

Martin "Marty" T. Mares, 52, passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas.

Martin T. Mares was born October 20, 1965, in San Antonio, Texas. Martin attended Lanier High School and served in the United States Army for 6 years. He worked for over 30 years doing what he loved most, cooking.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents, Trinidad Mares and Gloria Smith. He is survived by his daughter, Bianca Mares (Adam), and grandchildren, Caroline and Dexter, his life partner of 14 years, Belinda Valdez Oliver and her son, Neill Oliver, his brothers and sisters, Luis Smith, Richard Smith (Sue), John Smith (Kim), Rachel Ornelaz, and Alice Valdez, plus numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Martin was known to his friends and family as "Big Dog" and was well liked in his community. He loved his teams, the Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs, and often cooked for friends and family on game nights at the home he shared with his beloved Bel. Martin was a man with a big heart, who regularly volunteered to cook for a work function or benefit, and also took the time to check on his elderly neighbors to make sure they were ok. He was someone you could always count on to help when needed.

Special thank you to Jerry Valdez, for all his support during this time of loss and sorrow. Jerry was a constant and supportive brother-in-law throughout most of Martin's life and theirs was a friendship that Martin respected and valued greatly.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at Alamo City Christian Fellowship Church, 6500 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas. Visitation scheduled from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m.



