



## Ben F. Martinez

March 25, 1933 - March 11, 2019

Monte Vista resident Ben F. Martinez, 85, passed away March 11, 2019 at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center with his loving family by his side. Ben was born on March 25, 1933 in Alamosa, Colorado, the son of Salomon Martinez and Elisida Valdez Martinez. Ben was united in marriage to Eleanor Lobato on June 28, 1955 and the two shared a long and happy union until his passing. Ben attended and graduated from Adams State College in 1978 with a Degree in business which he was extremely proud of. Ben was an outgoing, kind and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend who enjoyed working in his yard, being on the computer, reading, watching Westerns, riding his scooter and spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife Eleanor Martinez of Monte Vista, CO; daughters Melinda (Stan) Vallejos of Pueblo West, CO; Yvonne Lobato Of Alamosa, CO; Denise Gomez of Monte Vista, CO; son R. Greg Martinez of Monte Vista, CO; grandchildren Matthew (Chelsea) Martinez of Monte Vista, CO; Fabian (Sarah) Lobato of Pueblo, CO; Roberto (Paige) Martinez of Santa Cruz, CA; Mikaela Martinez of Davis, CA; Jordan Gomez of Monte Vista, CO; great-grandson Sean Bonifacio Lobato of Pueblo, CO; sisters Inez Montoya of Colorado Springs, CO; Esther Maes of Center, CO; brothers Richard (Mae) Martinez of Colorado Springs, CO and Andy (Patsy) Martinez of Center, CO; Dale Gomez of Del Norte, CO; Dora Martinez of Davis, CA. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents Salomon and Elisida Martinez, sister Estrellita Martinez and brothers Joe B. Martinez and Raymond Martinez. A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, March 22, 2019 at 7:30 PM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 11:00 AM also at St. Joseph Church in Monte Vista. Interment will follow at the San Luis Valley Cemetery. Viewing and visitation will be held on Friday from 1-5 PM at the Romero Funeral Chapel

# Cemetery Details

**San Luis Valley Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**MAR 22.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Romero Valley Funeral Home, Inc. - Alamosa  
1407 State Ave  
Alamosa, CO 81101  
(719) 852-2222

### Rosary

**MAR 22.** 7:30 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
425 Batterson St.  
Monte Vista, CO 81144

### Service

**MAR 23.** 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
425 Batterson St.  
Monte Vista, CO 81144

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ben F. Martinez*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Ben F. Martinez.*



March 21, 2019 at 08:19 PM



“ *I was so sad to hear this. Ben was a gentle, loving man. He was proud of his family and loved them very much. I knew him and his family through his children. RIP Ben. Sincere condolences to Eleanor, Melinda, Yvonne, Denise, and Greg...my heart breaks for all of you.*

**Monica Wolfe** - March 18, 2019 at 09:20 PM



*So sorry to hear of cousin Ben's passing. Could not make the funeral due to road conditions. Praying for strength and peace for the family in this time of great loss. Jimmy Martinez*

**Joe ( Jimmy) Martinez** - March 23, 2019 at 12:09 PM

MV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Melinda Vallejos** - March 15, 2019 at 09:44 PM

MV

*Dad giving Mom a ride home from Stampede*

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**Melinda Vallejos** - March 15, 2019 at 09:49 PM

DM

“ You know I had dream last night of someone in family passing could not figure who it was. My inter spirit always shows me. Then now read of Ben. We lost house power since the blizzard some I been able to reach deep spiritually and connect. In my dream I was alone at the casket of one then another. Both funerals were on same day. I showed up to the one it seem no one can make it to. Then I had a visit from one person who at end of the service show up hug me said thank you. Said It will be ok. Not realizing it was the same person in the casket. Now I see Ben's picture it was him telling me he is ok now passing and the reason I felt no one made it to his funeral because that is just it only one because he is to far for me to travel for the service. Makes sense. God the father the Creator of all allows us to see loved ones Ben knew Me my family as family to him. He knew that God allowed us to say in spirit by a dream our not good byes but will be ok and see you again. I give my condolence to his family all friend. Celebrate his new life in Christ. Yes cry for the lost and same time smile for the new body he has now. Amen.

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**David Maes** - March 15, 2019 at 12:06 AM

EC

“ Greg Martinez, I am sorry to hear about your dad. My prayers go out to you and your family.

*Elayne Casados*

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**Elayne Casados** - March 14, 2019 at 09:38 PM

RA

“ My uncle Ben, having coffee with my mom Olivia, aunt Josie and aunt Eleanor.

*By,  
Roberta Aguilar*



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**Roberta Aguilar** - March 14, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ White Mum and Light Blue Hydrangea Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Ben F. Martinez.



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March 14, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ben F. Martinez.



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March 14, 2019 at 02:12 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dale Gomez** - March 13, 2019 at 06:52 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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