



Jude Ernest Martinez

May 10, 1945 - December 10, 2017

Jude Ernest Martinez, also known as Ernie and JJ, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on December 10, 2017 in Pueblo, CO at the age of 72.

Jude is survived by his daughter, Nicolina Villani-Martinez. Siblings Gloria Mascarenas, Edna Solis, Alice Trujillo, Delma Martinez; Special friend, Debbie Pacheco, nieces, nephews and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Sefe Martinez and Irene Pineda, brother Marty Martinez, and sister Vanette Furman.

Jude was born on May 10, 1945 in Cheyenne, WY to Sefe and Irene Martinez. Jude served in the Army as a radio repairman, stationed at various locations in Germany. Jude graduated from Metro State College with a degree in Spanish. He then proceeded to teach and coach in the Denver area. He was particularly passionate about teaching in the alternative high school arena where he strived to develop and provide learning experiences for disadvantaged youths. He also coached high school basketball at Lincoln High and recently girls' basketball at Bishop Machebeuf High school. Jude taught high school at Trinidad, Primero, and Denver Justice High School for many years.

Jude excelled in sports in high school and attended University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) until he entered the army. His love of athletics continued his whole life. He enjoyed participating in fast pitch softball tournaments throughout the country well into his 40's. He was an avid golfer. As a coach he

believed that sports provided youth with a discipline that would help them all of their life. He believed there was a place for every member on a team and that being a team player was a life lesson. Jude also felt that volunteering was an important part of giving back to a community. He recently volunteered on the board for the Denver Police Athletic League. Jude was always willing to chair an event or help coordinate a fundraiser for many groups.

He was an amiable companion who loved to laugh and tell jokes. He laughed and laughed often. Jude enjoyed the company of many and left this world with many friends. He will be sadly missed.

Services are scheduled for Wednesday, December 27th at 10:30 am at St. Marks Church, in Westminster, CO. A reception on site to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Jude's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Sangre De Cristo Hospice in Pueblo, CO.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 27. 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Mark's Church
3141 W 96th Ave
Westminster, CO

Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Shirley Williams lit a candle in memory of Jude Ernest Martinez*



Shirley Williams - January 04, 2018 at 04:44 PM

RF

“ *Richard Falsetta lit a candle in memory of Jude Ernest Martinez*



Richard Falsetta - December 27, 2017 at 04:38 PM

RF

“ *My sincerest condolences for the passing of my friend Jude. We shared many fun times playing baseball in Trinidad and El Paso, Texas. This was back in 1966 thru 1969. Jude and our friends would go to my mom and my aunt's house in Walsenburg on Sundays for their spaghetti dinners. I hadn't seen Ernie since he was operating his bar/restaurant in Trinidad. I remember him being a true gentleman and a classy guy. I will miss him.*

*Warmly,
Richard "Bunny" Falsetto*

Richard Falsetta - December 27, 2017 at 04:35 PM

JS

“ To the Family of Ernie Martinez, whom I knew as an athlete who was competitive and yet exhibited great sportsmanship and friendship,
Please accept my compassionate empathy for this man who played hard, worked hard, and whose love for life seemed to me to burn with passion. It was a shock to hear of his death. Playing basketball and softball both with him and against him was a delight. May he rest in peace. My prayers and thoughts are with him and his family.
Love in Christ,
Joseph G. Sandoval

Joseph G. Sandoval - December 26, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ I taught with Jude at Denver Justice, and the over arching memory I have of him is that he almost always had that wonderful smile on his face! I'd ask, " How are ya doin Jude?", and his almost constant reply was, "Just another day in paradise! " Wow...what an attitude, what a legacy, what a man. I miss you my friend. ♡

Sally Cameron - December 24, 2017 at 04:38 PM

TS

“ J J & I shared being fans of the New York Yankees, and had several chances
to play rounds of golf together. He will be missed, and my thoughts & prayers are
with his family.
Tom Sarconi

Tom Sarconi - December 24, 2017 at 04:28 PM

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“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Nicolina Martinez - December 19, 2017 at 12:42 PM