



Raymond "Ray" Martinez

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Mr. Raymond "Ray" Martinez, age 69, died at home surrounded by his loving wife and daughters on Monday, August 14, 2006. He was born February 22, 1937 in Muskegon to Luz and Carmen (Serna) Martinez and lived his entire life in the area. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. On March 7, 1970, he married the former Marilyn B. Birmingham and she survives him. Prior to his retirement in 1993, he worked over 25 years as an X-ray technician for Howmet Corp. Ray was an avid golfer, enjoyed bowling and was a stout U of M fan. He was a long-time member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. SURVIVORS include his wife of 36 years, Marilyn; 4 daughters, Sharon (Mike) Klinge, Shawn (Michael) Sloan, Carmen (Scott) DeFabrizio, Becky (Matt) Walker; 12 grandchildren (with 1 on the way), Cassie, Valerie, Michael Jr., Nicholas, Kenny, Meghan, Morgan, Carey Lynn, William, Carter, Taylor, and Cale; 1 great grandson, Raymond; 2 brothers, Louie Martinez, Tony (Connie) Martinez; 7 sisters, Rosa Bringedahl, Theresa Panzero, Mary (Harold) Stoops, Molly (Lee) Smith, Carmen (Frank) Richards, Virginia (Jose) Reyes, Theresa Rivera; sister-in-law, Paulette (Merritt) Archer. He was preceded in death by his parents. THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be celebrated 11:00 AM Friday, August 18, 2006 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Michael P. Olson presiding. ENTOMBMENT will follow at St. Mary's Mausoleum with Honorary Military Rites offered by VFW #446. VISITATION with Ray's family will be 6-8 PM Wednesday (this evening), 2-4 and 6-8 PM Thursday at the Sytsema Funeral Home, 737 Apple Avenue, (231) 726-5210. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to Mass, 10-11 AM Friday at the church. MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be directed to Harbor Hospice (formerly Hospice of Muskegon-Oceana). Sign the on-line guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com



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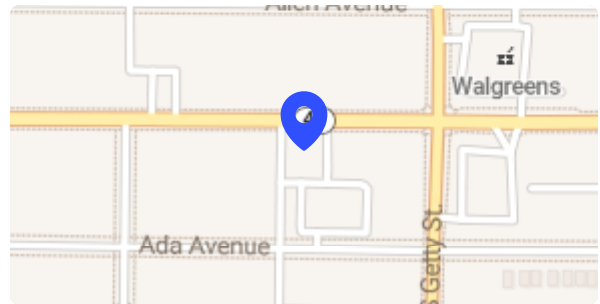
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, August 16, 2006

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel**

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



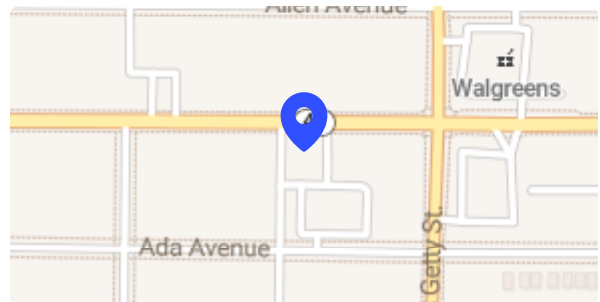
Visitation

 **Thursday**, August 17, 2006

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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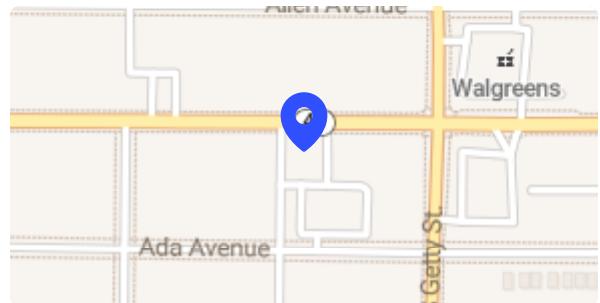
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Anonymous posted:

dear theresa and family, i`m so sorry that i didn`t read about your brother in the chronicle. you are in our thoughts and prayers. take care,we love you.##imported-begin##tom and esther rahrig##imported-end##

November 27 at 7:40 AM



Anonymous posted:

Hi Marilyn,I don't know if you remember me or not, but I'm VeeAnn Dyga's daughter. I just wanted to let you and the girls know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you face the loss of such a big part of your life. I know you've faced loss much in your past, but a spouse has a different twist to it.I have some terrific memories of you and Ray, especially the trip to the "farm". Thank you so much for those.May you find peace in knowing that he's a peace with his savior.God bless,Tia (Dyga) Peterson##imported-begin##Tia (Dyga) Peterson##imported-end##

August 21 at 3:10 PM



Anonymous posted:

Marilyn and family,We were very sorry to hear about Ray's death. We pray that you will feel God's peace and comfort. Ray is in a perfect place now where each shot is a hole-in-one, every game is a 300 and the Wolverines never lose.With Love,Mike and Jenn##imported-begin##Mike Larson##imported-end##

August 19 at 9:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

Was so sorry to hear about Ray's passing away, but as we all know, he is no longer suffering and in pain. He is in a much better place. Thank you for the privledge of being one of his pallbearers.Blessings and prayers -Bill and Carol Shackelford##imported-begin##Bill and Carol Shackelford##imported-end##

August 18 at 5:40 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Marilyn,I was so sorry to hear about Ray, he was a great guy and I had so much fun with you both. Please remember that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Take careToots##imported-begin##Paulene (Toots) Stewart##imported-end##

August 18 at 9:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

God Bless you##imported-begin##Yvonne L. Petersen##imported-end##

August 18 at 8:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

You are in heaven now you were only 20 days older than me. God Bless you!##imported-begin##Bernadette Nicolai Zimmer-Birdsall##imported-end##

August 18 at 8:50 AM



Anonymous posted:

Marilyn, Carmen, Sharon, Shawn and Becky:I am so sorry for your loss. I have such great memories of Ray and all the fun we had together at your house as a child and young adult. I grew up in that house. I will cherish those memories. I am very happy you were all with him while he passed. Know my love and prayers go out to you and your extended families.Love you all,Annette and family##imported-begin##Annette (Bernardini) Grimm##imported-end##

August 18 at 6:27 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Marilyn, Carmen, Becky, Sherry, and Shawn, I was so sorry to hear of Ray's death. I realize it has been a horrible battle for a long time.... but you won the fight. Ray is at peace and now, hopefully, you will have peace and comfort knowing that he is safe and loved. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by more than just family. God love you and keep you all. Evie##imported-begin##Evie Sias##imported-end##

August 17 at 2:10 PM



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Anonymous posted:

None of you know me (Marilyn, you and I met once @ Tommy Cooper's wedding) but I am a good friend of Marilyn Coopers' and remember meeting Ray @ Tommy's wedding and what a handsome, handsome man he was and so much fun. I just remember you being his beautiful wife, Marilyn. I have had updates on Ray's condition for months and have prayed for him many times. Know he is @ peace now and w/ the Lord. This next year will be very rough so please utilize the people who offer help...keep busy. God love all of you thru this difficult time.##imported-begin##Marsha Mahynski##imported-end##

August 17 at 12:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

May you be in peace now. You were loved by many many people. We go back a long way. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family today. Norman and Jone Erickson##imported-begin##Jone Joneson Erickson##imported-end##

August 17 at 5:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

We are with you in helping to lift Raymond to be with Lord, we are sorry he is gone but happy that he is at his final home.....always, Tim & Sue##imported-begin##Timothy & Susan Richards##imported-end##

August 16 at 5:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

Class of 55, can't remember if we were in the Naval Reserve together, but I stuck it out from 54 to 84 and have been receiving a military pension for some time now. Sorry about Ray's departing, but I'm sure he had a good life. May the Lord bless his family and give them comfort in this time of adjustment.##imported-begin##Keith E. Borns##imported-end##

August 16 at 12:42 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest Marilyn and Girls My thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time. May the Lord bring you comfort and serenity Love Judie##imported-begin##Judie Brashier##imported-end##

August 16 at 11:14 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Carmen,I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I know it has been a long battle and may it be peace for you and your family to know that he is now peaceful, pain, and disease free. We are so blessed to have eternal life and to know that we will one day again see our loved ones. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything you need, please let me know.With Deepest SympathyThe Engelman's##imported-begin##Todd, Diane, Lukas, & Ashley Engelman##imported-end##

August 16 at 9:17 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond "Ray" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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