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Jerry G. Martinez, age 76, passed away peacefully on June 6, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on June 26, 1949, in Belen, New Mexico, Jerry dedicated his life to serving others through education, faith, and family. A lifelong public-school educator, he faithfully served the Belen Consolidated Schools for 30 years, touching the lives of countless students, colleagues, and families throughout his distinguished career. His commitment to learning, mentorship, and community left a lasting impact that will be remembered for generations. He was a devoted member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, where he actively participated in parish life and generously shared his time and talents. His deep Catholic faith guided him throughout his life, and he was involved in numerous Catholic ministries within the community. Through his service, compassion, and dedication to helping others, Jerry became a respected and beloved presence in the parish and beyond.

Above all, Jerry cherished his family. He shared 40 loving years of marriage with his beloved wife, Eva, whose partnership and companionship were among the greatest blessings of his life. He took immense pride in his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and treasured every opportunity to gather with family and celebrate life's milestones.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Marcos G. and Rosenda A.

Martinez.

He is survived by his wife, Eva; his children, Renee Martinez, Carla Martinez, Ann Marie (Robert) Chavez, Denee (Shannon) Golliehair, and Derek (Stephanie) Crnkovich; his ten grandchildren, Taylor, Bailee, Olivia, Jeremiah, Gavin, Sophia, Dalton, Dylon, Logan and Daxton, and six great-grandchildren, Kasen, Callen, Jose, Cash, Memphis and Meadow.

Jerry is also survived by his siblings, Evangeline Martinez, Monico (Kathy) Martinez, Ramon (Betty) Martinez, Joe Mercy (Anna) Martinez, Irene (Donald) Garcia, and Bernadette Martinez, as well as by numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Jerry will be remembered for his dedication to education, his unwavering faith, his commitment to serving others, and the love he shared with family and friends. His legacy lives on in the many lives he influenced in the classroom, his parish, and throughout the community he loved.

His grandsons will serve as pallbearers, a fitting tribute to a grandfather whose love, guidance, and example helped shape their lives.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, former students, fellow parishioners, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that donations be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), also known as Blood Cancer United, in Jerry's memory.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 9:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Rosary

JUN 19. 9:45 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Mass

JUN 19. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Interment

JUN 19. 11:30 AM.

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Happy Birthday in heaven, Dad! 🥺💔🥺 I miss you more than words can describe. We all love and miss you soooo much. I can't wait to see you again.

Love, Renee

Renee M. Martinez - June 26 at 08:59 PM

PH

“ Prayers for comfort and strength during this time. May our savior Jesus Christ be with you and your family.

Phyllis Hayes - June 22 at 09:06 PM

AC

“ Albert Chavez lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez



Albert Chavez - June 20 at 12:17 PM

DE

“ i cant beilve he passed away in sad to hear this may he rest in peace hugs and ill be thinking of you mrs martinez and family aka valerie gutierrez

delilah - June 18 at 01:29 PM

BS

“ *Betty Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Betty Sanchez - June 18 at 08:58 AM

BR

“ *Barbara Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Barbara Rodriguez - June 16 at 12:41 PM

JB

“ *Mr Martinez was very encouraging and approachable at school and in the community. His kindness will always be remembered and an example for me. May the Lord bless and comfort the entire family during this time.*

Jason Arthur Barela - June 16 at 11:41 AM

CK

“ *Jerry was always a very happy and nice person. Our prayers are with all of your family. Corine & Jim Knecht*

Corine & Jim Knecht - June 14 at 05:43 PM

CV

“ Dear Eva, it's hard to know what to say at a time like this, but know I care and that you're in my thoughts. Jerry was such a nice kind man. May he rest in peace.

Consuelo Velarde - June 14 at 04:45 PM

PD

“ Deepest condolences to all our family at the loss of beloved cousin Jerry 🙏🙏🌈 With love from the Tanaka family ❤️

Pauline Tanaka Dotson - June 14 at 03:31 PM

SM

“ I First Met Jerry When He Was My Teacher in Highschool For Horticulture, The Nicest Teacher, He had Alot of patience with all of us. Then as Year's Went By I Worked with Him at the Belen Schools Administration. Jerry Was Such a Great Person. God's Blessings to His Family During this Difficult Time. Stella, Phillip Molina 🙏



Stella, Phillip Molina - June 14 at 11:06 AM

MS

“ Maxine Barela Schmock lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez



Maxine Barela Schmock - June 14 at 09:04 AM

VH

“ My condolences to the family during this difficult time.



Veronica Hernandez - June 12 at 04:27 PM

PB

“ May God comfort your hearts during this time of profound loss.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." — Psalm 34:18

Sending you all my love, thoughts, and prayers. May his memory be eternal, and may God's peace sustain your family. ❤️🙏

Paulette (Peanut)



Paulette Baca-Asplund - June 12 at 12:18 PM

MG

“ Eva, sending our deepest condolences to you and the family on Jerry's passing. Prayers of peace and comfort for all of you. May Jerry rest in eternal peace.

Danny and Margaret Gabaldon

Margaret Gabaldon - June 12 at 10:24 AM

LB

“ Leroy Baca lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez



Leroy Baca - June 11 at 10:01 PM

RL

“ Dear Eva, my deepest sympathies going out to you, your children, grandchildren and also to his siblings.

Jerry will be dearly missed.

May he Rest in Peace 🙏

Love and Prayers

Ruth



Ruth Lucero - June 11 at 08:54 PM

LO

“ My condolences to Mrs. Eva Martinez and family. Mr. Martinez rest in peace



Lorelei - June 11 at 03:35 PM

EW

“ Edwina Weathersby lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez



Edwina Weathersby - June 11 at 11:48 AM

LS

“ Condolence for your entire family. My thoughts and prayers for you all.

Lourdes Sanchez

Lourdes Sanchez - June 11 at 01:33 AM

CO

“ *Christine Ortega lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Christine Ortega - June 10 at 11:15 PM

CG

“ *Charles Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Charles Gabaldon - June 10 at 11:06 PM

RB

“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's death. We graduated together. My condolences to his family. May he be at peace.
Ruth Chavez Baca and Jerry Baca*



Ruth Baca - June 10 at 09:37 PM

IM

“ *Our most sincere sympathy and thoughts go out to Eva and the entire Martinez family. May you find peace in the many loving memories you have of our dear friend Jerry.*

*Love and prayers,
Isidro & Evelyn Montano*

isidro & Evelyn Montano - June 10 at 09:19 PM

RV

“ *Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Richard and Dolores Vigil - June 10 at 08:24 PM

MM

“ *Dear Eva, I am sorry for the loss of your beloved husband Jerry. May you and your family have blessings and strength. Sincerely, Mary Molina Mescall*

Mary Molina Mescall - June 10 at 06:53 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - June 10 at 06:37 PM

JL

“ *Prayers and many Blessing to the Martinez Family. Mr. Martinez was such a loving person to be around and he loved his family deeply.*



James & Laynette Lucero - June 10 at 06:11 PM

DS

“ *Darlene Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Darlene Sanchez - June 10 at 04:52 PM

SW

“ *Sending you my deepest sympathies. May our Lord wrap your family in His loving embrace and comfort you during this difficult time.*



Sissy Whitchurch - June 10 at 04:06 PM

MG

“ *Mary R. Garcia lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Mary R. Garcia - June 10 at 04:05 PM

MS

“ *My condolences to the family, you're in my prayers 🙏*



Michelle Simmons - June 10 at 03:55 PM

DS

“ Condolences to the Martinez family. May Jerry’s memory be a blessing to all. I was lucky to know him.

Danny and Loretta Sachs - June 10 at 03:43 PM

SS

“ To the Martinez family, I’m so sorry for your great loss. He was a good teacher, always so patient and kind. Rest in peace Jerry.



Shirley Schmock - June 10 at 03:42 PM

BT

“ Condolences to all family and friends
And to you, "Mr. Martinez"..Happy trails!!! 🌈 🙏
✨ 🌙



Billie Alice Sanchez Torres - June 10 at 03:22 PM

DP

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the Martinez Family.
I have fond memories of our friendship and times we had at NMHU.
May you rest in peace my friend.
Dan Padilla

Dan Padilla - June 10 at 02:46 PM

AS

“ Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez



Adela Sanchez - June 10 at 11:47 AM

TR

“ Sending love and prayers out to Jerry’s family and friends. 🙏 May Jerry rest in peace. †



Trish Romero - June 10 at 11:33 AM

TP

“ Mr. Martinez was the principal at the middle school when I attended 7th grade. He was a kind man who always carried himself with a gentle and professional demeanor. Even later in life, when I would see him around town, he always offered a warm smile and a kind hello.

I offer my deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. He will be remembered with respect and gratitude.

Tomas Padilla - June 10 at 11:21 AM

ET

So sorry for your loss, Eva and family. May Jerry RIP 🙏

Eloisa Tabet - June 10 at 08:03 PM



Sorrow and sadness filled my heart at Jerry's passing. We were in education together and the news of his death shocked our organization.

Ralph Barreras - June 11 at 08:16 PM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - June 10 at 11:00 AM

JL

“ *Prayers for Eva and the rest of the family. Jerry was a great man. May he Rest in Peace.*



James & Laynette Lucero - June 10 at 10:52 AM

ML

“ *Mark And Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Mark and Crissie Leyba - June 10 at 10:50 AM

VB

“ *My deepest condolences to Eva, Carla, Renee, and all the family. May he rest in peace.*

Valerie Baca - June 10 at 10:44 AM

MK

“ *My deepest condolences to Eva and all of Jerry’s family. I always enjoyed bumping into Jerry and Eva at the adoration chapel. Jerry was a very kind and thoughtful man. May his legacy live on through his family. No more suffering. RIP Jerry*
Robert and Marilyn



Marilyn Kaneshiro - June 10 at 09:16 AM

DT

“ *Jerry was principal when I was first hired as a teacher. He was a great boss, a kind and gentle man and truly cared about the students. He made a great impact in this world.*

Deborah Trujillo - June 10 at 12:14 AM

MS

“ *An amazing man whose kindness touched so many. Thoughts and prayers to you all I’m so sorry*



Marlina Sinclair - June 09 at 11:06 PM

CP

“ *Chris Peralta lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Chris Peralta - June 09 at 10:35 PM

TS

“ *May Mr. Martinez Rest in Eternal Peace.*



Theresa Sanchez - June 09 at 10:10 PM

BM

“ *Mr. Martinez was an extraordinary educator and family man. Every memory I have of him he is smiling. May he rest in peace and may God bless Mrs. Martinez, all his grandchildren and family.*



Bernice Montoya - June 09 at 09:59 PM

SM

“ *HE WAS MY MATH TEACHER IN HIGH SCHOOL VERY NICE MAN rip mr. Martinez colodences to the whole family*



Sophia Mascarena - June 09 at 09:44 PM

AG

“ *Amy Garcia lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Amy Garcia - June 09 at 09:13 PM

SS

“ Steven Savedra lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez



Steven Savedra - June 09 at 08:20 PM

BL

“ Eva and family and all the Martinez siblings,
Please accept our condolences on the loss of your beloved Jerry.
Sending prayers of peace and comfort to all who knew and loved
him. Eternal peace to him.
Sincerely,
Bill and Berlinda Lawson

Berlinda Lawson - June 09 at 08:15 PM

CE

“ Sending my condolences to the Martinez family, my thoughts and
prayers are with the family during this very difficult time 🙏🙏. God
bless...

Charles Eaton - June 09 at 07:56 PM

RO

“ Another major loss to our community. So sad
hearing of Jerry's passing. Every-time we ran
into each other he would always say “hey
KARS Radio we need you back” he will be
missed by us all. Condolences to the family.



Ronald&Debbie Ortega - June 09 at 07:55 PM

FM

“ *Frank & Dolores Marquez lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Frank & Dolores Marquez - June 09 at 07:49 PM

MJ

“ *Martinez Family,
Our sincere condolences on your loss, our thoughts & prayers to his wife Eva & all the family.
Marty & Beatrice Jojola*



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - June 09 at 07:39 PM

MC

“ *Prayers and Condolences to Jerry's children, his brothers, Monico, Raymond, and Joe Mercy. His sisters Vangie, Irene, and Bernadette, his wife and entire Familia. He was a good friend and classmate! Great memories of him growing up as neighbors on Cavalier & Tenth St. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in eternal peace.*



Rosemarie and Max Cordova

Max and Rosemarie Cordova - June 09 at 07:17 PM

LP

“ My Condolences to the family 🙏🙏 I work with Jerry at the High School and graduated. RIP



Lorraine and Preme Padilla - June 09 at 07:14 PM

BM

“ Jerry was a great person. He was my teacher and neighbor growing up. He will be missed



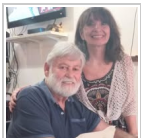
Bryan Mascarena - June 09 at 07:10 PM



“ Jean Chavez lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez



Jean Chavez - June 09 at 06:59 PM



“ To Eva and all his loved ones, I am so shocked and sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. I saw Jerry at Adoration Chapel a couple of months ago, i asked how Eva was doing and he said she was fine, he had just dropped her off at the beauty salon, I never even thought of asking how he was doing because I didn't realize that he was sick himself. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. May Jerry rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus! 🙏💕

Jean Chavez - June 09 at 06:57 PM

GT

Eva, So sorry hearing that Jerry passed on. Remembering that we talked at Walmart. Prayers are with you and your family. Peter and Gloria Torres

Gloria Torres - June 26 at 08:18 PM

DG

“ *Mr Martinez has been a life long friend of my brother John. Always with smile and positive words. You will be missed. God's hands upon your family. Rest in Peace*

Debra Ann Blake Gabaldon - June 09 at 06:53 PM

DP

“ *Darlene Peña lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Darlene Peña - June 09 at 06:48 PM

GS

“ *Eva and family; our deepest condolences on the loss of Jerry. He was a good friend of my dad. He also was my boss when we were all teaching at Belen Middle School. He will be greatly missed. Gino and Yvonne Storey*

Gino Storey - June 09 at 06:37 PM

VE

“ *My deepest Condolences to the family. Jerry was the Principal who hired me at the middle school. First and best Boss. Valentina Baca Edwards*

Valentina Edwards - June 09 at 06:22 PM

MS

“ *Eva & Family my sincere condolences. Jerry, was one of my Prison Ministry members and very devoted. He called me to let me know he was in the hospital and asked for prayer. He also let me know he was having surgery on Friday. May his soul rest in eternal peace.*

Mary Lee Serna - June 09 at 06:19 PM

DU

“ *Diana Phillips Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Jerry G. Martinez*



Diana Phillips Ulibarri - June 09 at 06:16 PM

JS

“ *My deepest condolences. Jerry was a great person inside and out.*

Jackie Sanchez

Jackie Sanchez - June 09 at 06:13 PM

BT

“ *So saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. I had the privilege of working with him when he was both Human Resource Director and Superintendent. Jerry was the most kindest and sincerest person I have ever known. My condolences to his wife and siblings. May he Rest in Eternal Peace.*

Angie Torres

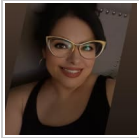
Benji and Angie Torres - June 09 at 05:54 PM

KP

“ Our deepest condolences sent to Eva and their beautiful family. May God bless you all ...



Kevin , Emma & Bailey Pena - June 09 at 05:49 PM



“ Nooooo Mr.Martinez!!! You were an exceptional educator!!! Thank you for sharing your wisdom with the world! You'll be missed beyond measure! Ve con dios maestro! Until we meet again...

Bernadette Baca-Torres - June 09 at 05:48 PM

JS

“ My condolences to Eva and the kids. Lots of love and prayers 🙏🙏🙏



Janet Sanchez - June 09 at 05:43 PM

LS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Sending prayers for the family 🙏🙏



Liz Saiz - June 09 at 05:40 PM

AR

“ Prayers are with the family 🙏🙏

Alice Robinson - June 09 at 05:39 PM