



## Josefina "Josie" Martinez

March 23, 1950 - April 9, 2024

On March 23, 1950, Josefina "Josie" Martinez was born and raised in Hondo, Texas. She was born to Francisco G. Guedea and Enedina Y. Guedea. Josie later moved to Huntsville, Texas and made it her home, where she worked and raised her children. She was a member of the First Assembly of God, Huntsville.

Josie had a long career, spanning of 40 years at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Working in many different areas, she was well loved and respected. Her dedication to her position and career was paramount. She would work many extra shifts, even working during holidays to ensure younger parents were able to be with their children.

Josie was definitely one of God's special angels here on earth. She was loved and admired by many because of her beautiful smile, kind ways, unconditional love and never ending, Christ-like advice. While living an abundant life, Josie touched the lives of many people with her generosity. She maintained her trademark of love and kindness until the end. She loved giving to others and had a heart of gold.

On Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Josie's soul transitioned after a short illness, surrounded by those who loved her. Her soul soared with her heart on the wings of angels.

She was predeceased by her parents, grandson (Elijah), 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 2 sons-in-law.

Josie leaves precious memories with: her daughters, Ricia Law, Renna James

(Kyle), Marissa Law Casey, Matrina Ross (Floyd), and Marina J. Martinez; sons, Luis Martinez (Victoria), Ramar Martinez, and Desmond Vaughn (Nataly); along with 21 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 AM at Greater Temple of Deliverance Church in Huntsville. Memorial condolences to the family may be made at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

## Funeral Service

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Great Temple of Deliverance  
416 US Hwy 190  
Huntsville, TX 77340

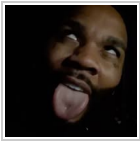
# Tribute Wall



“ *Lighting a candle for my children’s grandmother. May God be with my children’s family.* ”



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**Lisa** - February 23, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *She was the sweetest grandma to me and my siblings we will always love and miss you grandma . All of you’re grandchildren rip 🕊️🕊️ fly high grandma love ❤️❤️🕊️🕊️* ”

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**Lay Mar** - April 23, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *Thresa McBride lit a candle in memory of Josefina "Josie" Martinez* ”



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**Thresa McBride** - April 22, 2024 at 08:36 AM

TF

“ Ms Martinez

*I will always remember working with you.. You were one of my first mentors And taught me so much. When I arrived on that unit at the tender age of 23.. You taught me how to be strong and stand up for myself. And there were several times I can recall your kindness and standing up for me... You were one of my work mothers☐ I remember we shared interests in flowers and gardening.. drinking coffee and garage saling... You crossed my mind this morning aa I attended garage sales and I remember, I used to run into you all of the time at sales... And as I was purchasing many different plants.. I remenbered you fondly..*

*One of my recent memories of you before I retired Was how Each morning , you would check with me to see if I had gotten any coffee... And if not you would go get me a cup☐*

*I will be forever grateful for knowing you... And today when I am putting plants in my yard... I will plant one in honor of you...Rest easy my friend*

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**Tisha Fore** - April 20, 2024 at 10:01 AM

TM

*I remember Mrs. Martinez so well. I remembered just the other day while I was pouring hot water into a bowl of Oatmeal. I thought of her. She loved Oatmeal and Coffee. I had the privilege of working with her. Some fondness and some not. Overall she made me be still and realize I wasn't the one locked up and the Prison is going to run itself. She will forever be in my heart. My condolences to her family. Mrs. McBride*

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**Thresa McBride** - April 21, 2024 at 11:29 PM

TF

“ Tisha Fore lit a candle in memory of Josefina "Josie" Martinez



Tisha Fore - April 20, 2024 at 09:51 AM

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“ May the Lord of all comforts be with you during this time.

Chaplain Watson Rugano - April 20, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Josefina "Josie" Martinez.



April 19, 2024 at 07:59 PM

TH

“ She was a wonderful person and grandmother. I have many fond memories of her. She always believed in family. She will be greatly missed. Rest now grandma.

Tashia horn - April 17, 2024 at 03:41 PM

EG

“ Esperanza G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josefina "Josie" Martinez.

Esperanza G. - April 13, 2024 at 04:50 PM

EG

“ *Esperanza G. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Josefina "Josie" Martinez.*



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**Esperanza G.** - April 13, 2024 at 04:50 PM

HJ

“ *Condolences and Prayers for the family and many friends.*



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**H Jones** - April 12, 2024 at 09:49 PM

AG

“ *Arthur and Evangelina Guedea. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Josefina "Josie" Martinez.*



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**Arthur and Evangelina Guedea.** - April 10, 2024 at 09:37 PM

AM

“ *Ms. Martinez, I remember our conversations we had when we did work together. Your love for your gardening and reading your Bible. I would ask for tips on growing certain flowers. Rest now friend and enjoy your heavenly garden in the presence of your Lord. Our Lord., Jesus Christ.*



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**April Mccoy** - April 10, 2024 at 09:05 PM

MH

“ *Marvin Hyvl lit a candle in memory of Josefina "Josie" Martinez*



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**Marvin Hyvl** - April 10, 2024 at 01:33 PM

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“ *Mary Tucker lit a candle in memory of Josefina "Josie" Martinez*



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**Mary Tucker** - April 10, 2024 at 04:17 AM

GK

“ *Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Josefina "Josie" Martinez*



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**Gayle Kelly** - April 09, 2024 at 07:35 PM