



Honorable Matthew G. "Marty" Martinez

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U. S. REPRESENTATIVE, CALIFORNIA
. 97TH - 106TH CONGRESS
July 13, 1982 -- January 2001

Former Member of Congress, Matthew G. "Marty" Martinez, 82, of Fredericksburg passed from this life on Saturday, October 15, 2011. He was at home.

He is survived by his wife, Maxine Grant, 5 children, 2 Stepsons, 15 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Attending funeral services are daughters, Diane Mandaville of Portland, Oregon and Carol Gomez Jungwirth of West Covina, CA and granddaughter, Kate Aguilar of Oregon.

Visitation and Rosary is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Found and Sons Funeral Chapels-Cremation Service, 10719 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg.

A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, October 24, 2011 at 10:00 AM at St. Jude Catholic Church, 10725 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg with the Rev. James C. Hudgins officiating. Burial will follow the Mass in Quantico National Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed to Marty's family at foundandsons.com.

Marty and Max retired to Lake of the Woods in 2001 where Marty joined the Battlefield Council of the Knights of Columbus. He quickly achieved the title Worthy Sir Knight an honor of the Fourth Degree in May 2003. He volunteered, worked for and achieved Knight of the Month on two occasions. In 2008 with a move to Virginia Heritage he joined St. Jude Knights of Columbus where he is member in good standing.

Marty's exemplary service in the U.S. House of Representatives where he was most passionate in fighting for children -- Head Start; our senior citizens -- Older Americans Act; for the disabled -



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Americans with Disabilities Act and for our Veterans. He was also cited as California's Champion for the Education of Our Children.

A Veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp, Martinez served from 1947-1950. Upon joining the USMC in Los Angeles he was assigned to Camp Pendleton for boot training. From there he was deployed to the Pacific Islands to help get the Japanese soldiers out of island caves.

He then volunteered to serve in the Marine Expeditionary Force to China where he helped train the Nationalist troops of Chiang Kai-Shek. He spent two years in China. In 1949, he was part of the Marine force that helped evacuate the Nationalist Chinese to Formosa - Taiwan today. Upon his return to the U.S. he was a member of the Marine Corps boxing team and the football team. A Proud Marine - A Proud Veteran!



Events


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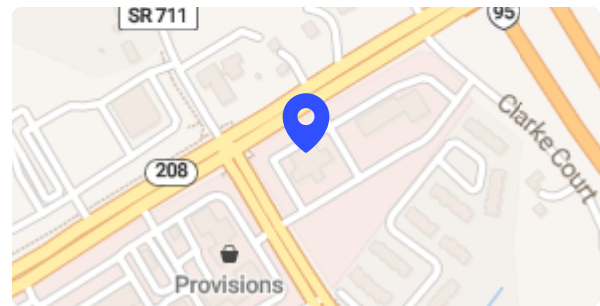
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Visitation

 **Sunday**, October 23, 2011


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Fredericksburg**
10719 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg VA 22407



Service


 **Monday**, October 24, 2011

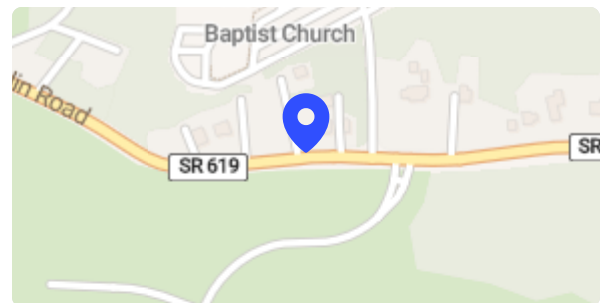
 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Jude's Catholic Church**
9600 Caritas Street, Fredericksburg VA 22408



Cemetery Details

 **Quantico National Cemetery**
18424 Joplin Road, Triangle VA 22172





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JD

Janis Dimond posted:

We will miss your smiling face and will always remember what a good mentor and encouragement you were to my husband during your time in the Knights of Columbus. You will be greatly missed. God Bless you and your family. Tim and Janis Dimond.

October 23 at 10:32 AM

MM

Maxine Grant Martinez posted:

30 years of memories - memories of a man who could take a massive amount of information on any topic, bounce it around in his head and toss it back where you knew he understood it and could provide insight to resolving the issue. He enjoyed his work tremendously (his photo tells you that) and he was tireless in working for his constituents. A lot of hard work and long hours but the reward was the family we formed in the staff we gathered. He treated everyone with affection and respect. He was firm but fair in most instances. The exception being when dealing with members of our family, then he was a huge marshmallow. A very best friend and an even better husband.

October 21 at 6:07 PM

MV

Matthew Vitro posted:

Many great memories of my Grandfather. Early and Mid 90's, Hunting Turkey and Deer in Paso Robles. Getting the Jeep stuck along an offroad trail that led to the place where all the Deer were hiding out. Taking a road trip from LA to Paso Robles with my friend Tony to deliver Grandpa his hunting Jeep.

October 21 at 5:22 PM

MV

Matthew Vitro posted:

Many great Memories of my grandfather. 1982, age 9, I remember sitting next to my grandfather on the floor of the house of representatives as the Speaker of the House, Tip Oneill administered the Oath of Office to all the newly elected Congressman.

October 20 at 9:05 PM



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SM

Sally Martinez posted:

I am deeply, deeply sadden by the passing of a boss who I had the honor of working for almost 20 years. He will be missed. My boys Joseph & Toby talk about the times that we all hung out together and had lots of fun & laughter. Joseph still makes the lemondade at a restaurant the way the boss used to make it and does You and the boss watched them grow into men. Max, I hope you also get to read this because I have been trying to contact you, I really would love to speak to you. Please call me at 626-712-1616 or 323-478-9002. You are in my prayers. Best wishes to the family.Sally Martinez.

October 20 at 12:16 PM

RA

Ruth Barbara Aldaco posted:

I had the honor of meeting Marty Martinez through my mother, Ruth Aldaco, former Mayor. He was a very kind, intelligent, and nice man. I hope you get to read this Maxine because my mother would really love to speak with you (562-947-6130). Our best wishes to you and your family as we know this must be a difficult time for you.Much love and blessings.Ruth and Barbara Aldaco

October 20 at 10:30 AM

GV

Giuseppe Severino Vitro posted:

i just wanted to give my condolences to the Martinez/Grant family. I am deeply saddened by the passing of my Grampa Marty. Even know i have not seen my grampa in a number of years i always felt that he was with me. Grampa if your listening when who ever reads this just know that i love you and was always thinking of you. i will try and follow your foot steps by taking care of those veterans around the work place down here in East L A. Gramps you will be missed not only by your family but also the lives you impacted through programs you supported like Head Start and ADA.Love, Joey

October 19 at 8:15 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Matthew by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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