



Damian O Martinez

April 12, 2026

Damian O. Martinez, age 86, passed away on April 12, 2026, in Moses Lake, Washington. Born in 1940 in Corpus Christi, Texas, Damian lived a life defined by resilience, generosity, and unwavering dedication to his family and those he loved.

Raised in a nomadic upbringing, Damian was a self-educated entrepreneur and businessman who built a successful trucking company through hard work, determination, and grit. His journey was a testament to his drive and his belief that anything could be achieved with perseverance. Throughout his life, he wore many hats—father, husband, partner, grandfather, mentor, and friend—and he embraced each role with pride and love.

Damian shared 31 years of marriage with his spouse, Alice Martinez, and 18 years with his partner, Margarita Maldonado. He was a devoted father to his sons, Damon Orlando Martinez, Damian Todd Martinez, Pedro Dana Martinez, and to his daughter, Maria Luisa Rapp. His legacy continues through his large and loving family, including 8+ grandchildren, 26+ great-grandchildren, and 4+ great-great-grandchildren, along with many extended family members, nieces, nephews, and chosen family.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Martinez, brother, Mario Martinez, his partner, Margarita Maldonado and his 4 children as well as countless friends whose lives he touched deeply.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Francisca Martinez; his brothers, Pedro Martinez and Herculano Martinez; and his sisters, Benita Elizalde and

Maria Gonzalez.

Damian had a passion for life that showed in everything he did. He loved gardening, cooking, fishing, traveling, and spending time at the casino. He had a natural gift for connecting with people and helping others, always offering guidance, support, and generosity without hesitation. Known for his kind heart and calm spirit, Damian was slow to anger and quick to see the good in everyone. He would truly give you the shirt off his back.

He was known for his humor and memorable sayings, often joking, "You could go into an orange grove and pick a lemon," and sharing his love of laughter through his signature humor and storytelling. Above all, he lived life to its fullest and encouraged others to do the same.

A visitation will be held on April 22, 2026 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories for family at 10:00 am to noon and open to the public from noon to 2:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held on April 24, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Queen of All Saints Catholic Church in Warden, Washington.

Damian will be remembered as a hardworking, self-made man whose love for his family and friends knew no bounds. A generous soul, wise mentor, and devoted father and grandfather, he leaves behind a legacy of strength, kindness, and unconditional love. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

Arrangements are under the care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE
Warden, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Funeral

APR **24**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Queen of All Saints Catholic Church
1100 S. Pine
Warden, WA

Tribute Wall



“ I loved to go to Uncle Tony’s, as to me he was my uncle too , and have his fish soup and hear his stories of himself and my Dad. It always brought me comfort and peace.

Darlene Schrag - April 30 at 07:06 PM

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“ Grandpa had a thing for nicknames and once you had one it stuck through for a lifetime. I will always be his tiny toes, on avoid my square feet and stubby short toes. When he’d see me he’d often tell me my toes were looking especially tiny that day. Tiny toes will always love and remember you fondly. Thank you for everything and the memories I’ll keep until I see you again.

Tiffani Fenstermaker - April 22 at 02:45 AM

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“ Tiffani Fenstermaker lit a candle in memory of Damian Martinez



Tiffani Fenstermaker - April 22 at 02:41 AM

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What a kind and generous man. Damian was the best neighbor! You will be so missed! Rest in peace dear friend!

carol garneau - April 24 at 11:50 PM