



Ricardo Martinez

October 18, 1961 - June 4, 2021

Age 59, of South Wilmington, IL passed away unexpectedly, Friday, June 4, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, IL. Born October 18, 1961 in Chicago Heights, IL to the late Jesus, Sr. and Caroline (nee Cruz) Martinez. Ricardo was currently employed for Ford Motor Company as a tool and die maker supervisor and after many years of volunteering as a fireman he retired from the South Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department. Ricardo held a strong catholic faith and was a devout member of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington. He enjoyed the outdoors and always found pleasure in hiking and motorcycling. Surviving are his wife of thirty-three years, Dorothy (nee Stasinski) Martinez, whom he married February 26, 1988 in Santa Barbara, CA; devoted father to three sons, Ricardo C. Martinez of South Wilmington, Esteban J. (Brittany) Martinez of Morris, IL, and Alexander C. Martinez of South Wilmington; proud grandpa to his grandson, Maxamus Sol Martinez; dear brother to six siblings, Diana (Gene) Milhizer of Ave Maria, FL, Jesus, Jr. (Gloria) Martinez of Park Forest, IL, Frances (Billy) Angell of Chicago Heights, IL, Maria Martinez of LaBelle, FL, Barbara Martinez of FL, and Juan (Wendy) Martinez of MI; sister-in-law, Carrie (Michael) Roth of Rancho Cucamonga, CA; and numerous nieces and nephews. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial visitation for Ricardo will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Home and Crematory, Braidwood, Thursday, June 10, 2021 from 11:00am-1:00p.m. Family and friends will go in procession to the St. Lawrence Catholic in South Wilmington for the Memorial Mass at 1:30 p.m.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
165 Rice St.
South Wilmington, IL 60474
(815) 237-2230

Tribute Wall



“ Rick was a kind caring man, always asking if you needed anything !
I'm so glad I got to know him! Prayers for Dorothy and his boys!

Cynthia Deneen - June 24, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ Dorothy I am so sorry to hear about Rick passing. My sympathy and prayers are with you and your family. He will be deeply missed. Lois Lisack

Lois Lisack - June 11, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ I love you Uncle Rick! Thank you for being a great example of a loving and caring person. You are missed by everyone who had the blessing of knowing you!

Theresa Milhizer - June 10, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - June 10, 2021 at 09:17 AM

TB

“ Rick was a true gentleman. I had the privilege of working with him for many years at Panduit. He was a hardworking man, and always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. His love of God and his family was so incredible. He will truly be missed. My deepest condolences to Dorothy and his children. May God be with you today and always.

Teri Brabec - June 10, 2021 at 08:52 AM

LS

“ Thank you Rick for always having encouraging & kind words for me throughout the workday. You were the example that others should follow. The only solace I have is knowing that you had a personal relationship with the Lord & that He now has you in the comfort of His arms. My heartfelt condolences to Rick's family. Thank you, for sharing a really great guy with the rest of us. He will be greatly missed.
Leslie S.

Leslie S. - June 09, 2021 at 10:57 PM

JW

“ Rick was a great guy to work with. Always helpful and happy. Enjoyed my time working with him. Condolences to Dorothy, the family and friends. Rest in peace Rick.

Jeff Wagner - June 09, 2021 at 09:31 PM

SA

“ Rick was a great person, cared about his co-workers and everyone he came in contact with. He always put others needs in front of his. He will be missed. Rest In Peace, thanks for all you did, and being a good friend.

Sam Alletto

Sam Alletto - June 09, 2021 at 09:30 PM

DI

“ Oh Dianna, I'm so sorry to hear about your brother. My prayers are with you and your family. From Karen Ziegler:

dianna - June 09, 2021 at 08:15 PM

DI

“ From Meghan Fiebelkorn (friend of Theresa Milhizer):
Thank you so much for sending this. I'm so sorry for your loss. I've been praying for him and all of you, and I've included his name to be remembered in the intentions of the Covid memorial Mass we are having at St. Patrick this Friday on the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

dianna - June 09, 2021 at 07:56 PM

BM

“ I had the honor of working with Rick at Panduit for a short time. He was a uniquely kind, thoughtful person and a hard worker. I feel fortunate to have crossed paths with him.

My condolences to his family.

Bill Mirusky

Bill Mirusky - June 09, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - June 09, 2021 at 04:27 PM

DP

I started working with Ricky when I started Panduit. We talked almost every day. I would make a special trip to the Tool Room to say hi. If I needed something, he went out of his way. Ricky and I definitely developed a friendship. My sincere condolences to his family. Ricky was a great guy. God Bless.

David Papesh - June 09, 2021 at 11:56 PM

DI

“ O God, Whose property is ever to have mercy and to spare, we beseech Thee on behalf of the soul of Thy servant whom Thou hast called out of this world ; look upon him with pity and let him be conducted by the holy angels to paradise, his true country. Grant that he who believed in Thee and hoped in Thee may not be left to suffer the pains of the purgatorial fire, but may be admitted to eternal joys. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth world without end.

Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary.

V. Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord;

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

V. May he rest in peace.

Dianna - June 09, 2021 at 02:11 PM

DI

“ *Dianna lit a candle in memory of Ricardo Martinez*



Dianna - June 09, 2021 at 02:08 PM

DI

“ *Fr. Ziegler offered a Mass this morning for the repose of Ricky's soul. He has been praying daily for Ricky since the illness began.*

Dianna - June 09, 2021 at 02:06 PM

DI

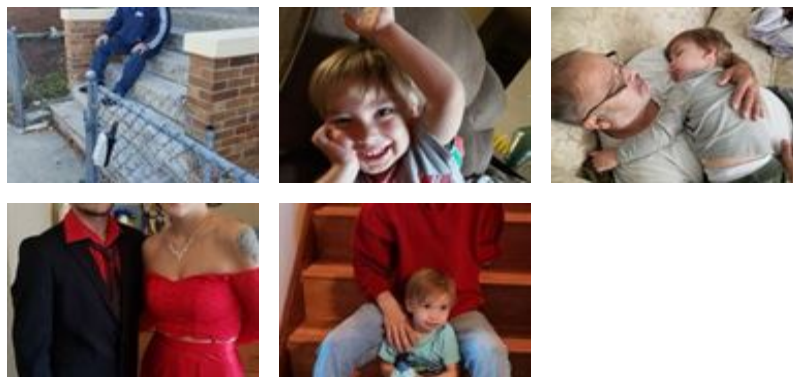
“ *Dianna sent a virtual gift in memory of Ricardo Martinez*



Dianna - June 09, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *19 files added to the album Life Tributes*



R W Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. - June 09, 2021 at 12:37 PM

PB

“ *Rick was such a great co-worker, always willing to help. Such a genuine great guy. My sympathy to Dorothy and your family.*

Pat Burke - June 08, 2021 at 09:20 PM

CR

“ Ric was an amazing giving person, he always looked for the food I people and made sure that everyone was happy and content. He truly loved everyone in his family and lived life with a morale compass, he will be forever missed



Carrie Roth - June 08, 2021 at 08:37 PM

LL

“ Rick was a kind man always had a smile. I enjoyed his classes that he held at Panduit. My condolence to his Wife and family.

Linda

Linda Lill - June 08, 2021 at 08:06 PM

BP

“ O Merciful Jesus, lover of souls,
I beseech Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart,
and by the sorrows of Thine Immaculate Mother,
wash clean in Thy Blood the soul of Ricardo Martinez.
May he experience your love and mercy now and forever.
Please comfort the soul of my dear sister Dianna and her entire family as they grieve the loss of Rick.



Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have mercy on the entire Martinez family through the prayers and intercession of our dear Queen and Mother - Mary!

Love and Prayers, Bernadette

Bernadette Porter - June 08, 2021 at 07:50 PM

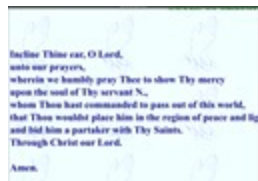
SP

“ Rick was by far one the sweetest most genuine people I have ever known.
May he rest in peace.
Prayers to Dorothy and the family.

Shannon Palmer - June 08, 2021 at 03:47 PM

DI

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dianna - June 08, 2021 at 03:14 PM

DO

“ May Rick rest in the peace of The Lord. Our deepest sympathies go to the entire family.

*Doris and Emmett O'Hare
(close friends of Dianna Milhizer and Maria Martinez)*

Doris & Emmett O'Hare - June 08, 2021 at 01:01 PM

DF

“ This man was a sweet man. Always smiling and always there to assist you in any way. He will be missed. RIP

Dorothy Farris - June 08, 2021 at 12:50 PM

DI

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Dianna - June 08, 2021 at 11:53 AM

PJ

“ I have so many memories I wouldn't know where to start. Your wife has been my soul sister for a lifetime and in that I have grown to love you all as my own. You were the kindest, most gentle faithful man I've ever met and I know you will rest easy with Our Father. It has been an honor to know you and share in memories I will cherish forever. Rest easy buddy until we meet again. To my family, let your hearts softly heal as you move on.



Patti Jo - June 08, 2021 at 11:32 AM

TF

Our deepest sympathy. Rick was such a nice friendly guy. Always had a genuine smile on his face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Matt & Tami Finn

Tami Finn - June 08, 2021 at 09:54 PM

PB

My Deepest Sympathy to Dorothy, and their children, especially to their sweet grandson who will miss out from his hugs and kisses. I didn't have the pleasure of meeting him, but can see by so many beautiful words that he was a GREAT person. I hope the family finds comfort and peace just from knowing him.

Patricia Barnes - June 09, 2021 at 01:20 PM

BH

Rick,

We talked a lot over the years about the struggles and joys of this life, how our creator came as a man to die for our sins, and the reality of seeing Him face to face one day. Now you are there! Thank you for being a good friend to me.

Bill

Bill Hendricks - June 15, 2021 at 10:44 AM