



## Janet Rose Martinez

October 22, 1938 - October 1, 2017

Janet Rose Martinez, 78, of Lebanon, Indiana, passed away Sunday afternoon, October 1, 2017, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on October 22, 1938, in Lebanon, a daughter of the late Pleasant O. and Mildred (Chenoweth) Shanklin.

She was a 1957 graduate of Lebanon High School and attended Purdue University.

On July 22, 1967, she was married to Joseph “Joe” Martinez in Mechanicsburg, Indiana. He preceded her in death on November 9, 1999.

Janet Rose had worked for Mayflower Van Lines and American Red Ball Van Lines, both of Indianapolis.

She had attended Mechanicsburg Christian Church and was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Janet Rose was active in her children’s activities and community service. In addition, she enjoyed cooking for her family and was an avid Purdue sports fan.

Survivors:

Two Children:

David A. (Leticia) Martinez – Lebanon, Indiana

JoAnn Martinez – Lebanon, Indiana

Four Grandchildren:

Andrew C. Martinez – Lebanon, Indiana

Jessica Martinez – Lebanon, Indiana

Jonathan Holt – Indianapolis, Indiana

Nicholas Holt – Indianapolis, Indiana

Niece:

Stacey Wareham – Spokane, Washington

In addition to her parents and her husband, Janet was preceded in death by a son, Danny Joe Martinez; a grandson, David A. Martinez, Jr.; a brother, John Shanklin; and two sisters, Edith Lewis and Carol E. Layman.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2017 at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, Lebanon.

Funeral Services are planned for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at the funeral home in Lebanon.

Interment will follow services at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorials may be made in her honor to the National Kidney Foundation, Inc., 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016, [www.kidney.org/donate](http://www.kidney.org/donate).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street  
Lebanon, IN 46052

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary  
1502 North Lebanon Street  
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## Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Janet Rose Martinez*

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November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM

DM

“ Mom was an amazing woman. Unfortunately they don't make them like her anymore. She was so dedicated to dad. When he came home from off the road she always waited on him hand and foot. She'd cook his favorite meals, do his laundry the way he wanted it done, lol. She never complained. And what a cook she was! She could look at a recipe and say, that sounds good, and make it perfect the first time. When dad was on the road, she was even more amazing. She was a mom AND a dad at that time. Running us to activities like Boy Scouts, 4H, band practice, football practice. She always volunteered to help each organization too. Nobody would have ever guessed she was our stepmom. In fact everyone assumed she was our biological mom. Something else that most didn't know is she saved the lives of my brother, sister, and myself. If we had not come to Indiana to live with her and dad I doubt I'd be here today. We lived in a bad environment. Especially for our ages. Not only was she a great wife to dad, and a great mom for us, she was the perfect grandmother to her grandkids. Her and dad spoiled them. Let them get away with things that we wouldn't have ever dreamed about when we were kids, lol. In some ways she was even a mother to them too. She was also a great friend to many. I remember everyone liked her. She was well organized, and very creative. She never let us quit anything.

I was the last of 3 kids to leave the house. Not long after she finished raising us kids, her mom moved in. For about 9 years mom took care of her own mother. Then when grandma passed, dad's health became bad with his kidney disease. She took care of him the next 10 years. She never made time for herself. It was an honor and privilege to have her eventually move in with me. The kids loved it. My new wife loved it. And of course I loved it. It was her turn to be cared for.

Although I got married the first time at 22, and moved from home, she was always a phone call away if I needed advice, or had some problem, or needed a favor. Now for the first time in my life I feel like I am truly on my own. No more phone calls on recipes. No more last minute favors. No more ideas on gifts. No more advice to solve a situation. No more stories about us kids, or grandkids that we had

*already forgotten. When we lose someone like her, the world is a little worse off. And at times like now, the world needs people like mom.*

*In closing I'd like to say I wish I'd told her I loved her more often. I wish I'd hugged her more often. I wish I'd done more for her to make life easier for her. I can only hope I meant half as much to her, as she meant to me. I love you dearly mom. I have from the day you came to NJ to meet us and rescue us. May you Rest In Peace...you certainly deserve it.*

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**David Martinez** - October 09, 2017 at 03:34 PM

GP

*David, So sorry to hear of your mothers death. My mother and your mother were first cousins and my mother thought a lot Janet Rose. I remember Janet Rose from my childhood when we would visit family in Indiana. Janet Rose mother, Millie and my grandmother, Blanche, were sisters. Again, my condolences.*

*Garth Pleasant*

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**Garth Pleasant** - November 05, 2017 at 06:20 PM

SS

“ *I am so sorry for your lose, I can't imagine what it is like to lose your best friend and mother. My prayer are with the family in these hard times for comfort.*



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**stepanie sprague** - October 05, 2017 at 08:45 PM

SM

“ Sue Shanklin McClure lit a candle in memory of Janet Rose Martinez



sue shanklin mcclure - October 05, 2017 at 04:57 PM

SM

Sweetest person loved by all that knew her will be missed by all. Rest In Peace our sweet angel. ❤️Susie

sue shanklin mcclure - October 05, 2017 at 05:01 PM

BK

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss! Janet was always a great neighbor and we have missed her over the passed years. We pray your memories will help you with her loss. May God give you His peace and comfort!

Bob and Cindy Keyes - October 04, 2017 at 07:14 PM

BS

“ Betty Susong lit a candle in memory of Janet Rose Martinez



Betty Susong - October 03, 2017 at 12:16 PM

JM

“ *Judy Heath Miller lit a candle in memory of Janet Rose Martinez*



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**Judy Heath Miller** - October 02, 2017 at 06:16 PM