



Daniel Martinez

December 31, 1941 - January 9, 2026

Daniel Martinez, also known as Dancin' Winter Hawk, died January 9th, 2026 at Parkview Medical Center after a fulfilling 84 years of life. Dancin was born December 31, 1941 in Red Wing, Colorado to Benjamin and Maria Nieves Martinez. He is preceded in death by both parents, his brother Edmond David Martinez, and his sister Cindy Miller. Dancin' is survived by his sister Norma Jean Cordova (Don). He is also survived by his 13 children spread out between three marriages and includes numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. Daniel is a veteran of the United States Army where he served as a combat medic. He retired from the Colorado State Hospital (CMHIP) where he worked as a psychiatric technician for over 20 years. Dancin' fought a 82 year battle with alcohol addiction. He missed celebrating his 42nd year of sobriety at the Great Escape due to failing health, unfortunately. Days were spent going on morning walks in the park and enjoying the local flea market and thrift stores. His days always included the afternoon AA meeting (The Nooner) at the Escape to practice the 12-step program. He had many friends at these meetings, many of whom visited him in his last days. Dancin' will be greatly missed by family, friends, and Kowalski, his feline companion. A Memorial service will be held Saturday, January 24th, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at the Broadway Christian Church located on 206 Broadway Ave. Pueblo, CO. Reception will follow immediately at the same location.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **24.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Broadway Christian Church
206 Broadway
Pueblo, CO 81004

Tribute Wall

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“ This is for my best friend, favorite uncle and to me my adopted father. You were always there to listen to me especially when times were rough. You were always there to give me advice & even told me when you thought it wasn't such a good idea. When I heard of your departure well, I didn't want to believe it. My time to talk to you was over and I didn't get another chance. I couldn't even cry. I was in shock but then the sadness and grief settled in unlike before I was just screaming internally. I realized you're really gone. I prayed to the Lord that he would watch over you and if he would let me see you again one day. Although I won't lie sometimes I wonder if the Lord even hears me and if he does, why does he do the things he does?. I really want to believe he listens though especially in times like these. It hurts so much but it says they'll be no more pain in the bible so I keep wondering why does God take all the good people first like when he took my mom and it occurred to me they deserved so much more than this earth could give even with all the love we could give them. So he gave them their own heaven. I guess what i'm saying is I'm going to miss him I loved him so much and he deserved so much more than I could give. My one regret was not being able to get to talk to him before he left him not meeting my kids and not being able to say goodbye. Anyways before I get done typing I wanted to share a memory one of many that I still do with my kids that Uncle Dancin taught me, he used to say come here, I'd go there and he'd grab me and go bzzz charged your battery and then let go and it made my day and I hope he knows how much he brightend up my life with his unconditional love. I LOVE YOU Uncle Dancin & you WILL BE MISSED!! 😞😭👍🖤❤️👍💔



Jasmine Martinez - January 17 at 04:10 AM

“ To my Favorite...



My Dad is the BRIGHTEST LIGHT in my life!!!! I am in so much pain not being able to be there and say goodbye, hear the stories from people from the program that saved his life and allowed me to have mine, and to stand in front of everyone who knew him and tell them about all the love and support he gave me in my life!! My Dad ALWAYS BELIEVED IN ME!!! More than ANYONE!

He filled his homes with art which inspired my love for art. He loved music and movies and introduced me to so many things that made me the person I am today. My love for musicals and performance art is because of him! He has always been there for me in my life, to talk, to spend time, make sure I had what I needed to thrive, share a meal, share a smile, sing songs, laugh. I know the experience of unconditional love because of him!!!! He is the most wonderful person I've ever known. I never expected life to be the way it was in this last year where things weren't the way they had been for my whole life, but I know he loves me and I know he knows I love him. I don't know how to cope with the fact that I'm not there to say goodbye, that the last year was the way it was , I wish I could have had him forever because of how much light he brought to my life.

I'll always remember how when I would play the song "sleepwalk" he would IMMEDIATELY say "Santo and Johnny, sleepwalk", or when he woke up from the coma they put him in after health complications in 2018 and the nurse was trying to give him a sip of water on a spoon and I thought he said "I'm drippin" and he corrected me and he said "No, IM TRIPPIN!" 🙄 and when he looked at me and said "Lani you're purple!" , and I was talking about a performance on the Cher show and it was Cher , Bette Midler and someone else and I couldn't remember who but he knew immediately! Even after being out for 2 weeks HE KNEW! I remember being little and how he would take us to the comic book store and he got me Catwoman and She Hulk and he got Connor Spiderman comics. I remember going to Mexi deli with him on the last day they were open, having 2 burger Tuesday at the shamrock, going to movies at the theater and then going and watching another at his house, and that day no one could get ahold of him and we found out he was sneaking around from movie to movie all day long in the theater! I'm so grateful my mom made sure he was a part of our lives for our whole life and that he was sober for my whole life, so I got to experience him at his best! He always said "remember to have fun!" And "don't give up before the miracle!". He is my miracle.

Because of him I was able to become a teacher and meet people from all over the world and impact their lives in a positive way , he changed my life to something I never knew it could be! I've been going to meetings to honor his memory since I can't be there to do it in person, because he always told me "if you ever need help anywhere in the world, you can always go to a meeting!" And after I heard he passed that was the first thing I did, I looked up an English

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“ Jack M B Selway purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Daniel Martinez.



Jack M B Selway - January 15 at 09:25 AM

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“ Jack M B Selway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel Martinez.

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Connor you are with us, I hope that everyone who left before you is there with you
and you're having so much fun just like you always told us to do! Even though we
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before me but all my life I've known it with you in it and now, now what? I hope
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Legend, Labyrinth, Grease and so many other epic films with you! I'll always
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you took it and hammered it out and made it like new! I'll always remember how
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would go for nachos before we went home. I'll always remember your favorite
song is "Pancho and Lefty" by Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard (now you're there
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YOU'RE UNFORGETTABLE!!!! And I have faith that I'll get to see you again and
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Lani - January 14 at 09:54 PM

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“ Ruth & Mike Parker (cousins(purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Daniel Martinez.



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