



Mark Thomas Martinez

February 5, 1959 - September 8, 2024

Mark Thomas Martinez, loved and cherished by his family and friends, went to his heavenly home on September 8, 2024, at the age of 65. He leaves behind his wife of 45 years, but who he has loved fiercely for 49 years, Jodi Picolo Martinez, his son Mark Thomas Martinez, Jr., his daughter Victoria Martinez Esteves (Ricky), his son Matthew Paul Martinez (Jenna), and his six grandchildren who loved their Paw Paw with all of their beautiful hearts: Molly, Charlotte, Luke, Celia, Noah, and Iris. Mark was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Martinez, his father-in-law, Joseph "Jay" Picolo Jr., and his brother-in-law, Larry Sears. He is survived by his mother, Phyllis Toledano Martinez Anson, his mother-in-law, Earline Bordelon Picolo, his brothers and sisters, Laurie Neely, Ron Martinez (Cathy), Claudia Marshel (Julia), Andrew Martinez, his sister-in-law Lori Sears, his brother-in-law Jay Picolo (Michelle), and so many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews who were loved deeply by their Uncle Mark.

Mark was born in New Orleans, LA, on February 5, 1959. He attended St. Raphael School, Resurrection of Our Lord School, and graduated from Abramson High School in New Orleans East in 1977. Mark retired from Hartwig Moss Insurance Agency in 2021, after working in the insurance business for nearly 40 years. He recently acquired his captain's license and worked as a swamp tour guide at Ultimate Swamp Adventures. Mark loved being outside in his yard landscaping, building birdhouses, birdwatching, hanging out with his dog, Scout, building fires in the fire pit, and solving crossword puzzles. He loved Jazz Festin' with cousins and friends, hosting every family birthday and holiday at his house with his kids and grandkids, going on travel adventures with Jodi, and heading down to the fishing camp in Hopedale for his weekly relaxation on the water. If we know anything, we know that Mark loved talking to people, family, friends, and strangers alike. He told a great story and listened with an open ear. We are grateful that he is in the loving arms of Jesus, even as we miss him with all of our hearts. And we remember, just like Mark's favorite scripture states, "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 Peace, love, and togetherness. Family and friends are invited to attend the visitation and funeral services on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams

Blvd, Kenner, LA

70062. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM with a funeral mass at 12:00

PM. The burial

will immediately follow the services at Jefferson Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11316 River Road
St. Rose, LA 70087

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

Mass

SEP 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

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2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Thomas Martinez



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - September 13, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ Victoria A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Thomas Martinez.

Victoria A. - September 16, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ The Gremillions purchased the Light Remains Tribute Blanket for the family of Mark Thomas Martinez.



The Gremillions - September 16, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ The Naccari Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mark Thomas Martinez.



The Naccari Family - September 13, 2024 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ *The Naccari Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Thomas Martinez.*

The Naccari Family - September 13, 2024 at 11:19 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mark Thomas Martinez.*



September 12, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Thomas Martinez.*



September 11, 2024 at 11:04 PM

MV

“ *Mike & Dianne Varisco planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Thomas Martinez.*

Mike & Dianne Varisco - September 11, 2024 at 11:04 PM

BK

“ Our hearts are broken for your family. We send our sincere condolences. Mark was the best and we always loved being around him . We will miss him dearly. Sending love and prayers .
George and Bonnie Kauffman

Bonnie Kauffman - September 11, 2024 at 01:34 PM

MT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My sympathy and prayers to the entire Martinez family. God bless. Marion Toledano

Marion Toledano - September 11, 2024 at 01:22 PM

JB

“ Joey and Marilyn Baudier purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mark Thomas Martinez.



Joey and Marilyn Baudier - September 11, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JB

“ Joey and Marilyn Baudier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Thomas Martinez.

Joey and Marilyn Baudier - September 11, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JB

“ We are Grieving with and for your entire family. May the Lord comfort your broken hearts and please know if you guys need anything we are only a phone call away.
Marilyn O Baudier

Joseph R Baudier III & Marilyn Baudier - September 11, 2024 at 01:11 PM

KR

“ *Karen Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mark Thomas Martinez*



Karen Richardson - September 11, 2024 at 12:44 PM

KR

“ *My earliest memory of Mark was meeting him at my cousin Jodi's house. We were all teenagers at that time. I immediately liked Mark and it was not hard to do. Mark always had a genuine smile and gave you big heartwarming hugs. Blessed to have known such a wonderful man. Love, hugs and God's blessings to Mark's family. May God keep you close in his arms.*

Karen Richardson - September 11, 2024 at 12:43 PM

AM

We send our condolences, love and prayers. May the Lord receive Mark into eternal peace and glory and grant hope and consolation to his family and loved ones.
Al and Patti Mansfield

Al Mansfield - September 11, 2024 at 04:25 PM