



Benjamin Martinez

April 14, 1936 - August 10, 2013

Obituary of Benjamin Martinez Ben was born on April 14, 1936 and passed away on August 10, 2013. Ben was a resident of Ocala FL. He was born in Patterson, NJ and grew up in New York City. He had a strong work ethic. His first job was shining shoes at the age of nine years old. He also worked delivering bread and newspapers to help support his family. He moved to Ocala in 1953 and began working at Silver Springs Sportswear as well as operating the family chicken farm until entering the army in 1959. He returned to Ocala upon leaving the service in 1961 and working at Silver Springs Sportswear as a cutter and worked his way up to foreman of the cutting department. While there he met his future wife, Martha Tidwell. They married on July 1, 1962. He was a member of Blessed Trinity Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in which he served as Grand Knight from 1969 to 1970. He moved to Miami in 1970 when he was promoted to VP in Charge of Production until leaving in 1985. He then returned to Ocala and worked at American Panel, Capri Furniture, and then part time at Winn Dixie until fully retiring in 2001. He was an avid reader and loved reading about the Civil War and World War II. He also enjoyed home improvement and woodworking projects, especially making doll houses, and gardening. He loved to travel with his family, especially to Ormond Beach. He adored his grandchildren and family. He had a generous heart and loved to help people when he could. Ben is survived by his loving wife Martha of 51 years. Two sons, Benjamin Jr. and his wife Vanessa of Tallahassee, Gregory and his wife

Susan of Gainesville, Three grandsons, Jay of Tallahassee, Daniel and his wife Jasmine of Tallahassee, Benjamin III and his fiancée Alyxandra of Sarasota. Granddaughter Toria Caitlin of Gainesville, Great grandson Caleb Daniel of Tallahassee. He was preceded in death by his father Benjamin Diez Velasco Martinez and mother Anna Mgercak Martinez, sisters Dorothy Whetstone and June Martinez. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin Martinez*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I Love you, Martha. I will see you soon. Your Friend, RuThie*

RuThie TayLor. - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *We all love you very much, especially the girls & I. I will miss all of the "garage talk". Love you all RuThie*

RuThie TayLor - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ben and Vanessa, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Cherish your memories and may God bless each of you and your family.*

Beverly McCoy - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I love you grandma!*

Jim - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Martha So sorry for your loss - may God be with you and your family*
Phil Ballard

Phillip Ballard - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Praying for your family

Harold and Donna Richland - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Martha, & Family I am sooo sorry. He was such a nice man. Always enjoyed visits with him, conversations, and his sense of humor. I know he will be sorely missed. He was a great person. May God bless and keep you. Love, Louise

Louise Richland Stone - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Martha, so very sorry to hear of Ben's passing. May our Lord comfort you and your family. Ben is home now, where we all are hoping to go. GOD Bless and keep you!! William and Pam

William & Pam Bradley - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Ben, Vanessa, and Family, Sending you my thoughts, prayers and mostly LOVE for you in your time of grief. Wishing a sense of peace to follow you all along the rest of lifes journey. Losing a parent, grandparent, spouse, and friend, is so painful and most difficult. Just know the ones you love are trying to help by holding you in our prayers. If I can do anything for you and your family, Im just a call away. Love, Gina

Gina Locklerg - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ To The Martinez Family, So sorry to hear about your loss. Our love and prayers goes out to you and the whole family. May your father rest in peace. Sincerely, David and Ana

Ana & David Llano-Elliott - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Martha, I am very sorry for your loss. I enjoyed meeting him and sharing our family history at that first reunion. Love, Stephanie

Stephanie Phillips Montes - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Martha and family, we are so sorry to hear of your losing this sweet man! Our prayers and thoughts are with you and hope that you all are at peace. He was so gracious and kind when we would see him at reunions. We miss all of you. Love Carolyn

Carolyn Phillips Frost - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Ben and Vanessa sorry for your loss, my prayers are with the whole family. Love ya uncle Ben

Bernard Richland - August 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We will miss you so much Dad! We love you so,so, much. Thank you for the many things you have done for us. We admired you so much. We will be with you again some day. Until then please keep watch over us. Love, Ben and Vanessa

Benjamin and Vanessa Martinez - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM