



Obituary

Born: Friday, July 15, 1966

Died: Saturday, August 22, 2020

Armando “Marty” N. Martinez, 78, of Leadville, Colorado passed away peacefully at his home in Leadville surrounded by his wife and children on August 22, 2020 . He was born September 6, 1941 in Taos, New Mexico to Benediano “Ben” and Adelia Martinez. He married Shirley Martinez on July 15, 1966 in Penasco, New Mexico.

After graduating high school, Armando joined the United States Marine Corps and after his tour in southeast Asia, Armando visited Leadville. He liked the mountains and outdoor recreation available in the area and chose to make Leadville his home. He worked at the Climax Mine, and later at Vogelman Masonry. After retirement, Armando had more time for cutting, splitting and delivering wood to the community which was one of his favorite things to do. He offered his services at a low price and for the older and less fortunate people he would give it away at no charge. His family loved being out there helping him split wood.

Armando was incredibly involved in the Lake County Community. In the late 60’s, early 70’s, Armando saw that there was a need to get some of the youth off the street.

Knowing that many Leadville youth could not afford to go skiing, he used his passion for boxing to get a large number of individuals involved in a lower cost activity that would utilize their energy. It took over three years for Armando to get local support needed to start a boxing club. Armando’s dream came true in 1971, named in honor of the Marine Corp, the Leadville Leathernecks were established. The majority of the clubs initial equipment was supplied by and paid for out of Armando’s own pocket. With his wife beside him doing avid fundraisers, the Leathernecks would later become one of the most financially stable teams in the region. Leatherneck bingo, concessions, and annual raffle paid for the majority of the teams travel expense and equipment.

Armando’s other passion was his family. After a long day of work he would go home and spend his evenings with his children and grandchildren. He always made sure he made time for family whether it was taking family trips to New Mexico, family picnics or taking all the little grandkids to the park.

Armando was a member of the Annunciation Catholic Church / Holy Family Parish, the Leadville Moose Lodge, the Leadville and Lake County Hall of Fame and the Leadville Leathernecks Boxing Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, and spending time in the mountains.

Service Summary

Visitation

Armando is survived by his wife Shirley, children Angelo (Marcella) Padilla, Randy (Diane) Padilla, Carol (Steve) Rendon, Marty Martinez Jr., Jody (Abbey) Martinez, Amanda (Jarod) Martinez-Fox and Darshan (Carlos) Mariano; 16 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; sisters Rosabell (Manuel) Corrales and Annabelle (John) Vigil; brother Manuel Martinez of Broomfield and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held August 31st. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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