

Jimmy Martinez

January 23, 1945 - November 28, 2025

Jimmy Martinez, of Teaneck, NJ passed away on November 28, 2025 at 80 years old. He was born on January 23, 1945 in the beautiful city of Mayagüez, Puerto Rico to Jose Martinez and Luz Maria Rodriguez. He grew up with his older brother Jose Luis Martinez and younger brother Wilson Martinez, traveling between New York City and Puerto Rico often.

During his high school years, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and went on to fight in the Vietnam War. He would go on to share stories about his time in Vietnam throughout the rest of his life as a very proud veteran.

He worked as a mental health therapy aide at Manhattan Psychiatric Center, where he was extremely loved by staff and patients alike. He retired after 30 years of working for the NY State Office of Mental Health. He went on to have a second career as a school aide for the NY State Board of Ed in high schools in Queens and the Bronx. He finally retired for good in 2017 and spent the following years enjoying travels with his wife and being around family.

Jimmy is survived by his children Jimmy Martinez, Ivette Martinez Vargas, Lisandro Martinez, Javier Martinez, James Martinez, Katrina Martinez, Victor Martinez, and Christopher Martinez. Jimmy is survived by many grandchildren including Elias Martinez, Joshua Martinez, Joshua Sanchez, Ashly Sanchez, AJ Vargas, Jaynesse Martinez, Ivelisse Vargas, Johan Martinez, Kaelynn

Vargas, Arianna Martinez, Liam Martinez, Kavi Lavergne Martinez, and his great grandchildren Nadine Martinez, Jacob Martinez, Hope Martinez, and Grace Martinez. He is also survived by his loving wife Joyce Martinez, the mother of his youngest 4 children, and his good friend Myrta Lopez the mother of his 2 oldest children, as well as his younger brother Wilson Martinez.

His bright, playful presence will be missed dearly by his family, friends, coworkers, and people who knew him around the neighborhood.

Cemetery Details

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

350 Provinceline Road
Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
info@volkleber.com
<http://www.volkleber.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church
115 Forth Lee Road
Bogota, NJ 07603

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Ms.Seon,RN lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Martinez*



Ms.Seon,RN - December 19, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JJ

“ *Dad and I back in the days.*



Jimmy Martinez Jr - December 15, 2025 at 06:33 AM

PM

“ *We lived across the street from Jimmy and Joyce and their children for about a dozen years.*

Jimmy was kind hearted and always had a good word to say. We had many conversations about our beloved Mets.

A true family man who was a good soul.

Heartfelt condolences to his family.

Rest in Peace dear friend.

Paul & Gina Macchia

Paul Macchia - December 13, 2025 at 05:31 PM

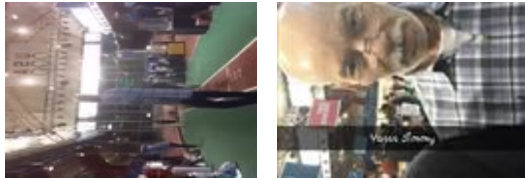
JS

“ Jimmy, not only a friend or a coworker, but a brother to our family. He never say NO to whatever you ask of him. A loving and a very considerate human I've ever met. I will miss his funny jokes, and his "pernil" done right!!! For the Martinez' family, you can be thankful and yet still grieve, God's grace and mercy are sufficient for both...

Joy and Boboy Soriao - December 12, 2025 at 02:18 AM

LV

“ If you didn't have the privilege of meeting Jimmy, then your life isn't complete. He was truly one of the best staff HSCA had. I remembered when I was hungry, but couldn't leave the school, so I gave him money to get me something from the store, but he paid with his own money and insisted it. Another time, he let me take the elevator up instead of taking the stairs. It was an honor of living my life knowing that he had a positive role in it, and it's something I'll never forget as a student.



Linda Vu - December 06, 2025 at 11:38 AM

JC

“ I met Jimmy at the High School for Contemporary Arts. Jimmy and I laughed all day. He was charming, supportive and helpful to everyone. I was so saddened to hear of Jimmy’s passing. He was such a gentleman. He helped me learn the ropes as a new School Counselor. I offer my deepest condolences to his family. He was an angel. I will treasure our memories forever. 🌹❤️🙏 God bless you Jimmy. Ms. Jacqueline Cruz



Jacqueline Cruz - December 05, 2025 at 09:38 PM