



SMSGT. Steven M. Martin

December 18, 1944 - April 16, 2025

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Steven M. Martin passed in his home on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025, after battling Parkinson's disease for many years. He is survived by his beautiful and loving wife Maria F. Martin and her children she shared with him Maria del Carmen Trufant, Maria Guadalupe Davis, and Christobal Castillo and their families along with his brother Greg, his wife Wendy, and their family.

Steve was the oldest of three children born to Glen and Mary Gill Martin in San Antonio, Texas on the 18th of December 1944. His father served in the Army Air Force and then the US Air Force for 35 years and much of Steve's early life was spent on the road traveling to new and interesting areas around the world where his father was assigned: San Antonio; Guam; Washington, DC; Paris, France; Roswell, New Mexico; and Honolulu, Hawaii.

After graduating from Radford High School, in Honolulu, Hawaii, Steve enlisted in the US Air Force where he became a transportation, cargo and aerial port specialist. During his enlistment period, Steve was assigned to Cam Ranh Bay, South Vietnam and from there forward deployed in support of the US Marine Corps during the three-month siege of Khe Sanh in 1968. For

his actions during that deployment Steve was authorized to wear the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon.

After completing his enlistment period, Steve enrolled at Sam Houston State University where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees Cum Laude in Government Studies. From there Steve spent several years in Norfolk, Nebraska as the Executive Director for the Mid-Elkhorn Valley Council of Governments. But with San Antonio as the place Steve always thought of as his home, he returned in 1980 as an administrative assistant in the City of San Antonio's Department of Human Resources and Services

Preferring field work to staff duties Steve accepted a position in Huntsville, Texas with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, while at the same he re-enlisted in the USAF Reserves and served with the 433rd Airlift Wing at Lackland AFB. After several years of balancing the workload, Steve had advanced through the ranks to grade of Senior Master Sergeant and had become one of the most proficient Hazardous Cargo Specialists in the Air Force Reserves.

At the same time, our nation's operations tempo accelerated to the point where our Reserve and Air National Guard units were being used almost non-stop. So, Steve left the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and performed near full-time employment his unit at Lackland. At the same time, Steve was introduced to Maria and for the next three decades they enjoyed a most special and loving relationship.

The family would like to express their gratitude for all who helped care for Steve.

Committal Service with Military Honors will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at Shelter #1.

We invite all family and friends to join us in honoring the memory of Steven M. Martin.

A Celebration of Life will be held on:

Thursday, June 5, 2025

12:30 PM

Harlandale Methodist Church

6025 South Flores Street

San Antonio, Texas 78214

Please come as we gather to remember, reflect, and celebrate the life of a beloved husband, father, brother, friend, and member of our community.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Committal Service with Military Honors

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Please follow signs to Shelter #1.

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JUN 5. 12:30 PM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78214

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of SMSGT. Steven M. Martin*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - May 10, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ *My condolences to Maria and the family. Steve and I served together for many years in the 74th Aerial Port Squadron at Kelly AFB. Steve was one of the finest Hazardous Cargo Specialist that I ever had the opportunity to work with. If we had Hazardous Cargo to ship and Steve prepared it for shipment, it was done correctly right from the beginning while others might have many errors.. I have many fond memories of Steve during some of our deployments .He was a fine Airman coming from an outstanding Military Family! God Speed Steve*

John Tosh - May 11, 2025 at 04:05 PM

DM

“ *A life well lived and a good man in every sense of that phrase. Blessings on Steve and all who knew him. David Martin*

David Martin - May 11, 2025 at 02:53 PM

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“ *Trufant purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of SMSGT. Steven M. Martin.*



Trufant - May 09, 2025 at 02:10 PM