



Benjamin Godina Martinez

March 31, 1934 - September 17, 2010

Born in San Antonio Texas, raised in Saginaw, Michigan by his parents Lucio and Anita Martinez. Benny passed peacefully during his sleep at home. He leaves behind his loving wife Sue of 17 years. Served in U.S. Army October 1957 to August 1963. Stationed in Germany 1957 to 1959. He was a member of Saint Anthonys Catholic Church, President of Guadalupana Society, member of the Sociedad Morelos, Member of Cornite Mexicano De Beneficencia, member of the American GI Forum for 10 years. He worked for Tri-Valley Growers plant 7 as a forklift driver and foreman "A.F.", He retired after 32 years with the company. His favorite past time events are dancing, served as coach for little leagues, girls, women and mens baseball teams. He leaves behind two sisters; Mary (Joe) Garcia and Lucy Lopas both of Bay City Michigan. A son Martin (Rhonda) Martinez of Modesto. Two daughters Anna (Doug) Fiez of Riverbank and Sophia (Eddie) Zuniga of Modesto. A step daughter Kim (Robert) Wilson of Denair. Grand father of 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will begin from 9A.M.-8P.M. on Friday Oct. 1, 2010 at Turlock Funeral Home. Services will be held on Saturday Oct. 2, 2010 at 1P.M. Turlock Funeral Home 425 N. Soderquist Rd. Burial will follow with full military honors at Turlock Memorial Park. Please leave your condolences with www.turlockmemorialpark.com

Tribute Wall



“ Benjamin Godina Martinez

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *I don't know where to begin. I know as our parents age we expect nature to take its course but this was way to soon. I am still adjusting to the shock of it all. So many thoughts and memories run through my mind. I can't just talk about Benny because mom is a huge part of Benny's life.*

They did everything together, Benny is a stand up man who loved his wife deeply. He took great pleasure in taking great care of mom. He won her over by pursuing her until he won her heart, being romantic with songs he would sing and leave on her answering machine, so when she came in from work she would hear his voice. He would start singing to her in the back yard and they would start dancing together. Benny loved the adventurous nature my mom possesses. She loves to camp and fish, go many places of interest, and loved sharing this with Benny. Benny loved her cooking, the way she kept him dressed in nice clothes, playing endless games of bingo, and decorating big for the holidays.

As a family we had many BBQ'S around the pool, birthday parties. Holidays were the best. Yatzee at Thanksgiving, endless hours of bingo games at Christmas. Benny would skunk us many times over to the point it would frustrate us. I would wrap some of his gifts as much as ten times, and it would bring many laughs. The memories are just endless.

Kim Wilson - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ When ever I would come over it was always a hug and a hi, when I would leave it was a hug and a good-bye. When it got harder for Benny to get out of the chair, I would tell him to stay there and we started our own special hand shake that would end with a Will Smith good-bye. A slide with the palm of the hand with a grab of folded fingers with a thumbs out and CHHHHHH. Benny and I both would have a big laugh, we loved this.
Benny was a great husband, friend, father and grandpa. We love him dearly, he will be in our hearts and mind always.
We will miss you, I love you, Kim

Kim Wilson - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hi Grandpa,
I'm so lost for words but know that I love you very much.
When I think about you I think about the long conversations we would have sitting in the living room when we had come over for BBQ's and swimming.
I think about Christmas and how you ALWAYS won Bingo.
When I picture you in my mind I always see you and Grandma together.
I know I'm only a step-granddaughter but never once did I question that you weren't my Grandfather; I loved you like I loved all my other family and I will miss you just the same when the Holidays roll around or whenever I visit my Grandmother.
I know from now on it'll always be a little empty in the house but know we will take care of Grandma the best we can. We all know you're watching over her. We love you, I love, rest peacefully.
"Sadly I know, This goodbye means forever, We have so many memories, That I will always remember."
Love, Your Granddaughter, Brandi

Brandi Wilson - September 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you for all your condolences. Our Dad's viewing will be on Friday, October 1st, 2010, from 8am to 9pm at Turlock Memorial Park. Services will be on Saturday, October 2nd, 2010 starting at 1 pm. followed by a Military Burial.

Sophia S Zuniga - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM