



Martin L Sojourner

January 14, 1943 - May 3, 2019

He died doing what he loved when the Lord called him home. Martin "Sojo" Sojourner unexpectedly died on Friday May 3, 2019.

In retirement, he found his niche as a Flag Captain for the San Antonio Patriot Guard Riders, whose motto is "Standing For Those Who Stood For Us". For the past three years, he volunteered his time to honor fallen military heroes, first responders and veterans at Memorial services.

Martin was a proud US Navy Veteran who served during the Vietnam War as a River Boat Gunner. He retired from Via Metropolitan Transit as a Bus Operator. It's ironic that he was born in Oklahoma City because he was a huge UT Football fan.

He was part of the congregation at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, brother and close friend Leonor Garcia.

He is survived by three daughters. Heather, Amanda, Tammy; five grandchildren; friends like family CDR Raul R. Garcia, USN (Ret) and LtCol Pamela F. Garcia, USMC (Ret); and Gabe and Laura G. Ruiz; all his PGR family and all who considered him a friend.

Acts 20:37-38 New International Version (NIV)

37 They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. 38 What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

Rest In Peace Dad

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAY 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 20. 8:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

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Dorothy Macias - June 10, 2019 at 01:30 PM

DM

I miss you getting together with you on the weekends, especially our Sunday wine days. Love ya, Martin.

Dorothy Macias - June 10, 2019 at 01:31 PM

DM

“ Dorothy Macias lit a candle in memory of Martin L Sojourner



Dorothy Macias - June 10, 2019 at 01:27 PM

TK

“ *I have always felt blessed to have two men in my life that i could call dad. I am thankful for u letting me part of your world. You are a man with many great qualities. Your smile,humor, and honor is extremely contagious. I could listen to of your storytelling for hours. There is truly never a dull moment in your presence. I see so much of you in me, and I am glad to call myself your daughter. I will love and miss you forever, till we meet again. God bless! Your daughter tammy*

Tammy krobath - May 18, 2019 at 11:05 PM

MC

Dear Family, I just learned of Mr. Sojourner's passing. We at Pope's Cleaners give our heartfelt sympathies. The vest in one of the pictures is at our cleaners at 6218 S. Flores. Mr. Sojourner had it cleaned and it was due for pick up on May 2, 2019. We have been calling his home for months and just found out about his passing. I would very much like to give this honorary vest back to his family. Can someone please contact us at 210.923.7785? Kind regards, Melody Pope Cooper

Melody Cooper - August 22, 2019 at 05:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin L Sojourner.*



May 17, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ *I miss you, Martin.*



Dorothy Macias - May 17, 2019 at 02:30 AM

John Joseph Takai

“ *Dear Martin,*

I miss you brother and you will be always in our hearts and memories as the days go by. God Bless you brother.

John j Takai



John Joseph Takai - May 15, 2019 at 02:18 AM

John Joseph Takai

“ *John Joseph Takai lit a candle in memory of Martin L Sojourner*



John Joseph Takai - May 15, 2019 at 01:31 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin L Sojourner.*



May 13, 2019 at 07:11 PM

LE

“ Lori Henson Estate purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Martin L Sojourner.



Lori Henson Estate - May 12, 2019 at 10:52 PM

SC

“ Martin was such a happy guy, he ALWAYS made me laugh. No matter how depressed I felt, anytime I was with Martin he lifted my spirits and before I knew it we were both laughing till it hurt. Two memories of him stand out in my mind. One Sunday he came to worship with us at the little country church I pastored in Wilson County. When church was over he came to me and told me he had gone into the men's room and it was so dark he couldn't see hardly anything so he felt around searching for the light switch. He said he checked all the walls but couldn't find the switch anywhere. He said the whole time he was searching there was something brushing against his face. He said he kept brushing it away repeatedly and finally he got so frustrated he grabbed it and yanked on it and suddenly the light came on. We both laughed so hard it hurt. That's the kind of guy he was. Martin was a person who could laugh at himself. I never saw him frown or get angry. My other fond memory of Martin was again one of the many Sunday's he came to worship with us. In my sermon I told the story of John Newton who wrote Amazing Grace. Martin was so impressed with the story of Newton's life that he brought it up many times when we were together. I think Newton's story touched Martin in a special way. I look forward to seeing him when I get to heaven so we can laugh together through all eternity. God bless you SOJO. I love you and I miss you, buddy.
Sam Carpenter



Sam Carpenter - May 12, 2019 at 01:34 PM

DW

*Ditto Tripod,
I miss him too, but we'll see him again in Heaven... . Tink*

David Walden - May 12, 2019 at 10:25 PM

DR

“ *Danny & Diane Adams, Fellow Patriot Guard Rider purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Martin L Sojourner.*



Danny & Diane Adams, Fellow Patriot Guard Rider - May 11, 2019 at 10:20 PM

DC

“ *Sojo will truly be missed. When Sam & I was pastoring Marcelina Baptist Church outside of Floresville, He would come on second Sunday with the Riders. The members there loved him & send their condolences. Sojo, Juan & Sam would stand around laughing & talking. I think they could talk & pick at each other forever, they were in their own little world when they got going. We would just go off & leave them to it. He will be missed by many. So sorry for your loss. May the Lord comfort you!*

Sam & Debbie Carpenter

Debbie Carpenter - May 11, 2019 at 05:16 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin L Sojourner.*



May 11, 2019 at 01:46 AM

DP

“ *My deepest condolences on behalf of Richard and Diana Padilla. He was a wonderful friend and always had a smile on his face. He will be missed at our La Salle Alumni gatherings. Rest in peace, my friend.*



Diana Padilla - May 10, 2019 at 11:01 PM

WG

“ *Martin was a super falcon and a hell of a football player. We enjoyed his company at the LaSalle alumni breakfast. Will be truly missed. Godspeed my friend.*

willie Garza - May 10, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Sojourner family. Martin was one of the first people I met when I joined the Patriot Guard. we became instant friends and knowing SoJo, that was the case with everyone he met. He never met a stranger. His infectious smile, warm heart and wonderful stories will be truly missed. Fair Winds and Following Seas my Brother.*

Jack Gregory - May 10, 2019 at 12:58 PM

NE

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Neal - May 10, 2019 at 09:29 AM

JF

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Jesse Franco - May 10, 2019 at 03:23 AM

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Melody Cooper - August 22, 2019 at 05:26 PM



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Dorothy Macias - May 10, 2019 at 02:14 AM



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Dorothy Macias - May 10, 2019 at 02:02 AM

AL

“ *Alfredo and Sheri Lujan purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Martin L Sojourner.*



Alfredo and Sheri Lujan - May 09, 2019 at 11:07 PM

SL

“ *Sojo was such a character. We were both Navy and would talk forever when I joined any of the PGR outings. Alfredo is really missing his friend! He was a great guy to hang out and always made you laugh. We will miss him! May you find peace knowing he gave so much of himself to others. You served your country with pride, rest now Sojo, WE HAVE THE WATCH!*

Sheri and Alfredo Lujan

sheri coleman lujan - May 09, 2019 at 10:56 PM

LM

“ Michael and I would like to offer our sincere condolences to Martin's family and friends. We were honored to know him, and to call him our brother through the PGR. He was one of the first to befriend us when we joined the PGR in San Antonio. We will never forget his compassion and dedication to his fellow veterans. Rest in peace, Sojo. We have the watch now.

Lisa Menard - May 09, 2019 at 10:17 PM

RM

It was a pleasure to be with Martin on PGR missions & have to have him as a good friend. You always had a smile on your face that was contagious to us all. Our prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Rest Easy brother " Fair winds and following seas brother.

Randal b. Munoz - May 09, 2019 at 10:29 PM

CG

RIP Brother SoJo. It was my honor to be your friend. By your deeds you showed us your faith. By your deeds you have earned eternal life, rest and peace next to our Lord. Our prayers for peace and comfort to the family.

*Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the lake, From the hill,
From the sky.
All is well, Safely rest,
God is nigh.*

*Thanks and praise, For our days,
Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,
God is nigh*

*Carlos "Charlie" Gutierrez
VFW Post 7108
Chaplain*

CARLOS GUTIERREZ - May 10, 2019 at 04:15 AM

RB

Rest in peace my brother. You may have fallen but you will never be forgotten. My sincerest condolences to the entire Sojourner family.

Ray Barger - May 10, 2019 at 09:05 AM

JP

“ *Our sincere condolences go out to Martin’s family , he was a very loved man in the PGR community always smiling, joking and never saying a harsh word about anyone or anything. He loved God , the military, and his family. He would make everyone he met feel special. His patriotism was second to none always expressing his love for America , the flag and the US Navy which him and I both were in. He will always hold a special place in my heart as he will I know in many others. We are all in shock about his passing and know that he’s up in heaven right now telling his “special stories “ to all the angels. God bless Martin until we meet again brother ❤️*



J R Payne - May 09, 2019 at 09:58 PM



“ Amanda and Heather, our sincere condolences to you and your families. Martin was a very special friend to me and Juan. We made so many wonderful memories with Martin. He didn't ride but he would be right behind the Harley in his truck or his Super Sport. He was fun to be with and kept us in stitches with his stories. Martin knew no stranger, he made friends easily and had the gift of gab. He loved God, country and the PGR and we loved him. In my heart is where my Martin memories reside . My friend, my wine buddy.



Dorothy Macias
Juan Tarango

Dorothy Macias - May 09, 2019 at 09:01 PM

GB

“ My deepest condolences to Martin's family, friends and all PGR members who knew him. His selfless devotion to service in Vietnam and years later in the PGR will be long remembered, along with his beaming smile, contagious smile.

I will be across the pond in London during the services, but be assured that I will be there with you in spirit.

God speed, SoJo.

George Briscoe - May 09, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Sojourner family. “SOJO” was one of the first to befriend me when I joined the PGR last October, and was always one of the first to greet me by name when ever I attended a PGR Mission. He will be greatly missed.

Rich Pachecano - May 09, 2019 at 07:37 PM

JC

“ I will truly miss Martin and his precious smile. He was a special friend and we loved picking on each other. It was all in fun and we always parted with a big hug and kiss. I will miss his messages and knowing how much he loved God and his country.
I pray for peace for both Amanda and Heather. Your Dad was a loving and kind man. He will be greatly missed and he will always hold a special place in a lot of hearts in San Antonio!!! RIP sweet friend and know we will care your flag and always have your back.

Judy, John and Jennifer Carlile ----Wreaths Across America

Judy Carlile - May 09, 2019 at 06:52 PM

DW

*Don "Papa bear " Williams
To the girls of Martin, my prayer and thoughts will be with ya forever, he was such a dear friend to me and my girls, when he visited our ranch ... he is and always will be missed, as my Vietnam brother, my flag captain and a friend larger than life*

don "pappa bear" Williams - May 09, 2019 at 08:58 PM

BJ

“ Our Deepest Condolences to the Sojourner Family. We will always keep "SoJo" in Memory Banks and remember his Big Smile that he always had. Amanda & Heather, you both are going to be in Our Thoughts and Prayers. And Please remember that your Dad had a heart of Gold. He Loved his Fellow Veterans and his San Antonio Patriot Guard Family.



Bob "Pizza Man" & Barbara Johnson

Bob "Pizza Man" Johnson - May 09, 2019 at 03:46 PM

DT

Sojo was one of a kind. He always had a smile and kind word to brighten the day. We will miss you brother and someday see you again in Heaven.

Dennis Trotts - May 14, 2019 at 01:04 PM