



## Russell Todd Martinez

May 5, 1965 - January 27, 2016

Russell Todd Martinez, Age 50, passed away on January 27th, 2016 in his sleep. He was born on Cinco de Mayo of 1965 in Salt Lake City to Henry and Clara Martinez.

Dad lived a full life of work and family. He took pride in the success he had as an Ironworker, working everywhere from Kennecott to the Golden Gate Bridge. Those who worked with him either loved him or feared him, but usually both. He was like a brother to so many with his charismatic and entertaining personality. Outside of his work, he was in love with his children Shirese, Megan, Mitchell, (his like-a-daughter Chelsie), and especially his first granddaughter, Eden. There wasn't a moment in the day where he wasn't thinking about us, calling us, or bragging about us. He was absolutely there for anything that we needed, and he could not say "no" to anyone- always giving and never taking. He taught us to be strong and generous, just like he was.

Daddy, you will be so deeply honored and missed by your family and friends. There is truly no one that can replace you.

Survived by-Father: Henry; Brothers: Tim, Xavier, Martin, Karim; Children: Shirese (Jordan), Megan (Josh), Mitchell; Grandchild: Eden.

Preceded in death by Mother Clara, Brother Tom, and Sister MaLis.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Serenity Funeral Home on Saturday from 1-3pm. 12278 S. Lone Peak Parkway #103; Draper, UT 84020

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com)



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 30. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Bluffdale

13863 S 2700 W

Bluffdale, UT 84065

(801) 255-2801

<https://www.serenityfhs.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Todd Martinez*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I haven't seen Russell in many many years but remember him well from school. My best to your family, Stacy Poulos Tselekis*

**stacy poulos tselekis** - February 05, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ *Mr. Martinez and Family.*

*Russell and his brothers were good friends of my two brothers, Daniel and Carlos Ramirez. I remember Russell, Xavier, and Karim coming around our home often, and of course, Russell always treated me just like a little sister!*

*Russell was a great person, and I will always carry fond memories of him.*

*Please accept my condolences, he will always be remembered!*

*Rest in peace..*

*Laura Ramirez Larsen*

**Laura Larsen** - February 05, 2016 at 01:27 PM

DV

“ Sorry to hear about this, its always like a kick in the stomach to hear of one of your friends passing...thoughts and prayers out to the family.

*Rest in peace my friend and we'll meet again someday on the other side....*

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**Duane Vasten** - February 05, 2016 at 01:12 PM

LC

“ My name is Lee Caughman. I'm so sad to learn of Russell's passing. I was a classmate of his at Mont Harmon Junior High in Price. He was so ornery when we were kids, but in a way like a friend would be. Always soft-punching me, or putting me in a fake headlock, but it was always in fun. Once, I took a tumble on the school's cross-country course, I got scraped up pretty bad and had a twisted ankle. Russell was the first one there to help me down the hill and back to the school. Once in PE, the teacher wanted all the guys to have a chin-up competition. The big strong guys were doing maybe 12 to 15 of them. So Russell, being kind of small and skinny, started, and I was thinking there was no way he could beat those guys. He ended up doing close to 30 of them as I remember! Hands down the winner! Pound for pound, he was the strongest guy around. I had Catechism classes with him at the Notre Dame School, and one year, my mom was our teacher. Russell would drive her nuts, no one knew what he'd do next! But she'd always end up laughing. She really liked him and always remembered him. We had a class party there once, and Russell wanted to bring a popcorn popper so he could make us popcorn. My mom was afraid that maybe he'd burn the school down or something! But it all turned out okay and we had a blast that afternoon. I moved away after junior high, but I went back to see the Carbon High Class of '83 graduate. I always remembered that Russell got a welding scholarship. By what I've learned of him, he made very good use of that. He was a good friend. Even as a kid, I felt like if you were Russell's friend, he would always have your back. I'm so sorry for your loss, he was such a memorable and fun person. Rest in peace, old friend.

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**Lee Caughman** - February 05, 2016 at 09:31 AM

EJ

“ Dear Cousin Henry, so sorry to hear about your son. I just heard, we were out of town.  
Please know that our prayers are with you and your family. Love you, cousin Eva n Bob Jackson. He was a good looking young man.

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**Eva n Bob Jackson** - February 03, 2016 at 11:25 AM

LT

“ We are so very sorry for your family's loss. Rest in peace sweet man, you will be missed so very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you man. Mike and Laurie Tryon.

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**Laurie Tryon** - February 03, 2016 at 10:24 AM

KR

*I went to school with we were in the same grade and some classes with he didn't like me much but nothing on him sorry he's gone from us I desire life in us all my condolences to his family he like be miss when class reunions come about*

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**Karl Reed** - February 05, 2016 at 11:06 AM

SG

“ To the family--we are sorry for your loss and hope the memories you have will bring you comfort in knowing the love he had for you all. Jim and Sandie Gallegos

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**Sandie Gallegos** - February 03, 2016 at 09:48 AM

MD

“ R.I.P. Russ. You were always like a brother to me. Some of the best steaks I've ever had the pleasure of eating were ones you cooked on your grill for us. Gardening in your famed garden and just knowing you are something I always tell people about and frequently think about. I am sorry we had bad situations that distance us. However I love you and will always think of you and your family. Great memories are all that matters and through it all that's all I have. Much love from a guy you called (SAUCE).. White Sauce.. Matt D.

Matt D - February 01, 2016 at 01:24 AM

MD

Man o man. I can't believe you are gone...

Matt D - February 01, 2016 at 01:26 AM

Funaki  
N Anavea  
Folau-  
Lomu

“ Funaki N Anavea Folau-Lomu purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Russell Todd Martinez.



Funaki N Anavea Folau-Lomu - January 30, 2016 at 11:43 AM

VM

“ The last time I saw Russell, he told me when was a kid he was terrified of my mother. He reminded me of the time when we were at his Grandma's house wrestling in the backyard. He accidentally kicked me in the face. Before he could apologize, my mother came out of the house and went momma bear all over him. Xavier saved the day and calmed her down and explained it accidental. We laughed and laughed after he realized as an adult my mom was cool. RIP Russell. You were taken too young.

Vicki Marizcurrena - January 29, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *There are way too many memories to even count. But I just thought of one that maybe is worth sharing. I was with him the night that he met the mother of his children and although that maybe that didn't work out in the long run. I know that it led to his children whom he considered his greatest accomplishments and his dearest and deepest true loves. He bragged about them all the time*

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**Gabe Gallegos** - January 28, 2016 at 11:02 PM



“ *Russell was a fun guy that you could count on to help you in a jam. He will truly be missed. I am grateful that I knew him, hung out with him, and have been able to call him a friend... RIP old buddy...*

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**Karen Vaughn** - January 28, 2016 at 09:28 PM



“ *R.I.P RUSSELL I'M GOING TO MISS YOUR CHARISMA AND THE NAME'S YOU HAD FOR EVERY BODY. TILL I SEE YOU AGAIN BUDDY!!!*

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**Jason Herrera** - January 28, 2016 at 08:29 PM



*You are so right Jason you know he nicknamed half the people in this local*

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**Gabe Gallegos** - January 28, 2016 at 10:50 PM

JR

“ *Your going to be missed Brother! Keep the men in the sky hanging and banging. We will all be in the same gang one day.* ”



John Rimestad - January 28, 2016 at 06:50 PM

BT

“ *Rest in peace cuz* ”

brent trujillo - January 28, 2016 at 04:08 PM

Funaki  
N Anavea  
Folau-  
Lomu

“ *Funaki N Anavea Folau-Lomu lit a candle in memory of Russell Todd Martinez* ”

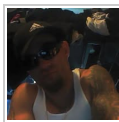


Funaki N Anavea Folau-Lomu - January 28, 2016 at 03:46 PM

Funaki  
N Anavea  
Folau-  
Lomu

“ *Our family is so saddened by the news of your loss Russell! Naki always looked up to you and would always talk about you all the time! Your were always there for him thank you you will be a lifelong friend he will never forget! We send our love to your beautiful children! Naki and Ana and family* ”

Funaki N Anavea Folau-Lomu - January 28, 2016 at 03:44 PM



*He was a good guy he will be missed*

Jeremy Vaughn - January 28, 2016 at 08:29 PM