



# Benicio Benny Martinez

SEP 17, 1934 - OCT 21, 2019



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**B**enicio Benny Martinez passed away October 21, 2019, Tampa. He is survived by his wife, Norma of 62 yrs; daughters, Brenda Ortelli (Paul), Terri Pijuan (Francisco); as well as grandchildren, Michael Martinez, Brittney Acerra, Vincent Acerra Jr, Garrett Sharpless (Ana).

He was a life long resident of Tampa. Benicio graduated from Thomas Jefferson High, served 12 yrs in the National Guard, and was Employed through Hillsborough County School Board where he worked for 33 yrs as an Instructional Supervisor. During his employment he furthered his education at HCC receiving an AA in Education, a BA in Social Studies Bachelor of Arts and MA in Education at University of Tampa with post grad of Administration & Supervision at University of South Florida. During his tenure Benicio was a Member of "Omicron Delta Kappa Society" and "PHI THETA KAPPA" National Honor Fraternity. He also served as Secretary/Treasure to The Arts Council of Hillsborough County and was on the board of directors to Florida Association of School Administrators.

After retirement, Benicio worked 10 yrs for Hillsborough County Health Dept., served as a Member of a non-profit organization for youth and held an officer position with Optimist Club of NW Tampa and club member of Optimist Club of West Tampa. His admiration and passion for youth started the first girls softball league at West Tampa Little League. He served as league President, coach, and umpire. He was always surrounded by loving family and friends. He will be deeply missed.




# Events


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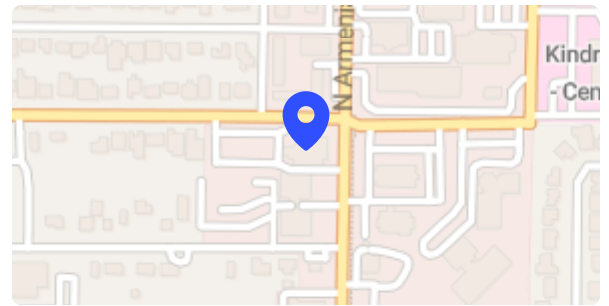
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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, November 2, 2019

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Boza and Roel Funeral Home**  
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603





## Tribute Wall

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BO

**Brenda Ortelli** posted:

October 21st was the worst day of my life. I'm completely lost for words. My heart is empty missing you so much daddy. From your surgery that went well to 4 weeks later sitting next to you, holding your hand and repeating we love you so much and your 3 girls are here with you. You were there when I came into this world 60 years ago and I was there with you when you left this earth. We had a beautiful service for you. This all does not seem real. You were the best father who gave me so much love. Daddy I cannot thank you enough for everything you did for me throughout my life. I am broken without you. I love you so much, I'll miss you each and every day and will always keep you close to my heart. I LOVE YOU DAD!!!Brenda

November 15 at 7:54 PM

VH

**Vi Hayworth** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Martinez family.



November 1 at 9:34 AM

SA

**Sandi** sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Martinez family.



November 1 at 8:40 AM

SM

**Sara & Missy Martinez** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.



October 31 at 7:14 AM

TP

**Tyce Parker** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.



October 30 at 1:48 PM



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DP

**Donna Parker** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 12:30 PM



NP

**Nereyda Pijuan** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 11:41 AM



FP

**Francisco Pijuan** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 11:41 AM



LA

**Luna Acerra** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 11:41 AM



BA

**Brittney Acerra** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 11:40 AM



VA

**Vinny Acerra** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 11:39 AM





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**Brenda Ortelli** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 11:34 AM



FP

**Francisco Pijuan** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 9:11 AM



NM

**Norma Martinez** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.

October 30 at 9:02 AM



VH

**Vi Hayworth** posted:

Dearest Norma, Brenda and Entire Family, There are no words to ease the pain, but please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers, as you have been for all the long days Benny was sick. Benny was a good friend and a true gentleman. He was a great Optimist with whom we shared so many wonderful Optimist events. He will always be in our memories. Our deepest sympathy to all the family. May God Bless and comfort each of you. We love you, Vi Hayworth, Betty Jo Carvalis and Family

October 29 at 6:07 PM

JD

**Joseph F. Diaz** posted:

Dear Norma, it was with great sadness that I heard of your great loss. My feelings, emotions, and prayers are with you and your family. My memories of Benny go back to our teenage years. He was always a great and true friend. He will be missed. Joe Diaz, DDS

October 29 at 6:33 AM



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**Alice Morales Thompson** posted:

So sorry to hear of a classmate passing away. My condolences to the family. Alice Morales Thompson JHS class of 53

October 26 at 12:38 PM



**Terri Martinez Pijuan** lit a candle in honor of Benicio.



October 26 at 11:02 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Benicio by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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