



## Justin John Martinez

December 9, 1961 - December 17, 2023

Justin John Martinez Sr. (62) was born in Toppenish, WA on December 9, 1961, to Bennie Martinez Jr. and Amy Baker. Justin was raised and educated in Toppenish; he was also an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation. He worked as a firefighter for Wildland in Idaho, for Yakama Nation Wildlife, Yakama Nation Forest Products, and Yakama Nation Forest Development. Justin's many hobbies included: his favorite was being a grandpa, playing pool, wild horse racing, rodeos, softball, basketball, feasts, powwows, traveling, camping, hunting, fishing, cutting firewood, and horseback riding.

Justin is survived by his children Justin F. Martinez, Courtney Martinez, Justin Martinez Jr., and Sterling Martinez, numerous grandchildren, nine siblings Lewis Underwood, Bennie Martinez III, George Martinez, William Martinez, Alex James, Isaac Vielle, Alfonso Baker, Nancy Corona, and JoEllen Ellenwood, two uncles Marvin Martinez Sr. and Dusty Martinez, three aunts, Lucielle Eberly, Dee Benson, and Candice Reid. He is preceded in death by his parents Amy Baker and Bennie Martinez Jr., his daughter Tiffany Martinez, brothers Lamont Baker, Johnnie Martinez, and Christopher Martinez, his wife Zelma Colby, and his aunt Marcy Baker.

A dressing service for Justin will be held on December 20, 2023, at 11 AM at the Satus Longhouse in Granger, WA, and on December 21, 2023, a sunrise burial will be held at Umtuch Logie Cemetery in Toppenish. Colonial Funeral

Home in Toppenish oversees these arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Umtuch-Logie Cemetery

Toppenish, WA

# Previous Events

## Dressing Services

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (PT)

Satus Longhouse  
Satus Longhouse Road  
Granger, wa

## Sunrise Burial

DEC 21 (PT)

Umtuch-Logie Cemetery  
Toppenish, WA

# Tribute Wall

MO

“ Over the past 15 I've called him my Dad instead of my Grandpa I always called him my dad never once called him grandpa it made me feel weird just calling him grandpa and he knew I didn't like calling him grandpa, He was my hero, My personal therapist, My best friend, The best Dad I could ever ask for, He was always there for me, we would always be on the phone 24/7 and never got tired of it until he had to use the restroom (ha ha), He always made me laugh when I was always feeling down and he would always tell me "Tomorrow is never promised" I always kept that in my head every time he would tell me that same sentence. He taught me how to drive and how to do all that stuff on the road I was happy that i got a chance to take him to the mountains and just drive him around in the woods, picked out some huckleberry's for him even though it took him like a couple minutes for him to ask me (ha ha). I'm really gonna miss his laugh, his boy jokes, him always being there for me, and him always picking on me, and our phone calls and visits and all the great memories I've made with him but he won't be suffering or in pain anymore. I know he's safe up there with all his loved ones, probably eating biscuits and gravy and deer meat, fish, dumplings and all the other food he loves. love always, Mona Martinez



*P.S - He's always gonna be in y'all's heart don't forget that.*

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**Mona** - February 14, 2024 at 05:15 PM

MO

*I forgot to say "years"*

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**Mona** - February 14, 2024 at 05:22 PM

MO

“ *Mona lit a candle in memory of Justin John Martinez*



Mona - February 14, 2024 at 03:34 PM

JM

“ *Uncle big Justin, I'll miss you dearly. But you won't be suffering anymore. You'll rejoice with your loved ones. We talked on the phone on weekends about mutton. I'm sorry I can't be there to dance for you. But I been praying for you to make it to your journey. We will meet again some day! I love you. Now enjoy your biscuits and gravy, my dad can cook you dumplings (haha). Rest easy uncle! I love you*

Jasmine Martinez - December 20, 2023 at 07:55 PM

FC

“ *I was saddened to hear of my uncle's passing. I'm grateful to have spent a few days with him recently and hadn't seen him for a few year's, so I was glad he thought of me and got ahold of me and yup I was happy to assist him with running a few errands. I just am shocked he was here and now gone too soon. I know he's not suffering or dealing with anymore health issues but were all gonna miss his talkative an funny joking character. I do hope he knows he was loved and cared for by his family and friends. Luv u Uncle Big Justin, from your neice Felicia (Feli 🐸)*



Felicia Cantu - December 20, 2023 at 03:44 PM

MM

“ *Maggie Morelan lit a candle in memory of Justin John Martinez*



Maggie Morelan - December 20, 2023 at 12:45 AM

JM

“ *Over the past 2yrs I had the privilege of calling you dad. Becoming your daughter-in-law. We are going to miss you dearly. You're one of the best people we've ever known. Love always, Vania Wyman Justin F. (BOY) & Kristi Martinez*



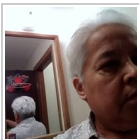
Justin F. & Kristi Martinez - December 19, 2023 at 07:33 PM

LM

“ *Loretta McConville lit a candle in memory of Justin John Martinez*



Loretta McConville - December 19, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Shasta Watlamet lit a candle in memory of Justin John Martinez*



Shasta Watlamet - December 19, 2023 at 02:55 PM

SO

“ *Sincerest condolences. He will be missed greatly. Atowishamush.* ”



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**Simone Owens** - December 18, 2023 at 06:23 PM

SS

“ *Sorry you had to leave us...you were a friend I met working for wildlife program, Rest in peace friend. My deepest sympathy for Justin's family.* ”

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**Stella Speedis** - December 18, 2023 at 06:04 PM

EJ

“ *Ezilda Johns-winishut lit a candle in memory of Justin John Martinez* ”



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**Ezilda Johns-winishut** - December 18, 2023 at 05:21 PM

BO

“ *Bernice Owens lit a candle in memory of Justin John Martinez* ”



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**Bernice Owens** - December 18, 2023 at 03:08 PM