



John Martino

April 4, 1925 - May 15, 2013

A native of New Mexico, was born in Albuquerque on April 4, 1925. He was the son of Chris and Margret Martino. John is survived by his wife of 66 years Maria Herlinda Martino; his brother, Chris; his son, John; daughter, Diana Quinn and four grandchildren, Donna Hayman, Ryan Quinn, Daniel Quinn, and Michael Martino. John was a graduate of Albuquerque High. He joined the U.S. Navy during World War II and served on the destroyer U.S.S. South Dakota as Master Bugler. After the war he returned to Albuquerque, and attended the University of New Mexico. He met and married the love of his life, Maria Herlinda Diaz. He spent his business life in the Milk Industry, starting with Creamland Dairies as a home delivery man, and retired as General Manager at Borden's Dairies. Because of John's generous nature, he was able to provide financial assistance to various charitable organizations through his tireless efforts in directing the annual Albuquerque Ice Cream Social. He had many interests and personal achievements included earning his pilot's license for small aircraft to facilitate his business trips. He was also an accomplished outdoorsman with a passion for fly fishing and hunting. He was an avid Lobo Basketball fan. After his retirement he pursued a life-long dream by enrolling in art classes. His paintings, pastels and oils grace many New Mexico homes. He devoted 10 years studying and painting religious icons. He was deeply committed to his faith. John's office may have been in Albuquerque, but his expertise was sought across the United States as well as in Mexico. He was an honorable businessman, which earned him the trust

and respect of his associates. His gentle smile will be missed by all who knew and loved him. A Rosary will be recited on Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at FRENCH – Lomas. A Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at The Shrine of St. Bernadette, 11401 Indian School Road NE. Please visit our online guest book for John at www.FrenchFunerals.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our condolences to our good friend, Linda, and to her and John's wonderful daughter and son, Diana and John, and their families. John and Linda talked about you a lot and are so proud of you. John's funeral was beautiful right down to the thank you cards. And it was so good to see Linda and share some memories face to face. As we mentioned before, the Martino Martinis, the shared movies (both bad and good), our shared Sundays at 7:30 Mass and doughnuts or breakfast afterward at Village Inn will remain in our memories for a very long time. God bless a very special man. We know he is continuing to paint beautiful pictures in Heaven and hopefully saving us all a place there.

Kip and Bill Dettmer - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Martino, John & Diana, our special thoughts and prayers are with you. We all remember the kindness and caring of Mr. Martino. We'll be thinking of you with warmth and caring today and always. God Bless you. From: The Garcia Family on Madiera Dr. NE.....Lucille, Danny, Monica Threase & Abel.

Monica Garcia Nicasio - May 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am too glad to have met You. through painting we shared a love of beauty, tools and making. Memories of Art Day are bright. You were always generous and kind. Thank you for the photo album. With love for you all. Claudia Coose.

Claudia Coose - May 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ JOHN WAS A GREAT NEIGHBOR AND A TRUE FRIEND. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO LINDA AND FAMILY.

BOB SCHAEFER - May 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I have many pleasant memories beginning from the time I successfully convinced John to join us at Price's Valley Gold that continued throughout our working and leisure times together. John was always a true gentleman with the superb people skills that enabled him to become a respected company representative, a company manager, and everyone's friend. John, will be genuinely missed by all of us who benefitted from the privilege of knowing him. Dudley Price

Dudley Price - May 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ John had a special way of enriching the lives of all the people he knew. His kind, gentle spirit brought out the best in us. He was a wonderful neighbor & a terrific friend. He will be missed by many. Our condolences to his devoted wife Linda & to his loving family.

Howie & Nancy Hendricks - May 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ When I heard of your passing today my initial emotion was guilt. Guilt because it had been quite awhile since I had taken the time to visit you and Mrs Martino. But after thinking about you all day that guilt was replaced with Joy because now I know you are now with our awesome Lord! Mr Martino you were so good to me all those years that I knew you. You created jobs around the yard to help me when I was down & out during my turbulent divorce. Sharing lunch with you and the Mrs was enjoyable as well. You were such a good friend to me and I will cherish that friendship for the rest of my life. The life lessons I learned from you were taught from your heart and it didn't matter that I was not kin. Thank you sooo much for taking the time to be my friend Sir! May God keep you now in His warm embrace. My heartfelt condolences to your family.....

Dennis Cordova (Mailman) - May 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear John. You were one true friend and a wonderful person to me while I was in the Athletic Department and UNM. Your passion for me and UNM was outstanding. The Ice Cream Socials we did together from the very first to the end were fun and so well organized on your end. The events were wonderful and could have not taken place without your leadership. Our lunches together at the country club were so much fun. My prayers go out to your lovely wife and children. They were blessed to have a man like you in their lives. Rest in Peace... Your friend Bob...

Bob DoBell - May 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I am so glad I got the chance to know you. I looked forward to seeing you each week in the Art group. You were a great icon painter and your pastels were beautiful. You taught how to do pastels and I will be forever grateful. You were a great teacher. I will miss you everyday. You were one of the kindest people I knew.

Pam Papadopoulos - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.

Shelia Hocker - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM