



## Alfaro J. Martinez

January 13, 2018



Alfaro J Martinez, passed away January 13, 2018. Aka "Smokey", age 89, Air Force Veteran 27 years. Awarded Bronze Star in 1966 for Meritorious Service and awarded Vietnam Veteran of the Year 1966 Kansas City, Mo. He did two tours of Vietnam (Classified) and two tours in Korea. He had over 28,000 hours flying for the U.S Air Force of which 10,000 hours were flown over the Arctic Circle. Alfaro was one of 12 children, he was born in Dawson New Mexico in 1928. His surviving siblings are Froylan Martinez, Linda Adams, Lionel Martinez, Ernestina Walker. His passions were his family and was an avid golfer and loved his Nebraska Cornhuskers football team. He was devoted to helping St Jude Hospital and the Humane Society due to his love of animals.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Martinez; his two sons, Daniel A Martinez and wife, Kim of Bella Vista, Ronald F Martinez of Blue Springs Mo. and life partner, Donna M Duffield. He has three grandchildren, Daniel J Martinez and wife, Sonia of Columbia, Mo., Aaron P Martinez and wife, Nikki of Bella Vista, Danielle Martinez White and husband, Kris of Austin, Texas. He has four great grandchildren, Olivia Martinez 9, Giovanna Martinez 7, Wanderlei Martinez 5 and Jude White 3.

He has been a resident of Bella Vista for the last 10 years and loved every minute especially the time he spent with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He enjoyed the many new friends he met at the dog park and throughout Bella Vista and the surrounding areas.

Visitation will be held 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Jan 19<sup>th</sup> at Bella Vista Funeral Home Chapel, 2258 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, AR followed by a Rosary and Mass of the Resurrection at 1:30 p.m. at St. Bernard Catholic Church, One St. Bernard Lane, Bella Vista. Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. at the Bella Vista Cemetery with military honors.

Arrangements are by Bella Vista Funeral Home & Crematory. On-line condolences may be made at [www.funeralmation.com](http://www.funeralmation.com).