



## Dr. Martin John Sablik

October 21, 1939 - February 6, 2021

Martin John Sablik, 81, went to be with the Lord on February 6, 2021. Marty was preceded in death by his parents Martin and Elsie, brother Joseph and son Victor Phillip. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Beverly Shively Sablik, children Jeanne Sablik, Karen Gonzales (Eli), Marjorie Quarles (David), Lawrence Sablik (Mary), brother Tim Sablik and five grandchildren, Ethan and Zachary Gonzales, and Aaron, Kathryn and William Quarles.

Marty was born on October 21, 1939 in Brooklyn, NY to Martin Charles Sablik and Elsie Marie Fuzia. He attended Stuyvesant High School, graduating 7th in his class at age 16. He attended Cornell University studying physics and completing a Bachelor of Arts in 1960. Thereafter, he achieved a Master of Science from the University of Kentucky in 1965. He met his future wife Beverly Shively while studying in Lexington. They married on November 26, 1965 in Owensboro, KY and moved to New Jersey. He completed a Ph.D. in physics from Fordham University in 1972. Marty became an assistant professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ. In 1980 he moved to San Antonio, Texas and worked at Southwest Research Institute until he retired in 2007 as a Staff Scientist.

Marty's love for the Lord was obvious. In New Jersey, he was active in the Cursillo movement and the small group ministry RENEW. After moving to Texas, he brought the RENEW small group program to St. Luke's Catholic Church. He volunteered as a hospital minister, participated in jail ministry and volunteered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

In 1987, Marty, along with Deacon Ed Courtney and Joe Hayes established the ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) parish-based retreat program. While utilizing prayer, teaching and service, the ACTS retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal. With the development of the ACTS Missions in San Antonio, the ACTS retreats have also spread throughout the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Africa. Over a million people have attended ACTS retreats since its inception in July 1987. Marty was also an avid photographer. He was always seen with his camera around his neck taking pictures and sharing them. In addition, he was a sports enthusiast and faithfully watched every Spurs game. He grew up watching the Brooklyn Dodgers and at a young age learned every statistic. He eagerly attended any professional sports game with friends and family. He enjoyed playing cards and board games with his family and grandchildren.

With over 141 scientific publications beginning in the late 1960's, Dr. Sablik played a prominent role in the field of nondestructive testing and evaluation development of magnetic and magnetostriction hysteresis modeling. He focused his work on the area of magnetic materials and research. Dr. Sablik's career achievements include patents for Hi T(sub c) superconductors, as well as the development of Barkhausen Noise, and theory for elastic wave propagation in metal tubes generated by electromagnetic waves. Additionally, he developed models for sensing torque and electrical resistivity and neutron scattering in rare earth metallic materials.

Marty was also an active member in the American Society of Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) both internationally and locally. He was the recipient of an Imagineer Award from the Mind Science Foundation.

He loved to travel, and as part of his technical career, he completed international sabbaticals in Poland and Tasmania.

Viewing will be held on Friday, March 5th at 9:00am, rosary at 9:30am, followed by a funeral mass at 10:00am at St. Luke's Catholic Church, San Antonio, Texas. To view the livestreamed services, visit <https://www.facebook>.

com/STLUKESANANTOINO/live.

Memorial donations may be made to ACTS Missions: 7711 Madonna Drive,  
San Antonio, TX 78216. [www.actsmissions.org](http://www.actsmissions.org)

<https://sanantonioreport.org/martin-sablik-obituary/>

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# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection at Cordi - Marian Cemetery

11624 Culebra Road  
San Antonio, TX 78253

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4603 Manitou Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78228

## Rosary

MAR 5. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4603 Manitou Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78228

## Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4603 Manitou Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78228



# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry for your loss, Marty was a wonderful man in many aspects. I had the privilege of collaborating with him when I was a professor at Texas State University (before I left to become an R&D Manager at Sandia National Labs in 2005), and talking to him about San Antonio since that is my home town. I remember meeting him many times at scientific conferences. He was well known for taking many pictures of his colleagues during social events at these conferences. I don't know what happened to those pictures, but they are priceless. Many famous scientists appeared in those pictures, and they would form a wonderful tribute to him if they were available to his colleagues.

*In Albuquerque, I know that the ACTS retreat is very popular, and I loved telling folks that I knew one of the founders for that retreat movement. He was a very spiritual man who loved his family. I will fondly remember him always.*

*Carlos Gutierrez*

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**Carlos Gutierrez** - October 11, 2021 at 02:51 PM

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“ Always looked forward to seeing Marty. He was so down to earth and funny. Took pictures all the time! Loved God, his family, and friends. Words cannot express how loved Marty was or how much love he spread around. Melody

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**Melody Leone** - April 23, 2021 at 12:24 AM

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“ To know Marty was to know a friend who cares about you. It was always my treat to spot Marty with his big smile and have him give me a warm nod in recognition of my kidding about him being the “King of Equations”. His bright smile and friendly manner will always be remembered. May he rest in peace.  
Nick Eaker

Nick Eaker - March 04, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Martin John Sablik.



March 04, 2021 at 05:13 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 03, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Martin John Sablik.*



March 03, 2021 at 03:41 PM



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**Deborah A. Alaniz** - March 03, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ *your ACTS Missions family (Board & Staff) purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Dr. Martin John Sablik.*



**your ACTS Missions family (Board & Staff)** - March 03, 2021 at 03:06 PM



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**Karen Gonzales** - March 03, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Martin John Sablik.*



March 02, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Martin John Sablik.*



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March 02, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family. We have fond memories of Marty and Beverly, they were on two pilgrimages with us: to Fatima & Lourdes and to Italy. Marty joined us a couple of years ago on a Holy Land Pilgrimage. We always admired his deep faith, his interest in learning about the Catholic Church and his witness. We have been praying daily for the repose of his soul, for Beverly and the family. God bless you. May Marty rest in the merciful arms of our Savior! Mary Jane and Deacon Tom Fox*

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**Mary Jane Fox** - March 01, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *I have never felt so humbled. Marty was truly a giant in the scientific community. I did not realize how insignificant I was in his presence. Beverly and family your loss was not only personal, but a loss for humanity.*

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**vic york** - February 28, 2021 at 12:11 AM