



Joseph "Joe" Anthony Martinez

September 26, 1955 - January 10, 2014

Joseph 'Joe' Martinez was born in Alhambra, California on September 26, 1955 to parents Joseph A. Martinez and Vera M. (Reynolds) Martinez. Joe passed away at 58 of a heart attack while at home in Lake of the Woods on January 10. He was raised in Santa Barbara, graduated from Santa Barbara High School and worked as a mechanic. His career included jobs at the Metropolitan Transit District, Eller's Donuts (family business), Milpas Equipment Rentals, Jordano's Food Service and La Purisima Mission. Joe retired in 2012 to Lake of the Woods. He enjoyed fishing, feeding the ducks at Frazier Mountain Park, attending the Shelter on the Hill wine and cheese fundraisers, the Lilac Festival and traveling in the RV. He is survived by his wife Charlotte G. (Nelson) Martinez; son Andrew Martinez; daughter Elvera (Martinez) Reyes; parents Joseph Martinez and Vera Martinez; brother William Martinez; grandchildren Christopher Reyes, Noah Reyes and David Martinez; son-in-law Sergio Reyes and his aunts, uncles, cousins, step-children and a step-grandchild. A memorial celebration of Joe's life will be held February 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Santa Barbara MTD administrative offices, 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Joe was a participant in Lake Cachuma's annual Fishing Derby for more than 20 years. A memorial fund has been set up to collect donations for a bench to be placed permanently at Lake Cachuma, Joe's favorite fishing spot. Contact Charlotte Martinez regarding the memorial bench: 661-245-2345 or charlottegnelson@gmail.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Santa Barbara MTD Admin. Offices
550 Olive Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Tribute Wall



“ Joe will always be my brother in law! I may be 14 months younger, but he always called me Auntie M! I'll miss our chats, his happy smile and knowing he had my back!
Prayers for family and friends to not grieve with saddness. But find peace in his happiness he shared with all of us! Joe would want us to rejoice in sharing his life and times wirh us! Watch over us now Joe from above!

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