



Henry Martinez

August 23, 1940 - February 6, 2026

Enrique “Henry” Martinez passed away peacefully on February 6, 2026.

Henry was born on August 23, 1940, in Santurce, Puerto Rico, to Petra and Raymond Martinez. As the oldest of eight children — three brothers and four sisters — he carried the strength and responsibility of a firstborn throughout his life.

At a young age, Henry came to the United States, where he worked alongside his father as a carpenter. He later served his country honorably in the United States Army from April 14, 1964, to April 13, 1967, attaining the rank of Sergeant. A Weapons Infantryman, Henry served overseas in the U.S. Army Pacific and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He also earned distinction as a Sharpshooter (Pistol) and Expert (Rifle). He was honorably discharged in 1967 — a service he carried with pride for the rest of his life.

After his military service, Henry made his home in Brooklyn, New York, where he worked for over 40 years at Roosevelt Hospital as the manager of the shipping and receiving department . His dedication and work ethic defined his career and the life he built .

In retirement, he relocated to Port Charlotte, Florida, where he enjoyed his

later years and where he now rests.

Henry was a devoted Christian and a long-time member of Calvary Baptist Church. His faith guided him throughout his life. He found joy in the simple pleasures —his dogs Rex, Lady and Sammy, cars, salsa music, doo-wop music, singing, and camping trips upstate New York, a cherished family tradition that continues today.

He had a playful spirit and a sense of humor. Henry loved Bugs Bunny and would often joke that they were the same age and shared a birthday — a detail that perfectly reflected his personality.

Henry was preceded in death by his beloved first wife, Pamela, whom he always referred to as the love of his life; his brothers Ray Martinez and George Martinez; and his sisters Gladys Lista and Angie Martinez.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Lisa Rosado and Liza Martinez; his son-in-law, Juan Ruiz; his cherished grandchildren, Dylan Ruiz, Gabriel Rivera and his spouse Lydia, Alicia Mata and her spouse Mitchell; seven great-grandchildren, Abraham, Gabriel, Serenity, Faith, Joseph, Juziah and Juzelle; his brother, Gilbert Martinez; his sisters, Irma Lista and Minia Molinaro; along with many extended family members and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

Henry was also blessed with a devoted caregiver, Cristina Herrera, whose compassion, dedication, and loving care brought him comfort and dignity. He was equally grateful for his church family, whose friendships became a source of strength and companionship in his later years. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to all who cared for and supported him.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to

5:00 p.m. at Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services in North Port, Florida. Burial with military honors will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Sarasota National Cemetery. Following the burial, family and friends are invited to go back to the family's house at 5427 Phelps Lane, Port Charlotte, FL 33981.

Dad, thank you for your love, your strength, and your faith. We will carry you in our hearts forever.

Until we meet again in God's presence, Dad — we love you always.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - North Port, FL
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North Port, FL 34287
(941) 423-9110
mike.gendronfuneralhome@msn.com
<https://www.gendronfuneralhome.com/contact-us/north-port-fl-funeral-home>

Service

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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burial

FEB 19. 11:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Family Gathering

FEB **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Family Home
5427 Phelps Lane
Port Charlotte, FL 33981

Tribute Wall



“ *Rest in peace Henry you are a great guy. You were always so good to me and my kids you're going to be missed.*

Kim Musso - February 18 at 04:31 AM



“ *Rest in Peace... You are in good hands. Amen.*

Sandra Martinez - February 15 at 02:20 PM