



Manuel Fredrico Martinez III

June 26, 1964 - May 19, 2017

Manuel Fredrico Martinez III, was born June 26, 1964 in Durango, Colorado. Son of Dorothy Marie Santos (Manuel Fredico Martinez II) and Mariano Santos II. Manny passed away, peacefully in his sleep on Friday May 19, 2017 after a long battle with multiple health issues.

Manny grew up in Durango, Colorado until the age of 6 when he moved with his family to Salt Lake City, Utah where he lived until his passing. He attended South High School in Salt Lake City, Utah where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Laura Lee Olguin in Salt Lake City, Utah on Valentine's Day 1993. Together they had 4 beautiful children. Manny was a Journeyman Glazier by trade and found joy in the work he did. Our father had a passion for life and lived his life to the fullest.

His biggest passion and joy was spending time with his large extended family. Our father enjoyed doing many things with his past time including "seafood" Sundays, playing pool, being in the outdoors, fishing, and playing endless games of Yahtzee. He was a very talented artist and always loved drawing new things. He was always active and looked for new and interesting things to tinker with. We will miss his unlimited talents and endless zest for life. He was a wonderful father, son, brother, uncle and grandpa and we will ever be with us.

Manny is survived by his mother, Dorothy Marie Santos, daughter Samantha Martinez (Carlos Valencia), sons Matthew Martinez, Mark Martinez, and Adam Martinez. He is the proud grandfather to Kyarah Valencia and Benicio aka: Benny the Bull Valencia. Siblings Veronica Ambrose (children Ronnie Martinez (Shural), Jessi Harrell (Joshua), Deborah Collina), Orinda Serrato (children Joel Valencia and Andrew Valencia), Esther Bowden (children Rita Martinez, Michael Bowden, John Bowden), his fraternal twin, Francis Martinez, (children Anthony Martinez (Cathryn), fraternal twins, Vanessa Solorio (Pedro) and Victor "Gordo" Ramirez, and Crystal Ramirez), Lori Martinez (children Lindsay Danielle Villapando and Cruz Martinez), and Mariano Santos III (Wendy) (children Dominic Mariano Santos). Uncle Manny was loved by many, many great-nieces and nephews and was a strong father figure in their lives.

Manuel was preceded in death by his father Mariano Santos II, and Issac Noe Aguado aka: Iceman.

Our family would like to thank all of the many, many healthcare providers that cared for our father throughout his life, especially in the end. We would like to express our gratitude to the caregivers at Avalon Rehabilitation Center. Thank you for the amazing care, grace, and dignity you gave to our dad in his final weeks.

Dad, you will always be with us - mind, body, and soul. We will miss you beyond words or measure. We will especially miss your wonderful "smack talk" and larger than life personality. We will miss every single thing about you and more. You had a huge heart and was loved by so many. We love you - you will never be forgotten. Until we meet again...

Friends and family are invited to attend a viewing held in his honor on Friday May 26, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Serenity Funeral Home, at their Draper location: 12278 S. Lone Peak Pkwy, Draper, Utah 84020.

A memorial service and celebration of his life will be held on Saturday May 27, 2017 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm at Intermountain Baptist Church: 4770 S 1950 W., Taylorsville, Utah 84129. Viewing prior from 10:00am to 11:00am.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY **26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Bluffdale
13863 S 2700 W
Bluffdale, UT 84065
(801) 255-2801
<https://www.serenityfhs.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY **27.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Intermountain Baptist Church
4770 S 1950 W
Taylorsville, UT

Viewing

MAY **27.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Intermountain Baptist Church
4770 S 1950 W
Taylorsville, UT

Tribute Wall



“ *Manuel Fredrico Martinez III*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *One of the best memories I have of Tio Manny, is when my brother and I were little and he would do his donald duck voice for us. We would beg him and beg him to do it more, and he always would. Also, once I was too scared to pull my tooth out, so he tricked me into letting him do it; I was mad at him at first but then I realized that it hurt less when you weren't expecting it.*

Abigail Martinez - May 26, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ *Manny your gone but not forgotten I want to thank you for all the memories we shared together I will cherish them forever.. ever bar a go to I will dedicate a game of pool in remembrance of you so help me out and make me win cause you know I can't play pool lol it's sad. You were a wonderful man and great mentor to a lot of us you will be dearly missed until we meet again much love and nothing but respect your homie nacho RIP UNCLE MANNY*

Nacho vasquez - May 25, 2017 at 07:42 AM

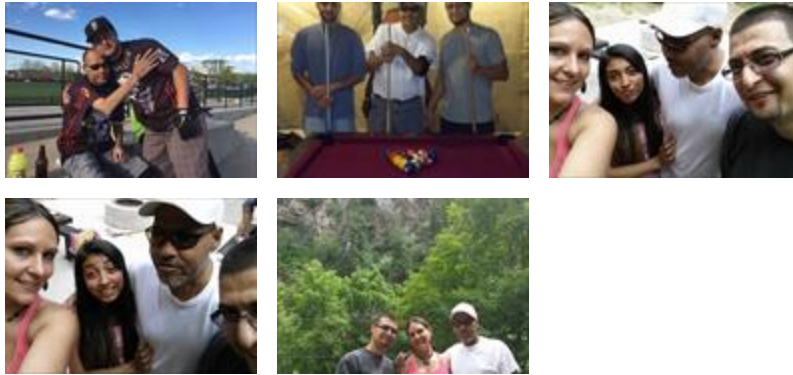


“ *Manny til we meet again up in the heavens, I will cherish the times I spent with you just kicking back sipping on a cold one with Anthony(skinny), shooting some pool, and just plain old B.S.ing. R.I.P. Bro*

Jason Gonzales - May 23, 2017 at 08:53 PM

CM

“ Tio Manny. Thank you for accepting me and loving me from the very start. I remember when Anthony and I first started dating we spent a lot of time with you, going out listening to Uncle Cracker- Follow me, playing pool and I remember you telling me you loved seeing your nephew so happy and had never seen him so in love and letting anyone talk shit back to him like I did. Lol. Thank you for loving our girls. They loved you so much too. We will forever hold onto the memories of all our fishing trips and pool games and just listening to you talk crap to all of us, teasing us to death because you loved us so much. I miss your smile and laugh Tio. Rest In Peace knowing how much we all loved you. RIP Tio. Until we meet again. Love you so much my heart aches. Love your niece Cat



Cat Martinez - May 23, 2017 at 07:28 PM

AM

“ Tio looking threw all my pics of us. Man did we have so good times together. Missing the hell out of you. Words can't even explain. But lam at peace knowing your at Peace and not hurting no more. You fought the good fight. Now lay down in those green pasture Tio and fish those good rivers till we meet again your nephew T



Anthony martinez - May 23, 2017 at 06:36 PM

SA

“ Hey Dad thinking about you a lot tonight know that you are here with me I miss you so much your such a wonderful person and can never be replaced I love you so much I will forever miss your smile and laughter love you with my whole heart.



samantha - May 22, 2017 at 10:05 PM

LV

I love you! I'm so sorry you have to go through this. I know it's tough but I hope you can find peace. You're always in my prayers 💕💕

lindsay vialpando - May 23, 2017 at 10:17 PM

SM

“ My Memory of Our father is that he always cherished each moment he had with his Grandkids and his Kids, I Samantha his daughter truly loved him with every inch of My soul and will never stop. His son's Mark, Matt and Adam love him and always made him happy we enjoyed every day by his side it was a Blessing and a pleasure to be his children and to have always been in his life. He was a loving father not only to his kids and grandkids but a father figure to many I just wanted to say that (I know that you loved us Dad with all of your heart and soul we will miss you every waking moment and we will be with you in our dreams). You will always be with us till the day we meet again, It's not good bye but see you soon.



Love always and Forever, Samantha, Matt, Mark and Adam. P.S Dad it brings us comfort that you are no longer in pain and that you happy and healthy catching all the fish on that big lake in the sky as you can, catch one for us.

Samantha Martinez - May 22, 2017 at 05:11 PM