



## Stephen Martinez

September 25, 1946 - January 8, 2023

Stephen Martinez, 76, of Fort Collins, Colorado, left peacefully in his sleep, after a brief illness, on January 8, 2023.

Stephen was born and raised in Milliken, Colorado. He spent much of his time with family and friends, living a life full of love, mixed with a bit of mischief. His sister Shirley, said he was “a little rascal” (we all agree, as he was always ornery).

As a teen, his family moved to Denver, but he continued to spend a lot of time in the

Johnstown/Milliken area. He had a lot of friends, that he considered extended family, and he made

friends wherever he went. As years went by, he spent time helping local farmers with their harvest in

the fall- occasionally taking his children to see the horses, cows and to let them play on the hay bales.

In 1973, Stephen began his career with the City of Fort Collins, and happily retired in 2012 to pursue his

love of gardening, fishing, and mainly relaxing. He was known to drive by his former co-workers to tease

them and make sure they knew where he was going, by flashing his favorite fishing pole in their faces to make them a little bit jealous. He could always be found at his favorite fishing hole, or watering hole.

If anyone ever were to visit Stephen at his home, you could see his love for fishing and hunting as soon as you walked in the door. He had several of his trophies displayed on the walls in his living room and could tell you the stories behind them. Usually the story had a twist, and depending on the twinkle in his eyes, you always wondered how much of it was true. He was very hospitable, offering a cold one, and a seat on the porch swing in the shade. He loved to tell the stories about his pet pig, Bubba, and the fun they had going for rides in the truck.

Stephen was predeceased by his grandparents, Henry and Nestora Martinez of Milliken, his parents, Stephen G. and Henrietta Martinez of Denver, three sisters, Kaye Martinez, Berline Duran and Mattie Trujillo, and a brother, Henry Martinez. He is also predeceased by a grandson, Stephen Eric; and a great grandson, Cruzito.

Stephen is survived by his children, Anna Kaye Hernandez (Mike), Kristi Lansing (Kirk), Marty Martinez (Amy), Andy Salas, Lori Martinez (Richard), and Eric Martinez. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Michael, Benjamin, Joey, Nicholas, Marty Jr., Sabrina, Noah, Tommy, Isaiah, Jesse, Marissa, Kaleb, Stephen, Alonzo and 19 great grandchildren.

Stephen is also survived by his sisters, Shirley Fresquez (Raymond), Becky Lopez (Gus), Beverly Cortez (Leroy), Nene Martinez, Peggy Martinez, and brothers George (Bonnie) Martinez, and Danny Martinez. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Stephen had a very important fishing date at the Golden Pond with Jesus that couldn't wait. We can only imagine what stories he's going to be telling about the one that got away...

Services:

Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Viewing from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Service from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Reception will follow

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations please be made to help with funeral arrangements to the following link. <https://www.empathy-funding.com/26/3129/Martinez>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall

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**Randy Sievers** - April 22, 2023 at 04:34 PM

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**Randy Sievers** - April 22, 2023 at 04:29 PM

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**Rose Vasquez** - February 12, 2023 at 11:03 AM

LA

“*"Fish Onnnnn" Don's Waiting. Miss you!*



Lloyd Agens - January 23, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“*It was over 50 years ago when I met Steve. I remember like it was yesterday, he took me to the river and taught me how to fish. I have since passed on my love for fishing with my kids and grand kids. See what you started. You've touch many lives. Going to miss you my friend!*



Larry Sandoval - January 19, 2023 at 07:30 PM

RV

*My condolences go out to friends and family he was definitely a great man you will be dearly missed but never forgotten I would always go over and check on Steve making sure he was ok and see if he needed anything*

Rose Vasquez - January 21, 2023 at 12:47 AM

NM

“ *My Brothers Henry & Stevie.  
Love you both. ❤️*



Nene Martinez - January 17, 2023 at 11:13 PM

KR

“ *I love you dad. Tooley!*

kristi\_lansing@oxy.com - January 17, 2023 at 09:59 PM

AK

“ *Dad, I'm going to miss you so much! I love you!  
Anna Kaye*



Anna Kaye - January 13, 2023 at 04:06 PM

D-

*What a great picture. Luv it.*

D-boy - January 13, 2023 at 07:37 PM

RV

*I'm sorry for your loss he was a great man and always will be*

Rose Vasquez - January 17, 2023 at 11:30 PM

D-

“ Was able to see Steve and talk, he held my hand and before I left he said I love you.

*My brother was surrounded with family and kids, grandkids, that he started. We should all be so lucky to have the love of family and people that truly loved and cared for us at this time in our lives, our last days.*

*Steve can be proud of the children and grandchildren he left behind. Because they are all great people and Im proud to be a Martinez again. Thank you brother.*

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**D-Boy** - January 11, 2023 at 08:03 PM

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**Rose Vasquez** - January 10, 2023 at 02:14 PM

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**Becky, Stevie's sister** - January 10, 2023 at 01:32 PM

DA

*That's my brother Steve with the fish but that other guy is frog from spans gang.*

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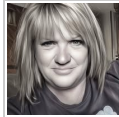
**Daniel** - January 10, 2023 at 06:55 PM



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**Lindy Westcott** - January 10, 2023 at 01:10 PM



*You will be missed funny man!*

**Lindy Westcott** - January 10, 2023 at 01:10 PM

SS

*My condolences to Steve's family for their loss. I didn't directly work with Steve at the city but we were part of the Utilities. I always enjoyed talking with him when he was still working and would see him around town and we would always talk and laugh. I'll miss seeing Steve around town.*

**Steve Serna** - January 19, 2023 at 03:12 PM

RV

*My condolences go out to steve's family and steve was and always will be a great man I will miss him dearly and all his funny jokes and stories*

**Rose Vasquez** - January 23, 2023 at 12:01 AM