 in Vega Alta, Puerto Rico. He entered eternal rest surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, March 6, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of 73.

Eladio, known as “Marcos” and “Macho” to family and friends, was a proud U.S. Veteran and served in the United States Army for nearly 13 years. His service was a testament to his unwavering commitment to his country, a value he carried with him throughout his life.

Eladio wore many hats and played many roles in his life, all in which he did with excellence and pride. He was a beloved son and brother, and also an adored husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Eladio was the kind of person you’d only wish there were thousands more of. He was known for countless qualities that contributed to him being so deeply loved by many. He was known for his loud and strong voice and demeanor, and he ironically had a way of making people feel safe, loved, and welcomed. He was known for his cooking, especially his popularly requested lechon and morcillas, being the jokester and life of the party, his salsa dance moves and storytelling, but even more so, he was known for always being there for others in a time of need no matter how big or small, no matter the time of day, and no matter if he knew you for 20 years or 20 minutes.

Eladio was the definition of love, joy, selflessness, and integrity. His heart and soul were pure gold and one of a kind. Eladio was a no-fuss kind of man and enjoyed the simple things in life. He loved watching basketball, boxing, and baseball, as well as playing a good game of dominoes while enjoying a cold Miller Lite. He loved riding his Harley Davidson and being an original member of "The Jibaros Motorcycle Club," and he loved a good get together and party. Eladio's family and friends were his greatest joy, and he leaves behind countless cherished memories with his loved ones.

Eladio is preceded in death by his father Candido Martinez and his mother Gloria Martinez. He is survived by his beloved wife of 17 years, Nereida Cruz. Eladio will be dearly missed by his children; his son Mark Martinez and his wife Erica, his son Gary Martinez and his wife Alexis, his daughter Bianca Martinez, and his daughter Jessica Martinez; his siblings Carmin Martinez, Ricardo Martinez, Victor Arroyo Laza, Marta Arroyo Laza, Candido Martinez, and Horacio Martinez; his grandchildren Gisela Martinez, Mark Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Gary Martinez II, Mason Martinez, Nolan Blokkum and Ava Blokkum, along with numerous aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and extended family.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all family and friends for their love, care, and support during his final days.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Committal Service with Military Honors to follow at 2:15 p.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 26. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Committal Service with Military Honors

MAR **26**. 2:15 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Eladio Martinez Laza*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 25, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Eladio Martinez Laza*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM

GR

Mis condolencias a mi prima Nelly y familia desde PR. Mucha fortaleza

Gloryvee Rosario - March 25, 2025 at 09:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.*



March 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.*



March 26, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ *Te vamos a extrañar mucho.
Gracias por tu amistad incondicional y sincera.
Nuestras oraciones para ustedes en estos momentos tan difíciles. Dios los bendiga.
Familia Claudio
Corpus Christi, TX*



Yadira Claudio - March 26, 2025 at 07:09 AM



“ *Que descance en paz y fortaleza para mi prima Nelly y demás familia desde Puerto Rico.
Att. Gloryvee y fam.*

Gloryvee Rosario - March 25, 2025 at 08:57 PM



“ *Joanelis Rivera lit a candle in memory of Eladio Martinez Laza*



Joanelis Rivera - March 25, 2025 at 07:07 PM

WA

“ Wilfredo and Sonia Anderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.



Wilfredo and Sonia Anderson - March 25, 2025 at 03:06 PM

MA

“ Les mando un abrazo muy grande desde España! Siempre recordaré al primo Layito! El Señor Jesús los sostenga en sus brazos. Prima Maritza, hija de Tio Chin.

Maritza - March 25, 2025 at 12:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.



March 25, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.



March 24, 2025 at 05:42 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.* ”



March 24, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.* ”



March 23, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.* ”



March 22, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.* ”



March 21, 2025 at 10:56 AM

ML

“ *Much Love - Scott & Lisa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.*



Much Love - Scott & Lisa - March 20, 2025 at 10:54 AM

EM

“ *Elvira "Vira" V Martinez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.*



Elvira "Vira" V Martinez - March 19, 2025 at 06:19 AM

EM

“ *Elvira V. Martinez (ex Wife) lit a candle in memory of Eladio Laza*



Elvira "Vira" V Martinez - March 18, 2025 at 08:22 AM

EM

I still can't believe you're gone Marcos. You still had so much life left in you but God needed you, may He Rest your Soul. 🙏

Elvira "Vira" V Martinez - March 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM

EW

Life is so short and fragile. Let your loved ones know how much you love them and appreciate them while they are alive not when they're gone. 🙏 ✨ ☐ ✨ 🕊 ✨ 🛤

Elvira V. Martinez (ex Wife) - March 23, 2025 at 02:55 PM

XL

“ *Xavier & Aixa Leath purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eladio Martinez Laza.*



Xavier & Aixa Leath - March 15, 2025 at 04:05 PM

LI

“ *Mr. Martinez (as I knew you from elementary), Every time I think of my friendship with Bianca from our childhood, memories of you are always a part of them. I will never forget you picking us up in your truck with your crazy horn. I'm glad I got to see you and Bianca for a brief moment awhile ago. It brought back great memories from my childhood. To Bianca and your family, I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. I will pray for you all as you grieve. He will never be forgotten!! With Love, Lisa Decker (Garcia)*



Lisa - March 15, 2025 at 03:47 PM

EM

“ Marcos,

I HOPE YOU KNEW: how special you were. how amazing you were. how much fun you were. how you brightened a room. how you blessed our lives. how proud we were of you. how much we enjoyed being with you. how we LOVED your food. how many smiles you gave us. how you were the BEST of everything. how you were pure magic and complete joy. how kind, generous your ❤️ was. how you were loved, I mean so loved, more than you can imagine.

I HOPE YOU KNOW: how much we still love you. how much you are missed. how we are trying to keep going. how we think of you always. how we are trying to smile again. how god is giving us strength. how many people are praying for us. how your life and death touched so many. how proud we still are of you.

P.S.

I was one of the many lives you touched! I'm so fortunate to have had you as my father-in-law and to have been a part of your life. I will always be grateful for everything you did for me. We love you forever and will miss you deeply for the rest of our lives.

To our family and friends, let this be a constant reminder to be the things you loved most about the people who are gone and to never let a moment pass without appreciating them.



Erica Torres Martinez - March 15, 2025 at 02:55 AM

LA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Martinez Anderson - March 13, 2025 at 12:14 AM

AM

“ Marcos was and is the BEST everything. The best Husband, Papi, Father-in-law, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother and Friend. Marcos welcomed me with open arms the minute I was introduced to the family. He always had a way of making you feel welcomed and loved. He lite up the room with his infectious laugh and smile, with his jokes, and his dancing. He was definitely the life of the party and absolutely loved spending time with his family and friends. He is the staple and heart of our family and we will miss him tremendously.



Alexis Martinez - March 12, 2025 at 08:53 PM

GM

“ Rest In Peace Tio, I'd Like To Send My Deepest Condolences To Family & Friends Who Knew And Grew To Love Him ❤️🙏🕊️



Gloria Martinez - March 11, 2025 at 10:05 PM

DG

“ My condolences to the Martinez family may he rest in eternal peace. I will be praying for the family. He was a beautiful person.



Deanna Guerra - March 11, 2025 at 07:25 PM

FS

“ My deepest condolences to the family. Layito was a great person and he will be miss. RIP

Felix Santana - March 11, 2025 at 07:05 PM

LM

“ My condolences to the family. RIP Macho.

Liz Melendez - March 11, 2025 at 06:55 PM

EP

“ Mi más sentido pésame , con mucha tristeza, a sus hijos, esposa y a toda la familia Martínez. Mi amado compadre, Eladio Martínez Laza , que descanse en paz, Amén 🙏🌹

Emiliana Pantojas Pantojas - March 11, 2025 at 12:41 PM

JP

“ Layito siempre fue muy querido por toda mi familia Pantoja. Nunca lo olvidaremos. Nuestro mas sentido pesame a sus hijos y familia. Que descanse en paz! - Jenny Pantoja

Jenny Pantoja - March 11, 2025 at 12:25 PM

AG

Conoci a la familia Pantoja en el sector Maricao, tambien a la familia Martinez eran beacons Cuanto Siento La perdida de Macho. Fue un super soldier y hermano. QEPD

Amiko Garcia - March 12, 2025 at 11:03 AM