



Matthew Paul Martinez

February 23, 1974 - April 1, 2026

Matthew Paul Martinez, 52, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away April 1, 2026. Matthew was born February 23, 1974, in San Antonio, Texas.

Matthew's memory will be forever cherished by his loving wife, Brook Martinez (Borland), and his beloved children Veronica, Antonio, Gracelynn, Cristian, Evelyn, and Juddah, who were his greatest pride and joy. He is survived by his mother Mary E. Carrillo (Cortez) and stepfather Marcario Carrillo, his siblings Linda Carrillo (Dahles Dennis) and Christopher Carrillo, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who were like family to him.

Matthew worked as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, a career that reflected his natural calling to care for others. He earned his Vocational Nursing degree and dedicated his life not only to his patients, but to anyone who needed support, encouragement, or kindness.

Matthew loved roller skating, playing video games, listening and singing to music, and spending time outdoors. He enjoyed being in nature, trying to grow plants, composting, and listening to and debating conspiracy theory. He was a devoted Dallas Cowboy fan. More than anything, he loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his wife.

Matthew was truly a light in every room he entered. His presence made

people feel seen, welcomed, and valued. He had a contagious laugh, a humble spirit, and a kind heart. He had a special gift for making people smile and making sure no one ever felt alone. His personal mission in life was to be a safe space for others. If you entered his home, you were family, no questions asked. He believed in helping others through their struggles and was never afraid to get "into the dirt" with someone to help them through a hard time.

To those who knew him, Matthew will always be remembered for his goodness, his laughter, and the way he poured love into everyone around him. He was a protector of his family and worked hard to make sure no one he loved ever went without.

Matthew faced his battle with cancer with remarkable strength, grace, and unwavering faith. He never took his eyes off Christ and trusted fully in God's plan. Throughout his illness, he remained strong in his belief that no matter the outcome, he would win. Whether that meant more time with his family or being welcomed into heaven with Jesus, he would win. His faith was an inspiration to everyone who witnessed his journey.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 9, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with a service at 6:30 P.M. at 1700 SE Military Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78214. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 10, at 11:00 A.M. with burial to follow.

Matthew's legacy of love, kindness, faith, and service to others will live on through everyone blessed enough to know him.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Prayer Service

APR 9. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Funeral Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Interment

APR 10 (CT)

Mission Burial Park South
1700 SE Military Dr.
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Following funeral service in our chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *The Curry Family & K's Nursing Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Matthew Paul Martinez.*



The Curry Family & K's Nursing Team - April 09 at 11:57 AM

JL

“ Matt and I were inseparable from 7th through 9th grade at Alan B. Shepard and West Campus. He also persuaded me to attend High Tech High School at SAC our freshman year before he changed schools.

I remember Matt for his intelligence, deep conversations, and off-the-wall humor. He dressed stylishly, danced with abandon, and was quick to flash his stunner smile.

I remember I was gonna take a photo of Matt with a group of friends at a Halloween school dance, but Charles Frank jumped in front. Matt made the best of it by poking out from behind with his trademark smile. That silliness and spontaneity is what I remember best about him.

Matt always had an idea -- "let's stand back to back for this photo!" or "We should make a band!" He played sax, our friend Kevin McDonald played drums, and I had a keyboard. One of my fondest memories was jamming at the McDonald's residence, just admiring each other's music play and having this feeling of togetherness. Matt made me feel accepted, he always made me laugh, and he wasn't afraid to just be himself. There's nothing more I could ever want from a friend.

That's me (Joseph) and Matt standing back to back and Matt with Kevin -- we called ourselves Dain Bramage those precious few times we jammed. I bet you can guess who came up with the name



Joseph de Leon - April 09 at 12:32 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Matthew Paul Martinez.* ”



April 08 at 07:46 PM

CR

“ With deepest gratitude, we honor the profoundly inspiring impact of Matthew Martinez, one of Christopher's exceptionally dedicated home health nurses, whose remarkably uplifting legacy will continue to motivate us. Matthew devoted himself selflessly to our family, providing incredibly compassionate care over 48 hours a week for more than 12 years - a truly remarkable display of commitment. His tireless dedication earned him a special place in our hearts, and we will deeply cherish the memories we shared, mainly because they're a testament to the transformative power of kindness. Matthew's generosity, humor, and compassionate spirit made him an invaluable part of our lives, and we're not just saying that because he was Christopher's gaming buddy - although, it's undeniable that their bond was a beautiful thing. As Christopher's gaming buddy, Matthew created countless unforgettable moments, and his presence will be deeply missed, yet his memory will continue to uplift us, mainly because it will remind us of the profound impact one person can have on our lives.



Christopher, Mike & Valerie Rousseau - April 07 at 08:32 PM

CN

“ Christopher, Rousseau Family & Nana purchased the Pure Heart for the family of Matthew Paul Martinez.

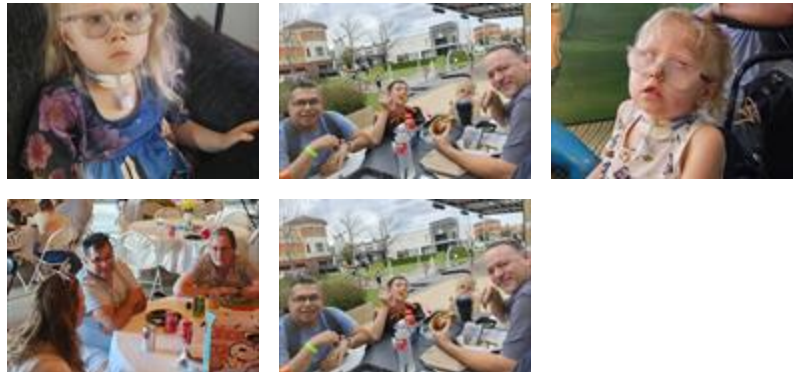


Christopher, Rousseau Family & Nana - April 07 at 07:33 PM

KC

“ Matt was a loved and treasured part of our family. He took such good care of our daughter Kalista (see the classic eye roll picture) and always encouraged her sassiness. His hilarious commentary of Baby K's many facial expressions and mannerisms will be missed. His faith and sense of humor was a perfect match to our family and we spent many days in laughter. It's not good bye, it's see ya later. Until we hug you in heaven, I am thankful to have spent time with you here! Thank you for being a great friend and a wonderful caregiver to our daughter.

Love, Kalista, Bryce, Katie and Brandon



Katie Curry - April 07 at 04:05 PM

LM

I love you mijo and I will miss you and your infectious smile. You are such a kind and loving spirit. Never pretentious, always humble. I'll always remember how you were always up for some good music and dancing. You were so funny, witty and so intelligent. I wish I could give you a big hug right now. I will miss you tremendously perhaps we can have fun in the dream state mijo. See you later and we'll sing and dance again. Love you, Aunt Linda 💕 😊

Linda Martinez - April 09 at 12:59 AM