



## Fernando M. "Fred" Martinez

December 9, 1946 - January 26, 2024

Fernando M. "Fred" Martinez, age 77 of Clermont, FL, died Friday, January 26, 2024, at his home in Clermont, FL.

He was born on Monday, December 9, 1946, in Chicago, IL, the son of Fidel and Alice (nee Fisher) Martinez.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church; St. Louis Pony Express; V.F.W. Post #5694, Highland; N.A.P.U.S.; Korte Recreational Center, Highland; UPMA Gold (United Postmasters and Managers of America); Eagles - Clermont, FL.

Fred was born in Chicago, IL, and grew up there. He attended St. Michael's Central High School and graduated in 1966. He served in the U.S. Army from Nov. 2, 1966 to Nov. 1, 1968 and was involved with Vietnam in 1967 to 1968 during TET Offensive. After the service he started with the U.S. Postal Service. He moved to Highland in 1981. He was superintendent in O'Fallon, IL, supervisor in St. Louis, letter carrier for 18 years, Postmaster at Hillsboro, IL and retired with 34 1/2 years in 2001. Fred enjoyed playing music on bass guitar, fishing, hunting, He met Cathy Rakers in June of 2019. They enjoyed traveling & Cruising together. Fred enjoyed making and decorating mini-dollhouses

Survivors include:

Fiancee - Cathy L. Rakers, Clermont, FL

Daughter - Brandy L. (Mark) Tully, New York, NY

Daughter - Dana Martinez, Manhattan, KS

Grandchild - Reid J. Tiemann, Glen Carbon, IL

Grandchild - Gillian E. Trover, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Joseph Cameron

Grandchild - Alyssa Cameron

Grandchild - Adam Cameron

Grandchild - Jessica Cameron

Grandchild - Mykayla Arbogast

Fiancee's Daughter - Misty (Ryan) Menossi, Edwardsville, IL

Fiancee's Son - Lenny P. (Brooke) Rakers, Benld, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Fidel Martinez

Mother - Alice Martinez, nee Fisher

Wife - Sharron A. Martinez, nee Owens - Died 09/30/2016

Step Son - Glen "Dino" Hall - Died 12/25/1980

Step Son - Randall Hall - infant

Brother - Fidel Martinez

Sister - Lamar Garcia

Sister - Martha Williams

Brother - Enrique Martinez

Sister - Mary Ann Berry.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Fr. Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Metro East Humane Society-Highland.

# Tribute Wall



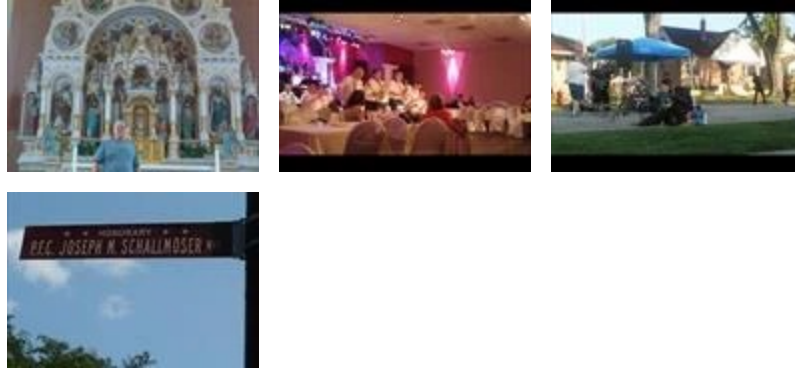
“ Jane A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fernando M. "Fred" Martinez.

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**Jane A.** - February 18, 2024 at 03:04 PM

ML

“ Dear Uncle Fred,  
Sooo many memories with so little time.  
We were kids together you weren't very much older than us but you took care of me Simon David Joe Jesse I guess Barbara was around at that time yes David came later but I don't remember you too much then being around. Of then you were in high school and you were busy with that I do remember your friends not clearly but there you playing music with your friends and few songs that you love so well sitting around the dining room table while you sing with your friends in place I think I had a crush on almost everyone there. I want to thank you for taking care of us and loving us I have so many memories and no one to share with as much as I would love to share more memories with you. But I was grateful that you came in and 2017 I believe it was I have the pictures I posted when you came in to see your friend get his honorary name on the street signs the corner of North and Wells in Chicago. You get to see friends you haven't seen in a while and reminisce but we had a blast! Then we were looking enough to see my brother Isaac play in the morning and got to see Fernando play in the evening. Thanks for the memory.  
I remember two distinct songs that you used to play and love them one was oh Donna and also Brandy and no one was surprised when you named your daughter Brandy you and your lovely wife Sharon loved her so much. We all have a lovely time as as it gets together and we got to work on and we'll be a part of Brandy's wedding.  
How many parties and how many picnics that we played that you played your music with uncle Hank and Phil and mom singing. Oh and that Grandma's birthday party this year was a lot of love that day.  
You moved away so young.  
First in the service, you were so handsome in uniform..  
I always treasure the times spent together the good and the sad.  
As my sister Barbara used to say sleep with the good angels.  
I'll always remember you in my heart and prayers. Be at peace dear uncle 😞😞



Marti Garcia-daughter of Lamar - February 08, 2024 at 10:42 AM

JD

“ I met Fred late in life but we became good friends in a short period of time.  
He frequently came to our band gigs and occasionally sat in with us, playing bass and singing. He loved music as much as I. He also took me to the range and taught me how to shoot. After he met Cathy he was a happy man,  
and if there is a consolation to the family is that he spent the last several years of his life happy , living in Florida, enjoying great meals and going on cruises.  
God Bless Cathy for taking care of him . He will me missed .

Jose Diaz - February 06, 2024 at 09:28 PM

TK

“ The Owens' Kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fernando M. "Fred" Martinez.

The Owens' Kids - February 06, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fernando M. "Fred" Martinez.*



February 06, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *Mom Randy Mary Ann and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Fernando M. "Fred" Martinez.*



**Mom Randy Mary Ann and family** - February 06, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ *Fred was a wonderful person to be around, both at work and at play. I have nothing but great memories. I'm blessed to have know him. Condolences to his family members. Rick Hooks*

**Rick Hooks** - February 06, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ *Ron Cipolla and The Riptides Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Fernando M. "Fred" Martinez.*



**Ron Cipolla and The Riptides Family** - February 05, 2024 at 10:30 AM

CR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Crystal - February 04, 2024 at 08:38 AM

MM

He loved his golf cart and the golf cart parades!

Misty Menossi - February 07, 2024 at 11:06 PM

DV

“ Unc you were one of my favorites. Now you can fly with all the angels . Tell Dom I love him ❤️ Rip unc 🙏 love your niece.

Deborah Vitale - February 04, 2024 at 08:27 AM

BM

“ I love you Daddy, you know I'm there in spirit, and you can now rest easy! Tell Mommy I love her, too!



Brandy Tully (nee Martinez) - February 02, 2024 at 10:58 PM

TP

“ The Pokojski's purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Fernando M. "Fred" Martinez.



The Pokojski's - February 02, 2024 at 10:01 PM

JL

“ So sorry for the family, accept our sympathy, meet Fred at VFW POST 5694, always called me Judge Judy. He was self caring, lovable. Just fun be with, concern for all. Our prayers go b outbto you all. KATHY prayers yous two made beautiful couple, enjoyed yourselves. God Bless

Judy Luehm - February 02, 2024 at 05:13 PM

BR

“ Fred was a great guy. Our girls spent many years dancing together. Brandy was his pride and joy. I'm so sorry Brandy for the loss of your dad.

Brenda - February 02, 2024 at 05:07 PM

BM

Thank you, Brenda!

Brandy Tully (nee Martinez) - February 03, 2024 at 01:10 PM

KL

Uncle Fred was one of a kind. He had a love of life you don't see much anymore. This world is a darker place without his light shining!! He always had a smile and a hug and never met a stranger. From the day he married Aunt Sharron, he became a huge part of our family and always made us Owens' kids feel so special. Uncle Fred, you will be missed more than you know, but you will never be forgotten because who could ever forget you!! We love you!!

Karen Lane - February 03, 2024 at 10:05 PM



My Brother from another Mother! We had some interesting times in "Nam". You always had my "6", and I always had yours. You truly made my time in country bearable. I Love You Brother. RIP

Louie Muratore - February 06, 2024 at 04:29 PM