



Mr. Fred Martinez Sr.

October 29, 1927 - November 12, 2012

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Passed away on November 12, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Johnstown, PA on October 29, 1927, the eldest of 18 children. Upon leaving home, he spent twenty years in the United States Navy and retired in 1964 as a Chief Petty Officer, ENC, Boatswain's Mate. After retirement he worked as a diesel mechanic at Port Hueneme and South Coast Motors and shared his knowledge through teaching at Work Inc. in Santa Barbara.

During his Navy years, he found the love of his life, Jennie Ramona Godinez. Together they raised 7 children, all born at Navy stations throughout the country. He was a loving father who taught his children compassion and inspired us to be confident individuals. Our parents always opened their home and hearts to all. He was a talented man and instilled the passion for art, music, singing, writing, gardening and a love of animals to his children. These joys continue to carry us throughout our lives.

Fred Sr. was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jennie, his eldest son, Fred, and his first grandchild, Aaron Axelrod. He is survived by his daughters Ramona Switzer of Orcutt, Teresa Smith (Allen) of Rio Rancho, NM, Carla Riedel (Rick) of Sedona, AZ, Irene Fredricey (Scott), Antonette Escarsega, and his son Rick Martinez (Jody) all of Santa Barbara. He is also survived by

13 grandchildren, 4 great grandchild and one great-great grandchild who will miss him terribly. Fred Sr. also is survived by his sister Perla Goody of Oklahoma, and two brothers, Arthur of High Point, NC and Wilbert of Johnstown, PA.

Anchors away, Chief, we will miss your amazing smile and twinkling eyes during the times you shared stories of life on the open seas. And ... Cielito Lindo will never sound the same with your beautiful voice gone.

Viewing will be held at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapel, 15 E. Sola St. on November 19 at 10AM; service at 11AM. Graveside service to follow at Calvary Cemetery, 199 N. Hope Ave.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 687-8811
http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3

Tribute Wall



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Mrs. Smith - November 24, 2012 at 05:51 AM



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Mrs. Smith - November 24, 2012 at 05:38 AM



“ *Allen C. Smith (# 1 Son In Law) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Martinez Sr.*



Allen C. Smith (# 1 son in law) - November 22, 2012 at 07:19 PM

AL

This is in Honer of my late father in law, whom I loved very much who inspired my self to join the U.S. Navy, He was there for me, now I'am there for him, May God be with you always Pops, you'll allways be in my hart, if it wasn't for you.I wouldn't be where I'am today. Thank you so much, Your son. Al.

Allen C. Smith (# 1 son in law) - November 22, 2012 at 07:30 PM

SR

“ Sandra & RosanaDiaz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred Martinez Sr.



Sandra & RosanaDiaz - November 21, 2012 at 01:23 AM

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I can't beleave none of Fred Martinezes Sr. children post any, not one picture of any memeries of there past father of his services. After he gave all the support to his family all his life.

Allen C. Smith (# 1 son in law) - November 22, 2012 at 07:18 PM

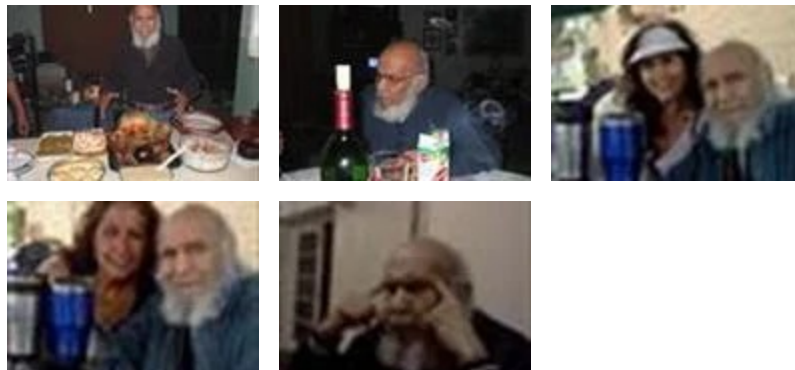
TS

I am Teri Smith My Father is the Greatest man in the whole wide world he gave so much to our country . He loved each an every individuale he taught me who I am I am so very proud to be his daughter we laughed loved an shared more than anyone could imagine he is an always will be my DADDY. I did not make it home in time an it is my wonderful husband who posted pictures. I smile knowing he is in heaven with mom... il will hold tight to all he has taught me threw out my life I thank Our Lord for my Father here on earth

Teri Smith - November 24, 2012 at 05:30 AM

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Allen C. Smith (son in law) - November 17, 2012 at 10:29 AM

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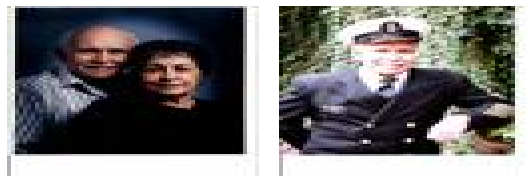
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Allen C Smith (son in law) - November 15, 2012 at 10:38 AM

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Allen C. Smith (son in law) - November 15, 2012 at 10:19 AM



Thank You Allen Daddy Loved an loves you more than you will ever know lam Thankful he Gave so much to you Ou father is an amazing man

Mrs. Smith - November 24, 2012 at 05:55 AM