



## Albert "Sonny" Martinez

June 21, 1941 - February 2, 2021

Albert "Sonny" Martinez of Willcox passed away in Tucson on February 2, 2021 at the age of 79. Sonny was born in Willcox on June 21, 1941 to Albert S. Martinez and Adelina Vasquez Martinez. He was a lifelong resident of Willcox, was an honorable discharge veteran of the United States Navy, was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was very active in Willcox Elks Lodge #2131 and was a Past Exalted Ruler. Sonny was a well known meat cutter, working at the Valley Store, Rey's Market and at Willcox Packing House. He also owned and operated Cactus Meats and AVM Catering. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and camper. On October 24, 1964 in Benson he married his wife Mary who survives him. He is also survived by his children; Lina (Homero) Gomez of Willcox and Dominic Martinez of Tucson along with his grandchildren; Anthony (Brittany), Sabrina, Adam and Stephanie Gomez and great granddaughter Audrina Gomez. Sonny is also survived by his sister Armida (Val) Fletcher and his trusted K-9 companions Ally and Lamar. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters Nellie Aguilar and Antonia Chastain . At his request no services will be held. Contributions may be made to any Humane Society for animals.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Albert "Sonny" Martinez*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Sonny was a great chef. Cook alot of special dinners in Willcox for years as most of you know. Good family man. My prays go to Marianne and family.*



**Anne Coleman** - February 20, 2021 at 02:32 PM



“ *Frances Emslie lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



**frances emsle** - February 13, 2021 at 01:01 AM



“ *i'm so sorry to hear of sonny's passing, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family and his many friends. sonny never met a stranger and was a true friend, he left huge footprints on earth as well as on the people who knew him.*



**frances emsle** - February 13, 2021 at 12:54 AM

KS

“ *Sonny and Maryanne left such a possitive impression on my 3 children. We are sending our deepest condolences. Jim and Kathy Splittstoesser*



kathleen Splittstoesser - February 10, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Albert "Sonny" Martinez.*



February 10, 2021 at 09:16 AM

WA

“ *Wallterginzales lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



Wallterginzales - February 09, 2021 at 10:49 PM

CD

“ *You were my mom & dad's "conejito" ( little bunny). Thank you Tio for your kind, caring & loving heart. I will miss seeing you whiz by with your trusted furry friend 🐾, window down, smile on your face, leaving behind a trail of contentment. Rest in Peace Tio Sonny.*



Carol Dickson - February 07, 2021 at 10:02 AM

MW

“ *Sonny shared his wit and wonderful cooking with everyone he met. His carne asada is still often imitated, but never duplicated. Thank you "Big Kahuna", you will be missed.*



Marilyn and Hal Weaver - February 06, 2021 at 08:19 PM

LW

“ *Sonny was my godfather and the best I could have ever hoped to have! I love him and will forever miss him. 🥹*



Lina Martinez Weaver - February 06, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CD

“ *Dennis and I send our deepest condolences to Maryanne and family . Sonny was such a great friend . We are going to miss him .*

connie Dunham - February 06, 2021 at 09:47 AM

GA

“ *Gussie & Sharon Arzberger lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



Gussie & Sharon Arzberger - February 05, 2021 at 12:43 PM

AM

“ *Deepest heart felt condolences to the Martinez family, our prayers go out to you.*

*Alicia & Benjamin Morales*

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**Alicia Morales** - February 04, 2021 at 10:40 PM

FM

“ *Frank & Vera Masteller sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



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**Frank & Vera Masteller** - February 04, 2021 at 10:17 PM

RW

“ *Robert and Ginnie Wood send our condolences to the Martinez family. Sonny was one of a kind that will be very missed. Rest in peace brother.*

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**Robert Wood** - February 04, 2021 at 04:14 PM

MR

“ *our deepest sympathies to sonnys family for their loss*

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**manuel & Bobbie Rubio** - February 04, 2021 at 01:53 PM

NG

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Sonny, I don't know where to begin. His wonderful food shared on many occasions, his interactions with our youngest daughter, Lacey, when she stayed with you, his funny stories--so many. What a huge hole he is going to leave in the hearts of many. May the peace of God and your wonderful memories hold you up in such a difficult time.  
Nancy Glenn

Nancy Glenn - February 04, 2021 at 01:21 PM

KB

“ Katie Bethel lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez



Katie Bethel - February 04, 2021 at 12:31 PM

JA

“ We are so very sorry for you loss. Our love to the Martinez family.



John-Susan Arbuthnot - February 04, 2021 at 11:17 AM

KK

“ Loved Sonny...he was a good man

Kittie Koukalik - February 04, 2021 at 09:29 AM

JC

“ *All our love and prayers  
Danny and Judy*



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**Judy Chastain** - February 04, 2021 at 08:15 AM

JC

“ *All our love and prayers  
Danny and Judy*



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**Judy Chastain** - February 04, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ *Kathy Leonard lit a candle in memory of  
Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



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**Kathy Leonard** - February 04, 2021 at 07:42 AM

JJ

“ *All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss*

*Jim and Kathy Cook*

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**James B Cook II** - February 04, 2021 at 05:44 AM

LI

“ *Our Condolences to the families  
Joe and Linda Torres*



**LindaTorres** - February 03, 2021 at 11:44 PM

LC

“ *LYNN CLECKLER lit a candle in memory of  
Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



**LYNN CLECKLER** - February 03, 2021 at 10:18 PM

BW

*Thinking Sonny was a classmate of my brother, Gary! Sorry for this family, prayers!*

**Barbara Kidd Wyatt** - February 04, 2021 at 09:12 AM

GM

“ *Gus & Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



**Gus & Rita Morales** - February 03, 2021 at 09:48 PM

RM

“ *Rest In Peace Sonny. You will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Mary Ann and all the Family. They are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Rey-Jonnie Martinez** - February 03, 2021 at 08:45 PM

TB

“ *Tommy & Rita Bedolla lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



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**Tommy & Rita Bedolla** - February 03, 2021 at 08:24 PM

CA

“ *Cary & Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



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**Cary & Betsy Ajeman** - February 03, 2021 at 08:00 PM

NF

“ *Noel And Arlene Forsyth lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



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**Noel and Arlene Forsyth** - February 03, 2021 at 06:49 PM

PI

“ I send condolences to Sonny's family. I always liked him very much and he taught me how to cook beef slowly. He was a big influence on the town of Willcox.

Patricia Riggs Inman - February 03, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ We are so very sorry to hear about Sonny's passing. Hold a heart in so many hearts, and his family is in our prayers.



Amber Mills - February 03, 2021 at 04:59 PM

PA

“ Paige lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez



Paige - February 03, 2021 at 04:58 PM

DB

“ Sonny was a friend to everyone and always had time to visit. Sonny and his butcher buddy Ronnie are together again

Doug & Bonnie - February 03, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JF

“ John And Kim Sanchez Family lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez



John and Kim Sanchez Family - February 03, 2021 at 03:39 PM

AF

“ Annie Torres & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez



Annie Torres & Family - February 03, 2021 at 03:39 PM

MV

“ Michael Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez



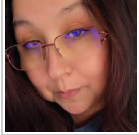
Michael Valenzuela - February 03, 2021 at 03:32 PM

EV

“ Erlinda Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez



Erlinda Valenzuela - February 03, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Debbie Salas lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



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**Debbie Salas** - February 03, 2021 at 02:35 PM

GW

“ *Deepest condolences to all the family he was such a kind man will be missed by many prayers for all of you*

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**Gloria and Bill Wood** - February 03, 2021 at 02:11 PM

EH

*My Heart ❤️ is breaking, but Chloe's Heart 🐾 is broken, all of us loved 😭 him so much.*

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**Evelynn Hirn** - February 03, 2021 at 03:41 PM

JS

*We loved Sonny. We have such happy memories of the Elks and him. Love you Mary Ann and family*

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**Jerry and Debbie Sunderland** - February 03, 2021 at 09:37 PM

LC

*So sorry, classmate and friend for many years! Prayers for Mary Ann and the family!*

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**LYNN CLECKLER** - February 03, 2021 at 10:18 PM

DH

*Our condolences to Mary Ann and the family. We share many memories in the Elk's Club. Our prayers are with you. Richard And Dorothy Hoyler*

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**Dorothy Hoyler** - February 06, 2021 at 01:13 PM

GW

“ *Deepest condolences to all the family, was always such a kind man. You will be missed by many. Prayers for all of you*



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**Gloria and Bill Wood** - February 03, 2021 at 02:10 PM

JR

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Sonny you are home now*



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**Juan & Shirley Rubio** - February 03, 2021 at 12:14 PM

SV

“ *Sandy Vindiola lit a candle in memory of Albert "Sonny" Martinez*



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**Sandy Vindiola** - February 03, 2021 at 10:54 AM