



## Billy Ray Martinez

September 14, 1961 - September 18, 2017

1961-2017

Billy Ray Martinez, age 56, a resident of San Fernandez, NM, passed away on Monday, September 18, 2017. He was a member and part of the Pastoral Council at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta, NM. Billy was also Mayordomo for the month of December at Sangre De Cristo Mission Church as well as Valencia County Commissioner for District 2. Billy Ray was a lifelong resident of Los Lunas, NM, where he graduated from high school in 1979. He attended Vo-Tech Technical School where he studied welding. He worked as a welder and later formed BRM Construction where he focused on the construction of metal buildings throughout Valencia County. Billy had a deep passion for Valencia County and maintained business and personal relationships with many people. He was elected to the Valencia County Commission District 2 in November, 2016. In his role as Commissioner, he was committed to improving the County, especially District 2, which is the only un-incorporated district in the County. Billy's construction knowledge and deep roots in the community brought great perspective to the commission. His passion for the people and the future of Valencia County helped set a direction that will remain his legacy. Billy Ray's love of his family, church and community were the qualities most admired by those who knew him. Billy Ray, like his father, knew enough about most things, allowing him the ability to talk to anyone on any subject. He shared his knowledge graciously and took the time to teach those who came to him for advice or direction. Billy Ray is

preceded in death by his father, Billy C. Martinez; infant sister, Elizabeth Martinez; infant niece, Alexa Rae Martinez; paternal grandparents, Demecio and Josefita Martinez; maternal grandparents, Jose Manuel and Eduarda Sanchez. He is survived by his son, Armando Martinez and fiancé, Shawnee Aragon; daughter, Lindsay Martinez and fiancé, Conrado Armijo; grandsons, Mateo Armijo, Eneas Armijo, Darius Armijo and fiancé, Miriam Rocha; great granddaughter, Hailey Armijo; mother, Esther Martinez; brothers, Chris Martinez and wife, Tracey, Gerald Martinez and wife, Fran, Vivian Edward Martinez and spouse, Douglas Brewster; mother of his children, Camille Sanchez; and several nephews and nieces. All services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta on Friday, September 22, 2017. A Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Urnbearers will be Conrado Armijo and Shawnee Aragon. Honorary urnbearers will be Chris Hedgeman, Andres Martinez, Clayton Martinez, Dana Martinez, Dani Rae Martinez, Russell Martinez, and Jarrod Tesch.

Please sign Billy Ray's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com)  
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 22. 9:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Rosary

SEP 22. 10:00 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

SEP 22. 11:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *I can't believe Billy is gone. I'm going to miss seeing him at the bosque farms flea market and spotting me then yelling Connie B. My deepest prayers and thoughts go out to his family and to his two children . I have a lot of awesome memories of the fun times we had back in the day when our families would hang out. Love you billy and miss you so Much. Connie Baca*

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**Connie Baca** - June 02, 2018 at 06:01 AM

AG

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**Anthony, Sandra & Angela Gurule** - October 12, 2017 at 05:21 PM

AS

*Anthony & Sandra Gurule*

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**Anthony, Sandra** - October 12, 2017 at 05:22 PM

PJ

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Martinez family. May God Bless each and everyone of yous at this difficult time. Billy will be missed by alot of people. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*



*Pat and Catherine (Perea) Jojola*

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**Pat and Catherine Jojola** - October 10, 2017 at 03:39 PM

JD

“ Johnny And Ofelia Diaz lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



Johnny And Ofelia Diaz - October 09, 2017 at 07:46 PM

CW

“ C.D. Williams lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



C.D. Williams - September 22, 2017 at 08:29 PM

AI

“ My condolences to the family. Billy was a good friend over the years I knew him. Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers.

Albert Montoya II - September 22, 2017 at 08:10 PM

JD

“ Our condolences to the family. Billy Ray was a good friend to the family since his youth. May he rest in peace. Joe and Linda Duran.

Joe and Linda Duran - September 22, 2017 at 06:33 PM

TT

“ Our heartfelt condolences to all the Martinez family. May our Lord give you peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Tom & Paulette Torres - September 22, 2017 at 01:52 PM

VM

“ Valerie Martinez lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



Valerie Martinez - September 22, 2017 at 10:54 AM

VM

*My condolences to the Martinez family and Armando and Lindsay with the loss of your father. I am glad to have known Billy Ray and remember how he always had a cheerful greeting. Rest in Peace!*

Valerie Martinez - September 22, 2017 at 10:58 AM

KM

“ Deepest Heartfelt Sympathies ....

Kathy moya - September 22, 2017 at 10:22 AM

CM

“ Our deepest condolences to the Martinez family , Carl & Lorraine Marquez



Carl Marquez - September 21, 2017 at 10:54 PM

PF

“ Paula C. Padilla and Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Billy Ray Martinez.



Paula C. Padilla and Family - September 21, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ Tommy and Cynthia Erven send our deepest condolences to the Martinez Family. He will be missed greatly. He was a very dedicated man.



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**Cynthia Gallegos-erven** - September 21, 2017 at 03:21 PM

AC

“ Our condolences to all of the Martinez Family Art & Toni Castillo



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**Art & Toni Castillo** - September 21, 2017 at 01:11 PM

CG

“ Billy, you were a great friend, very near and dear to my heart. High School and beyond would not have been the same without you. I feel blessed to have visited with you in early September. Your Friend Carol Gonzales.

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**Carol Gonzales** - September 21, 2017 at 12:16 PM

CS

“ *Esther ,Armando, Lindsey ,Chris,Gerald and the rest of the Martinez family. Our Deepest and Sincere Sympathy go out to all of you from the bottom of our hearts. Billywill be truly missed. Billy was truly a good friend to myself and Johnny. But he always called him Johnny Ray and called me Creselda. I will always remember him for calling me this. And he always would ask for Johnny wherever we would meet. He never forgot his friends. He was so good to my kids too, Mark and Martha. We will never forget you our dear friend. May you rest in peace in the arms of our Lord in Heaven. We will treasure all the good times we shared with you. And keep them in our hearts forever. May all the Wonderful Memories you shared with Your Dad, Son and Brother, Comfort your hearts and bring you Peace. May our Lord Bless all of you and give you the strength you need through this difficult time. With Our Sincere and Deepest Sympathy, Your Friends, Johnny Ray and Casilda*

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**Casilda sisneros** - September 21, 2017 at 12:14 PM

JA

“ Are you loose? Do we got a deal? These two questions, laid the foundation for the friendship of Billy Ray Martinez and Myself. We met in the early 70's, students at DFI. Our educational journey would take us to the campuses of LLJH & HS. Although we knew one another, it wasn't until 1975 -77, we became buddies! We were both honored to be part of a winning tradition, we were chose, by the legendary Coach, Armando Reyes, to be managers for the mighty Los Lunas Tiger Baseball Team. In those three years, we were crowned District Champions (75 &76) State Runner Ups (75 &76) and Co-District Champions (77.) We watched and learned a lot about baseball. We savored this knowledge and often utilized it while watching either HS or Tripe A Ball Games. Often asking ourselves, "What would the Master (Coach Reyes) do in this situation? Sure enough, the strategies learned, would either get us out of the inning, or drive a run home. I will forever treasure these moments. We often hear from an individual of faith, education, coaching, counseling or friends, "we're created in God's image. Their is "no" other us! We are unique!" Those comments hold true for Commissioner Billy Ray Martinez! There will be only "one" Billy Ray Martinez! His exclusive voice and laugh. His love and passion for his children, culture and community. His loyalty to his family, friends, alma mater and craft. Yes, there will be only "one" Billy Ray Martinez and I know I speak for many, "we're "ALL" going to miss him." Rest in peace my friend. See you on the other side!

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**Jeff Aragon** - September 21, 2017 at 11:19 AM

DS

“ Deborah Steininger lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



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**Deborah Steininger** - September 20, 2017 at 11:48 PM

KW

“ *The Waconda Family send our sincere condolences to Billy Ray's family. He was a classmate of John and Karen at LLHS. We were very honored to know him and share laughter! ✨* ”



**KAREN WACONDA-LEWIS** - September 20, 2017 at 10:19 PM

RL

“ *Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez* ”



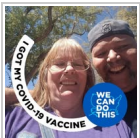
**Ruth Lucero** - September 20, 2017 at 09:34 PM

JT

“ *John Allen & Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez* ”



**John Allen & Donnita Thompson** - September 20, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ *Pam Holland lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez* ”



**Pam Holland** - September 20, 2017 at 06:43 PM

TU

“ *Esther, we are so sorry to hear about your son Billy Ray! Your family is in our prayers!  
Love, Frank and Mary Jane Tucker*



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**Tucker** - September 20, 2017 at 05:50 PM

DC

“ *Esther, Armando, Lindsay, and all of Billy Ray's family - My heart broke when I heard Billy was so ill and broke even more to learn of his passing. The fact that he is now at home with our Lord is comforting. What can I say, Billy Ray's personality was contagious, loving and consistent. Some of my fondest memories of Billy Ray were the many times he would help out with our matanzas. Joe always appreciated his help and expertise. His passing will leave a huge hole in your hearts. May God's comforting, loving arms embrace each one of you during those times you feel his loss the most. You will continue to be in my prayers.*

*Love, Diane Chávez*

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**Diane Chavez** - September 20, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Martinez.*



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September 20, 2017 at 02:12 PM

RU

“ *Ramon And Diana Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez*



Ramon and Diana Ulibarri - September 20, 2017 at 12:43 PM

FG

“ *"Blue" - That was my nickname for Billy Ray. He and I were umpires in the Los Lunas Men's Softball League for years. He was a very, very proud "San Fernandez" home boy. Even though he graduated from Los Lunas HS . he was passionate about Valencia High School. Billy Ray was a unique individual - he always made me laugh and made friends very easily. He was very proud of being elected as a Valencia County Commissioner and really cared about his district and constituents .. He will be missed - but not forgotten.."*  
*Frank A. Gurule - (1963 Los Lunas High School graduate) & former Valencia County Commissioner..*

Frank A. Gurule - September 20, 2017 at 11:37 AM

 Ed Hernandez

“ *Martinez family, the Hernandez family expresses their sincere condolences to you for the passing of Billy Ray. He had an engaging personality and he was very generous to the community. I have great memories of Billy Ray playing High School football with him. God Bless you all. Ed Hernandez and family.*

Ed Hernandez - September 20, 2017 at 10:38 AM

 Ted  
Montano

“ *Esther, Lindsay, Armando, Chris and the rest of the Martinez family. Polly, Felicia and I am so sorry for the loss of Billy Ray. BR was always the life of the party and the first one to volunteer to help anyone who needed it. He was always proud of his children and they were always first in his heart. We enjoyed his time with us in San Diego and have many memories of his time here with us. As a child growing up, I enjoyed life with him, I always considered him a little brother. May God Bless each and everyone of the Martinez family and may he help them get through this sorrowful time. BR will be missed by all whose lives he touched.*

*Ted, Polly and Felicia Montano.*

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**Ted Montano** - September 20, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Ray Martinez.*



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September 20, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *Nick, Kathy and Katie Martinez purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Billy Ray Martinez.*



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**Nick, Kathy and Katie Martinez** - September 20, 2017 at 09:00 AM

DH

“ *David Hyder lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez*



David Hyder - September 19, 2017 at 10:32 PM

DH

“ *Billy, it was a pleasure working with you and getting to know you! Your laughter and jokes with surely be missed. Thank you to your family for sharing you with us. You will be deeply missed my friend.*



*RIP Billy* 😞

David Hyder - September 19, 2017 at 10:31 PM

DM

“ *Dennis And Dolores Marquez lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez*



Dennis and Dolores Marquez - September 19, 2017 at 10:26 PM

SS

“ *Shanna Stanhope lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez*



Shanna Stanhope - September 19, 2017 at 06:18 PM

SV

“ *Sophia Valdez lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez*



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**Sophia Valdez** - September 19, 2017 at 04:55 PM

JB

“ *Our deepest condolences from Bill and Jeanne Britton*



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**Jeanne Britton** - September 19, 2017 at 04:00 PM

MF

“ *Mr & Mrs Chico Rael & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy Ray Martinez*



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**Mr & Mrs Chico Rael & Family** - September 19, 2017 at 03:46 PM

MG

“ *Maria Garcia lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez*



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**Maria Garcia** - September 19, 2017 at 03:37 PM

AR

“ Mrs. Martinez, Chris, Gerald and entire Martinez family,  
Please accept our most sincere condolences on the passing of your  
loved one Billy Ray. No words can explain the sadness we feel for  
his passing.

Our prayers that God will grant each and everyone of you the peace  
and comfort that will be so much needed in the coming days.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Armando (Coach) & Velia Reyes

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**Armando & Velia Reyes** - September 19, 2017 at 03:19 PM

NS

“ My thoughts, prayers, and condolences to the family. My God  
comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Nanette Sanchez** - September 19, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ My love and sympathy to Esther, Lindsay, Armando, and all my  
nephews and their families. Billy Ray went to heaven too soon and  
his kind heart will be missed. May God rest his soul. "Oh Lord, I  
trust in Your great mercy, and am hopeful of Your great gift of  
Everlasting Life."

Love, Auntie Mary Lou

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**Dolores Martinez** - September 19, 2017 at 01:32 PM

BB

“ Bobby And Linda Baca lit a candle in memory  
of Billy Ray Martinez



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**Bobby and Linda Baca** - September 19, 2017 at 11:14 AM

PA

“ Our deepest condolences goes out to the Martinez family. He was a nice, kind, and generous person to every who knew him or meet him. He will greatly be missed by everyone.



*Always, Pedro, Helen, Loretta Aragon*

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**Pedro, Helen, and Loretta Aragon** - September 19, 2017 at 09:46 AM

LN

“ Liz Najar sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



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**Liz Najar** - September 19, 2017 at 09:27 AM

YS

“ Esther, Chris, Gerald, Lindsey, baby Mateo & Armando, we are so sorry for the passing of your son, daddy, grandpa. Billy Ray was so devoted to the church council, he would always have a smile walking into church and so proud of his children 😍. We asked him if he could do something about our roads, fill out a petition and have everyone sign it since he was our County Commissioner. He wanted the best for our County Athletes, always on the sidelines so proud. We are already missing you.



*Gino, Yvonne, Jarrod, Justin Storey*

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**Yvonne Storey** - September 19, 2017 at 09:11 AM

CA

“ *Esther, and family. Billy Ray will be truly missed! We are sending you our Love and Prayers. Love all of you, Tomas and Christina Apodaca*

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**C Apodaca** - September 19, 2017 at 01:15 AM

JB

“ *Mrs. Martinez, Armando, Lindsey, Baby Mateo and the entire Martinez Family, we send you our deepest and sincere condolences on the passing of your son, father, brother, grandfather, and uncle. Billy Ray was such a humble and kind soul, a soul that has left a lasting memory in all of our hearts.*



*Love and Blessings,  
Jessey and Margaret (Martinez) Baca*

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**Jessey and Margaret Baca** - September 18, 2017 at 11:25 PM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Martinez family.  
God Bless you !  
Chris and Diane Brandt*

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**Diane Brandt** - September 18, 2017 at 10:42 PM

SP

“ Our God is a good and loving God and as much as we would like to understand how He does anything we never will but it is said that He only takes home the best of His children and He needed Billy to come home. Esther and family, our hearts ache for you. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are for you and pray that He will give you the strength to get through this hard time ahead. Billy was on person that we will never forget with his big kind heart and always joking. Keep the faith and He will get you through.  
Thinking of you,  
Perea family

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**Sally Perea** - September 18, 2017 at 08:23 PM

BR

“ Beverly Dominguez Romero lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



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**Beverly Dominguez Romero** - September 18, 2017 at 06:18 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - September 18, 2017 at 05:05 PM

CB

“ From: Cuz Carla Barela and Robert Sanchez!!



carla barela - September 18, 2017 at 04:59 PM

JS

My deepest condolences to the family of Billy Ray. He's a wonderful kind and generous man. He will truly be missed by sanchez family and especially me Jennifer rest in peace...

Jennifer sanchez - September 19, 2017 at 02:53 PM

AF

“ Auntie Geneva Barela & Family lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



Auntie Geneva Barela & Family - September 18, 2017 at 04:49 PM

FA

“ Fito & Beatrice Aguirre lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez



Fito & Beatrice Aguirre - September 18, 2017 at 04:46 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Diane Eaton lit a candle in memory of Billy Ray Martinez*



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**Charles & Diane Eaton** - September 18, 2017 at 04:19 PM