



## Ivan Martinez

May 2, 1961 - June 11, 2023

Ivan Martinez, 62, of Greer, passed away Sunday, June 11, 2023. Born in Manhattan, New York, he was the son of Santos Martinez and Georgina Musse.

Ivan was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and enjoyed his career as a police officer with the Madison NJ Police Department. He was recognized for his outstanding actions in the line of duty. He later retired to Greenville, South Carolina to spend more time with his sons.

Ivan was a passionate DJ, music producer and made fitness an integral part of his life. He also loved Sci-Fi and Anime, especially his favorite, "Naruto". He enjoyed writing songs and Sci-Fi stories. Ivan worked for the Greenville County School District at Buena Vista Elementary, which his two youngest sons attended. He provided dietary and nutritional services to students, which brought him great joy.

Ivan was the proud father of three sons, Curtis, Matthew and Sergio. As well as a proud grandfather to Ellie Jean. They meant the absolute world to him. He will be greatly missed by many, many friends, as well as his beloved family.

May he rest in peace.



# Cemetery Details

**Private (Family Only)**

## Previous Events

### Gathering of Family and Friends

JUN 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Travelers Rest Funeral Home  
113 N Poinsett Hwy  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690  
(864) 834-9953  
<https://www.travelersrestfuneral.com/>

### Celebration of Life Service

JUN 19. 6:00 PM (ET)

Chapel - Travelers Rest Funeral Home  
113 North Poinsett Hwy  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ My condolences to the family. I remember Ivan in the Police Department when I would visit my father who was also on the force. He was always kind and a good Officer. Rest in Peace brother.

*Det. Jerry Mantone #157*

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**Jerry Mantone** - June 21, 2023 at 01:56 PM

EU

“ Had the honor to work closely with Ivan as a police officer in NJ. Always a great backup, and a smile on his face. Rest in peace brother, until we meet again one day. ❤️🙏

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**Ed Uranyi** - June 20, 2023 at 10:02 AM

DJ

“ uncle ivan, you will be missed very deeply. i am so happy i came to visit you last year. thank you for always checking on me and leaving me voicemails to listen to. i love you so much. rest in peace.

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**deirdre st. john** - June 19, 2023 at 05:24 PM

JA

“ Great man, always made me feel at home. Still cant believe it. My heart goes out to all family members.

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**Jorge Acosta** - June 19, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ivan Martinez.*



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June 18, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *My dear friend Ivan, you will missed more than words. From our long talks meeting for coffee while u worked in my home town, to the help we did at your house in port Morris, to our conversations both on the phone and in visits both here and there, I miss your guidance and friendship. My trips to Hemo Dopet, a shared joke (Home Depot) between you and I will never be the same, but I will always smile. Please watch over your friends and family from above. I know our fathers and family that has passed before us will welcome u with open arms, the lord needed a DJ! Play those beats! Monday I will place a grave blanket on James's resting place but I'm sure he's showing u around and bragging your his brother! Until we meet again Ivan, know that I always loved u brother.*



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**Pat and Kim DeRosa** - June 18, 2023 at 09:04 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. He was a really great guy! May he RIP!*

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**Marie LePore** - June 17, 2023 at 10:24 PM

LB

“ Ivan was the DJ at our wedding 32 years ago. We had the pleasure of knowing him as a colleague with the Madison police department as well as knowing him as a friend. Compassion and sincerity were just 2 of his strengths. His love for his family, unconditional. We will remember Ivan in our hearts and prayers. Lorraine and Frank Bradshaw

Lorraine and Frank Bradshaw - June 17, 2023 at 07:29 PM

JN

Ivan was a student of Dover High School with me and his brother James who was in my grade. Cookie was also a friend of my family many moons ago. To the whole family I express my condolences and sympathy for their loss. May he rest in peace.

Janet Vazquez Norlander - June 22, 2023 at 10:06 PM

KD

“ He was a great friend. Helped me when I broke up with my girlfriend, told me to help him dj. Will miss him and still in shock.

Kevin debiasse - June 16, 2023 at 08:25 PM

LM

I work with Ivan for 20 plus years, he was a good officer, person , and friend, he established the Madison Police Department first real connection and contact to our Spanish Community, my condolences to the entire family, 🙏 , Lt Jerry Mantone 79. RIP 94 🙏 🙏

Lt Jerry Mantone - June 18, 2023 at 06:59 AM

JP

“ So sorry for the loss of your Dad. We're thinking about you and your family; wishing you strength and peace through this difficult time. Love, Jessie & Chris

Jessica Presco - June 16, 2023 at 07:32 PM

JM

“ *RIP Ivan. A good friend and co-worker at Madison PD for many years. Also, Academy graduate at Newark Police Academy 91st Recruit Class. Ivan, you be missed my friend. Joe Montagna, Retired Madison Police Officer Badge #91.*

Joseph Montagna - June 16, 2023 at 03:17 PM

EU

*He will definitely be missed Joe. Lots of great memories working with you both.*

Ed Uranyi - June 20, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ivan Martinez.*



June 16, 2023 at 11:48 AM

PF

“ *Pablo Nieves and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Ivan Martinez.*



Pablo Nieves and Family - June 16, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ivan Martinez.*



June 16, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *John and I met Ivan for at a Mexican restaurant when Curt and Jenn got engaged. We all had such a nice evening getting to know each other. Ivan was happy, fun and talkative. Whenever we got the chance to see him when he was in New Jersey it was always the same. It was always nice to see him. He was so happy at Curt and Jenn’s wedding and it was nice to have the whole family together. I have shared a couple pictures. Another favorite photo is from when he gave Ellie an organ. It was a very fitting gift from him to Ellie since he loved music and wanted Ellie to learn and enjoy music also. Ellie loves to push the buttons and keys and make her own music. As she grows she will always love her organ and We will all make sure she knows it’s from Grandpa Ivan. (It really is the coolest thing!). Our heartfelt sympathy to Curt, Matthew, Sergio, Jenn, Ellie, Cookie, Carmen and all of Ivan’s family. He will surely be missed. May the happy memories always stay close in your hearts.*

*Love, Angie & John*



Angie & John Presco - June 15, 2023 at 10:01 PM

JL

“ We only met Ivan a couple of times during the festivities & wedding when our two families became one! He was warm, welcoming, full of life. We were so sad to hear the news of his demise. Just wanted Curtis, Matthew & Sergio to remember:

*Each Father leaves a legacy of love, each memory a bridge to comfort & connect one heart to another Forever! A Father's love never dies.*

*Love, Grandpa & Grandma*

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**J & L** - June 15, 2023 at 09:04 PM

CA

“ Ivan was a selfless and caring man, always willing to help when needed. I will forever be grateful for his advice and help over the years. He was a great man and a great example of a father for his children. He will be deeply missed.



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**Carlos** - June 15, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Ivan Martinez.



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June 15, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Ivan Martinez.*



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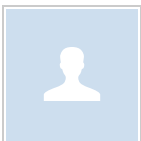
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“ *Ivan has been one of the most incredible people I have been blessed to know. He was always happy to tag along with my friends and I for a night out, and on nights in he was ecstatic to have a long laugh with us. He lived with much enthusiasm and excitement, and always cherished the small moments with loved ones. He was so welcoming to me in his home and had the most kindhearted spirit I have ever known. I will always cherish every moment I was able to spend with him, and will miss his kind spirit forever, and will live with the kind heart he showed to me. I know all three of his sons will continue to follow in his footsteps with his love of laughter and infinite strength, he will be with all three of you in every step you take with all of the pride and love in his heart <<33*

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**mags** - June 15, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ivan Martinez.*



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June 15, 2023 at 06:22 PM