



Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez

December 19, 1965 - April 20, 2025

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Reyinaldo Ignacio Martinez, affectionately known as “Chito,” 59, passed away on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at his home in Lake Cormorant, MS.

A gifted athlete, Chito fulfilled a dream that few ever reach, playing Major League Baseball for the Baltimore Orioles. On the field, he displayed the same grit and determination that defined every part of his life. Off the field, his passions found new outlets—crafting beautiful pieces in his woodworking shop, knocking down pins at the bowling alley, and creating memories that now live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

Chito was a devoted husband, committed deeply to his marriage, building a life rooted in love, respect, and partnership. As a father, he was a pillar of strength and wisdom—teaching through example, encouraging with patience, and always showing up with unwavering support. As a friend, he was loyal to the core, the kind of man you could always count on.

His legacy is not just in the milestones he reached or the accomplishments he earned—but in the way he lived: never giving up, always pushing forward, and refusing to let anything stand in his way. Chito taught us that determination isn't loud; sometimes it's simply choosing to keep going, no matter the odds.

Chito is survived by his beloved and devoted wife, Millie Martinez of Lake Cormorant, MS; his two sons, Drew (Riley Dunaway) Martinez of New Orleans, LA and Dalton (Alice) Martinez of Smyrna, GA; his daughter, Emily Martinez of Honolulu, HI; his mother Ola (Larry Thomas) Varela of Metairie, LA; his brother Robert (Carrie Arthurs) Martinez of McKinney, TX; his sister, Anna (Scott) Tomes of Louisville, KY; two half-sisters, Shannon Martinez (Dorsey) Leslie and Samantha Martinez; his two stepsons, Chris Cortes and Sean Cortes, both of Memphis; and a host of nieces, cousins, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Reginald Martinez.

He was loved deeply and is missed even more. Though he is no longer with us, his spirit remains—etched into every heart he touched, every life he lifted, and every memory we hold dear.

A visitation will be held Friday, April 25, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. A funeral service will immediately follow at 12 noon, both at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Road, East, Southaven, MS 38672). Interment will be held at Autumn Woods Memorial Park (6240 Davidson Rd, Olive Branch, MS 38654). Pastor Warren Richardson will officiate. Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial Contributions may be made, in Chito's honor, to Summit Church (P.O. Box 1401, Southaven 38671).

Expressions of condolences may be left on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Autumn Woods Memorial Park

6240 Davidson Road
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Previous Events

Flower Deliveries

APR **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

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Celebration of Life

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven created a Tribute Video in memory of Reynaldo "Chito" Martinez



Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven - April 24, 2025 at 01:39 PM

SL

A beautiful tribute, sleep in peace big bro, love you 🕊️🙏❤️

Shannon Alicia Martinez Leslie - April 25, 2025 at 03:18 PM

KS

“ On behalf of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Alumni Association and Brother Martin High School, I offer our prayers and condolences. We will say a Mass in his memory.

On a personal note, it was a pleasure to be Chito's classmate and friend and he will be missed.

*Kenny Spellman '84
Brother Martin High School*

Kenny Spellman - April 28, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.



April 24, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ 101 files added to the album LifeTributes



Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven - April 24, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.



April 24, 2025 at 09:43 AM

CH

“ Clyde, Andrea, Ross and Marguax Hamrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.

Clyde, Andrea, Ross and Marguax Hamrick - April 24, 2025 at 09:30 AM

CH

“ Clyde, Andrea, Ross and Marguax Hamrick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.



Clyde, Andrea, Ross and Marguax Hamrick - April 24, 2025 at 09:30 AM

GM

“ Gladys martinez purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.



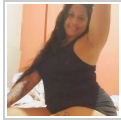
Gladys martinez - April 23, 2025 at 11:51 PM

SL

“ One of my big brothers, we may not have gotten the chance to get to know each other in our elderly years and barely got to know each other due to the distance but as much as I know, I do know you're a great man, dad definitely spoke proudly of you for sure and he was so excited when he showed us your accomplishments, so we definitely lost a good one, sleep in peace big bro and hug dad for me, til we meet again 🙏🙏❤️



Shannon Alicia Martinez Leslie - April 23, 2025 at 08:23 PM



Couldn't have said it any better sis. Sleep In Peace big brother and continue to Sleep In Peace daddy. Love you both 💕

Samantha Martinez - April 30, 2025 at 02:04 PM

MS

“ Michael and Martina Salles purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.



Michael and Martina Salles - April 23, 2025 at 07:04 PM

YB

“ Your Friends at BTR purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.



Your Friends at BTR - April 23, 2025 at 10:31 AM

RF

“ Rose Fogarty, children and families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.



Rose Fogarty, children and families - April 22, 2025 at 10:00 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reyinaldo "Chito" Martinez.



April 22, 2025 at 06:49 PM