



## David LeRouge Martinez

April 3, 1923 - January 20, 2012

David LeRouge Martinez, 88, of Ephrata, Washington, went to be with his Lord on Friday, January 20, 2012 at Central Washington Hospital in Wena-tchee, Washington, due to a massive heart attack.

He was born to Louis and Julia Martinez in New Mexico on April 3, 1923, the second to the youngest of seven children.

Dave entered the United States Army upon graduation from high school and served his country in Italy during World War II, earning numerous medals, including two Bronze Medals. His mother died while he was serving his country.

After returning from the war he bought a house and had his father and youngest brother move in with him and he helped send his brother to college. Upon one brother's death he helped raise his nieces and nephews.

Having a friend who lived in Ephrata, he came to visit, and stayed. While working at Thriftway Thrift grocery store in Ephrata, he hired his future bride, Ann Compton. Moore Furniture saw the potential in this hard-working man and hired Dave, keeping him on staff for over 30 years. He retired in 2000.

He and Ann had many happy years together, spending most of their winters in Laughlin, Nevada where many friendships were made. Dave was a very compassionate and caring man with an amazing memory and a contagious smile. He always asked if you needed money, as he would always offer what he had in his pocket, usually consisting of three to five cents.

Being a shuttle was his second career, driving anyone around to get groceries, to make appointments, go out to eat, or just heading up to the casino. He was a man of great faith and was active in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Dave is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Ann Martinez of Ephrata; his son, Paul Martinez of Soap Lake, Wash..., and his grandson, David Martinez of Las Vegas, Nev.

A Holy Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Ephrata. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 30, 2012 at St. Rose, with graveside service to follow with Military Honors at the St. Rose Catholic Cemetery. A luncheon reception will follow at the church.

# Cemetery Details

## Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JAN 29. 7:00 PM (PT)

St. Rose of Lima  
323 D St. SW  
Ephrata, WA 98823

## Graveside

JAN 30. 12:00 AM (PT)

Ephrata City Cemetery  
333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

## Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Rose of Lima  
323 D St. SW  
Ephrata, WA 98823



# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sending thoughts and prayers to everyone in Davids family. He was at the top of a very short list of my favorite people in Ephrata. I will miss seeing and talking with him.

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**Jan Carpenter** - January 28, 2012 at 04:58 PM

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*Dave always had a big smile and a kind word for everyone he saw, whether he knew them or not. His kindness will be missed by us but appreciated in heaven, his new home. My thoughts and prayers are with Ann and all the family. Rosey Grubb*

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**Rosey Grubb** - January 30, 2012 at 11:53 AM