



Hector M. Martinez

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Hector Morales Martinez, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, May 12, 2025, surrounded by those who loved him most. He was 88 years old.

Born in San Antonio, Texas, on March 22, 1937, Hector was the eldest of five siblings born to Ernestina and Roque Martinez. From a young age, he was charismatic and kind—a natural storyteller who made everyone feel seen and heard. He had a gift for conversation and an unforgettable sense of humor, often laughing at his jokes just as hard as everyone else. He was the kind of person who would give you the shirt off his back and never hesitate to help others in need.

Throughout his life, Hector embodied devotion to his country and his family. At the age of 18, Hector joined the United States Air Force and proudly served for 20 years as a flight engineer. He retired in 1975 with the rank of Technical Sergeant. Shortly after his military retirement, he would continue to serve his country as a civil servant, eventually retiring again in 2002. Soon after retiring from the military, Hector met the love of his life, Margaret Caballero, on October 31, 1975. Their connection was instant and lasting—they were

married on January 29, 1977, and remained inseparable for 48 years. Margaret was his best friend, his partner, and his heart.

Hector was the epitome of love and devotion. He was a proud and dedicated father to Javier and Monica, and adored his granddaughters, Lucia and Luna. He cherished every moment spent with his family, especially camping, vacationing, fishing, working on cars, and visiting lakes and rivers. His life was built around family, laughter, and creating lasting memories. Nothing made him happier than time spent with family, especially when it was filled with laughter.

He is survived by his loving wife, Margaret Caballero Martinez; son Javier Martinez; daughter Monica Martinez; his treasured granddaughters, Lucia and Luna Martinez; his brother, Gilbert Martinez; his sister, Grace De la Cruz, and numerous nieces and nephews who were blessed by his presence.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ernestina and Roque Martinez; his sister, Alice Olvera; and his brother, Ben Martinez.

To know Hector was to experience warmth, laughter, generosity, and strength. His legacy lives on in the love he poured into his family and in the countless lives he touched. His memory will remain a guiding light and a lasting treasure.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Family Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Public Visitation

JUN 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Holy Rosary

JUN 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN 3. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78230

Committal Service with Military Honors

JUN 3. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Monica Martinez - October 03, 2025 at 03:05 AM



“ Junior Olvera lit a candle in memory of Hector M. Martinez



Junior Olvera - June 02, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ Lile purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hector M. Martinez.



Lile - June 02, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Hector M. Martinez.



June 01, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Hector M. Martinez.*



June 01, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ *Emerald & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Hector M. Martinez.*



Emerald & Family - May 31, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ *I am saddened by the passing of my Uncle Hector...*

Thank you tio for your service.

Thank you for sacrifices.

I am grateful for your courage and bravery.

Bobby Martinez

Robert Martinez - May 30, 2025 at 08:42 PM



“ *Best husband, daddy, and grandpa ever!*”



Monica Martinez - May 30, 2025 at 03:44 AM



“ *The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.*”



Camille Monte - May 28, 2025 at 01:56 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Hector M. Martinez.*”



May 28, 2025 at 01:54 AM



“ *Four of us went on our lunch break together when working at RAFB.*”

Arthur Avant - May 25, 2025 at 05:08 PM

YM

“ *My Condolences to The Martinez Tio Hector was a great man. 🙏❤️*



Yvonne Martinez - May 22, 2025 at 02:32 PM

RM

I AGREE! Uncle Hector was also an inspiration.

Robert Martinez - May 30, 2025 at 08:48 PM

AP

“ *May you rest in paradise. My condolences the Martinez family. From the Peña family in Dallas Tx.*

Anthony Pena - May 21, 2025 at 07:27 AM

KC

“ *Katherine Cuellar lit a candle in memory of Hector M. Martinez*



Katherine Cuellar - May 20, 2025 at 10:12 PM