

George Primitivo Martinez

May 18, 1948 - May 8, 2019

George Primitivo Martinez, age 70, of Lovilia, went home to be with the Lord Jesus on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia, Iowa.

George was born on May 18, 1948, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Flavio and Josie Martinez, brother to Gilbert Martinez and Phyllis Padilla. He was united in marriage to Josie Epperson and together they share 4 children, Angela, Gabriel, Tammy, and Matthew.

George was kind, feisty, silly, strong, handsome, adventurous, & full of so much love and was never afraid to express his emotions! He loved to travel to see his family, especially his grandchildren who were his world. He lit up every room he entered with his happy and humorous personality! And His love & passion for His Savior Jesus was always evident! George's ability to share God's Word was a true gift from God. George loved the outdoors in every way, he loved to garden and especially loved flowers which brought him much joy.

George is survived by his loving family including his wife, Josie Martinez of Lovilia; 4 children, Angela (Keith) Artis of Woodbridge VA, Gabriel Martinez of Albuquerque NM, Tammy Gomez of Tucson, Arizona, and Matthew (Erica) Martinez of Lovilia; 8 grandchildren, Savannah Martinez, Calleigh Bunnell, Ronnie Lovato, Daniel (Cassidy) Bunnell, Rhiannon (Daniel) Sanchez, Elijah

Martinez, Faith Martinez, and Apollo Artis; 1 great grandchild, Jameson Bunnell; a sister, Phyllis Padilla; and many brothers and sisters in Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Flavio and Josie; and a brother, Gilbert Martinez.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with George's family present to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.
Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Memorial Service

MAY 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *George Primitivo Martinez*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *George Primitivo Martinez*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I knew George for a very short time but his love for family and God was obvious. Always a smile to greet me! To Josie and family - My thoughts and prayers for peace in your hearts and smiles on your faces as you remember this wonderful man!*

Connie Otto (nurse)

Connie Otto - May 12, 2019 at 02:09 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Primitivo Martinez.*



May 11, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Primitivo Martinez.*



May 10, 2019 at 12:38 PM



“ *George was a good friend and a jolly man! He will be missed! Rick H*

Rick Henderson - May 10, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Prayers and Condolences to the Martinez family. May the Lord give you peace in knowing he is in heaven residing among angels with Him.*

Catherine Drinkwater II - May 10, 2019 at 12:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George Primitivo Martinez.*



May 10, 2019 at 12:02 AM

MR

“ *Mark & Rosie Randolph purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of George Primitivo Martinez.*



Mark & Rosie Randolph - May 09, 2019 at 08:37 PM

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“ *Lisa Saavedra lit a candle in memory of George Primitivo Martinez*

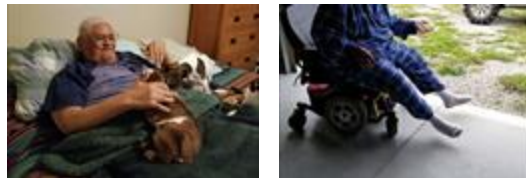


Lisa Saavedra - May 09, 2019 at 04:13 PM



Matthew
Martinez

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Matthew Martinez - May 09, 2019 at 03:16 PM



Jeanette
Sanchez

This post is from his niece Lydia Sanchez. My uncle George came into my life when I was about 8 years old and was around my childhood days until he moved to Iowa. He had a smile which was very contagious. I'm at peace knowing that he is in the arms of Jesus. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family

Jeanette Sanchez - May 10, 2019 at 12:42 PM



What I remember the most about my uncle George was his smile and how he could brighten up a room with his smile he was a very kind hearted man and was always a positive person. I will miss him my prayers go out to the family

Jeanette Sanchez - May 10, 2019 at 12:44 PM