



Max "Mick" Dean Martz Sr.

November 6, 1946 - August 1, 2023

Max "Mick" Dean Martz Sr. of Mattoon, IL passed away at 6:20 AM, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A memorial service will be held in Mick's honor at 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 12, 2023, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Pastor Jim Maroon will officiate. Military Rites will be performed by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. The burial will take place at a later date at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

Max was born on November 6, 1946, in Mattoon, IL to the late William Calvin Jr. and Wanda Lee (Scoles) Martz. He married Aurora Maldonado in San Antonio, TX in 1970; she preceded him in death on June 23, 2019. He is survived by three children: Gina Garcia of Live Oak, TX, Janie Garcia-Solano of San Antonio, TX, Max D. Martz Jr. of San Antonio, TX; four grandchildren: Paul A. Solano of San Antonio, TX, Samuel N. Solano of San Antonio, TX, Grace G. Griggs of Live Oak, TX, Jacob A. Griggs of Live Oak, TX; and one sister, Patricia L. Hite of Mattoon, IL; many beloved nieces and nephews; and special friend, Connie Thomas. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Martz; and half-brother, Bill Jennings.

Mick was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, serving as a Dental Lab Technician for fifteen years and a Military Training Instructor for five years. He was a member of the Mount Zion General Baptist Church of Cooks Mills, IL. Music and dancing brought Mick so much joy. Although he loved all music, old country classics were his first choice. He was a dance instructor, and also

taught line dancing at the LifeSpan Center in Mattoon, IL. Having an interest in the Spanish culture, he educated himself to speak the language. He had an appreciation for old cars and enjoyed weekly coffee at the Airport Steakhouse in Mattoon, IL.

As a father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Mick will be fondly remembered. Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Max "Mick" Dean Martz Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *29 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - August 08, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *Dedicated Marine and Classmate! You will be missed as you made a difference!*

Michael P Cooney - August 05, 2023 at 11:46 AM



“ *Such a nice man and excellent dancer, he will be so missed by everyone. May God rest his soul. Praying for God's blessings and comfort though this loss. .*

Sincerely, Becky & Maurice craig

Rebecca Craig - August 05, 2023 at 11:32 AM

JF

I will miss talking to you on FB Max. May you rest in peace. You were such a a good friend ❤️❤️

jan French - August 10, 2023 at 12:51 PM

MF

I had no idea that Mick had died. He was a really nice guy and brought a lot of comfort to my mom while she was in the nursing home, she enjoyed seeing his school reunion pictures and just having him visit and share memories with her. Marlene O'Dell Frost.

Marlene O'Dell Frost - November 06, 2023 at 06:29 PM

DJ

“ *Donna Janes lit a candle in memory of Max "Mick" Dean Martz Sr.*



Donna Janes - August 04, 2023 at 08:33 PM



“ *It would have been an honor to meet him, as Ive had the privilege to befriend his two loving daughters up in Manitou Springs Colorado. They say a lot about how theyve been raised w integrity and respect for life. Thank you sir,, for bringing these two into the world.*

Joseph Cree - August 04, 2023 at 06:38 PM

LS

I had to wait until I could write this without crying. Pat I know that you have a big void in your life. Max was such fun to be with, and his Love for you and all his family was so apparent! We enjoyed our pizza nights with him and we all will miss him greatly. Love Linda and Lowell and family.

Linda Smith - September 20, 2023 at 02:06 AM