



Doroteo C. Martinez

August 5, 1947 - November 24, 2021

Longtime Monte Vista resident Doroteo C. Martinez, 74, passed away from Dementia on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at the San Luis Valley Health in Alamosa, Colorado with his loving wife by his side. Doroteo was born on August 5, 1947 in Monte Vista, Colorado to Jose Ignacio "Nacho" and Estefanita Lucero Martinez. Doro grew up in Center, Colorado and after graduation he joined the United States Air Force. After he completed his duties in the service he came out with an honorable discharge and was a staff sergeant. After the service Doro went to college and chose to do refrigeration as his career. He owned and operated Valley Refrigeration Company for over 30 years. In 2019 he was in a car accident going to work which ended his career due to the dementia. Doro was cared for by his wife Maria until his passing. They shared a loving union of 26 years together. Doro was a kind and gentle man. He always tried to help those in need. He enjoyed watching football, car shows, and home building programs. His favorite pastime was playing pool with his wife and friends at the senior center in Monte Vista.

He is survived by his wife Maria Martinez whom he met in 1992, his son Jason Martinez (Marilyn) from a previous marriage, step-children Tara Lloyd and Matthew Shaffer; one grandson Marco Martinez; four step-grandchildren Jeanne Gurule, Joey Cisneros, Angelo Cisneros, Niclo Cisneros; adopted brother Tony Martinez whose whereabouts are unknown. He is also survived by Many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceding him in death are his parents Jose Ignacio "Nacho" Martinez and Estefanita Martinez-Maez, step-father Ernest Maez, granddaughter Chloe Martinez.

Doro will be missed by his family and friends so much. He and his wife Maria had a love that only comes once and a lifetime.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Romero Funeral Chapel in Alamosa. Interment will follow at the San Luis Valley Cemetery in Monte Vista with full military honors. Donations can be made to the dementia/Alzheimer's society at 225 N. Michigan Ave. FL 17, Chicago, IL. 60601. If you'd like to leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

Cemetery Details

San Luis Valley Cemetery

Monte Vista, CO 81144

Tribute Wall



“ *Doroteo C. Martinez*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *Doro was in my 1966 Center High School graduating class and was such a very special person throughout all of our school years. Doro was EXTREMELY intelligent and a high-achiever which I admired so much! In recent years, I had the joy of seeing him again while he could still recall old memories. He & Maria were kind friends to my mother, Catherine Woods (now age 102 as of May 2022). I know Doro blessed so many and is missed. ~ Gwen Woods*

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Gwen Woods Frison - May 30, 2022 at 01:51 PM



Thanks so much. My heart is still broken but he is no longer suffering.

Maria Martinez - January 10, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Marie*

So sorry to hear about Doro. Wishing you and your family strength through your memories of him.

Terri Day

Terri Day - December 16, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Rest in paradise Mr. Martinez*



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Thanks so much

Maria Martinez - December 15, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *My husband Doro meant so much to me. He was a wonderful person. He will always be in my heart.*



Maria Martinez - November 30, 2021 at 09:24 PM

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“ *When we were kids and living in Center, Doro used to come to our house about twice a month. He was pulling his wagon filled with comic books and he was there to trade. The pile of comics was neatly stacked and if you asked him for a certain comic he could tell you if you had already read it. I will never forget when he showed up in Center as an adult on leave from the service in his beautiful Corvette. What a guy!*

Vivian Lobato - November 30, 2021 at 08:59 PM



Thanks for this memory.

Maria Martinez - November 30, 2021 at 09:27 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Doroteo C. Martinez.*



November 30, 2021 at 09:31 AM