

## David R. Martin, 64, a resident of White Signal, NM

Obituaries

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David Ray Martin of Silver City, New Mexico, passed away unexpectedly at his farm in White Signal on Thursday, May 27, 2021. David is survived by his wife Leesa Martin, his daughters, Sarah Lengstorf and Joanne Luchini, and his brother, Richard L. Martin, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. He is predeceased by his mother, Guinave Valentine, and both his father and step-father, John R. Martin and Bill J. Hawkins. David was an avid hunter and outdoorsman throughout his life, and loved to stay busy during the fall hunting doves with his bird dogs, Xena and Andy. He also spent his time keeping up with his farm and other various hobbies, one of which was building knives. He was a skilled craftsman, and he was a regular at the various gun shows across the state, taking great pride in both his original work and his extensive Buck knife displays.

He was also a regular at the local trap club, where he practiced nearly every Saturday, and volunteered his time as an officer of the Southwestern Shotgunners Inc. He also loved exploring the Gila wilderness that was so close to his home, and spent many an hour enjoying its wild beauty and talking to other locals about the rich history of the surrounding area. An avid storyteller himself, he thoroughly enjoyed a riveting tale of the adventure and skill it took to survive in the rugged, untamed wilderness that he called home. David was born on December 19, 1956 in Garland, Texas, to Guinave and John Martin, where he grew up exploring and getting into trouble with his many friends, cousins and his brother. He was always telling stories of summers spent at both of his grandfather's farms, where he developed his life-long love of hunting and fishing, as well

as extensive knowledge of animal husbandry and a great respect for the land around him. He would go on to graduate from South Garland high school in 1975, and later from Richland Community College, and finally Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas in 1987 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Shortly thereafter, he married his wife, Leesa, of 30 years in 1989, and together they had two daughters, Joanne and Sarah. He worked as a weights and measures inspector for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture for 27 years, and was greatly missed when he retired. He was a devoted husband and father, and always worked hard to provide for his family. Though his passing was sudden and far too soon, we are able to find peace in the knowledge that he lived each of his days to their fullest, and that he left this world with few regrets. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and his memory will remain in our hearts forever. Services will be held at the White Signal community hall on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 10:30am.

Cremation has taken place at Terrazas Crematory. Arrangements are with Terrazas Funeral Chapels and Crematory "Trusted care for the ones you love" ~ 575-537-0777. To send condolences, visit [www.terrazasfuneralchapel.com](http://www.terrazasfuneralchapel.com).