



## Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain

April 8, 1960 - March 1, 2024

Silvia 'Big Ma' Martinez McClain was born on April 8, 1960 in Saginaw, Michigan to Manuel and Antonia (Ramirez) Martinez. Silvia was the eighth child of ten siblings born to this union. She passed away on March 1, 2024 at the precious age of 63 years.

Affectionately known to her siblings as "Bird" and "Mikey," Silvia worked many years helping and caring for others as a home health aide. She cared very deeply for those she cared for. Silvia was very particular about the cleanliness of her home. She loved to cook Mexican and Soul food. Silvia loved to be surrounded by her family and friends, hosting events like Mexican Bingo Night. Silvia loved going shopping with her mother and her special sister, Connie. You would occasionally see her in the yard putting up her wind chimes and decorating for the holidays.

Silvia was the mother of five children: Estrella "Tita" Carreras, Octavio "Tito" Carreras, Jr., Gary McClain II, Mack McClain, and April (Kenneth) Knapp; honorary sons, Corey Barkley and Dave Favorite; honorary daughter, Izasha Gardner. Silvia 'Big Ma' loved all nineteen of her grandchildren, Le'Ontae, LaVell "Lil One", Ke'Arie, A'Nya, Aneya, My'Shea, Bree'Lyn, Marley, Kori, Semaj, Gary III, JoHanas, Kylan, Mack II, Mason, Ma'Kyrah, Cataleya, Laila "CoCo" and Mariska. Big Ma loved her one and only great-grandchild, Naomi, whom she called "Chocolate Chip". Honorary grandchildren include, Lil Maris,

Gabby, and Dee.

Silvia is survived by her siblings, Leandro, Manuel, Mary, Jesse (Cindy), Fransico (Ruby), Connie, Julia (James), Lupe Martinez, Oscar (Teaera) Deparas, and sister-in-law, Linda Veasley. She had a special relationship with each of her nieces and nephews, too many to name. Silvia is also survived by the fathers of her children, Octavio "Tito" Carreras, Sr. and Gary (Elsa) McClain, as well as her special friend Jimmy Stewart. Special friends include Cathy Williams, FeFe (Darnell) Green, Mary Hunter, Mary Lou Rios, and godson, Juan Soto III.

Silvia was preceded in death by her eldest son, Octavio Carreras, Jr.; father, Manuel Martinez; godmother, Fernanda "Red" Hernandez; sister, Carmen Martinez; nephew, Carmelo Jackson; niece, Jessie Martinez; sister-in-law, Claudette "Honey Bunny" (Cleophus) Bray and brother-in-law, Ronnie McClain.

Silvia's children would like to thank everyone for helping and supporting us through this difficult time. Special thanks to Fancy, niece, Rachel Martinez, Stephen Hill, and Dr. Perry of McLaren Hospital, New Covenant Christian Center and Evans & Browne's Funeral Home.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 15, 2024 at New Covenant Christian Center, 2395 S. Outer Dr., Saginaw, MI 48601. Apostle Ron Frierson will officiate. Interment will take place in Eastlawn Memorial Gardens, 7475 E. Holland Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 on Thursday, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. The family hour will take place from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Thursday.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastlawn Memorial Gardens

7475 Holland Road  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 N. Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607  
(989) 754-0481  
evansbrownes@gmail.com  
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

## Family Hour

MAR 14. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home  
441 North Jefferson Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48607

## Funeral Service

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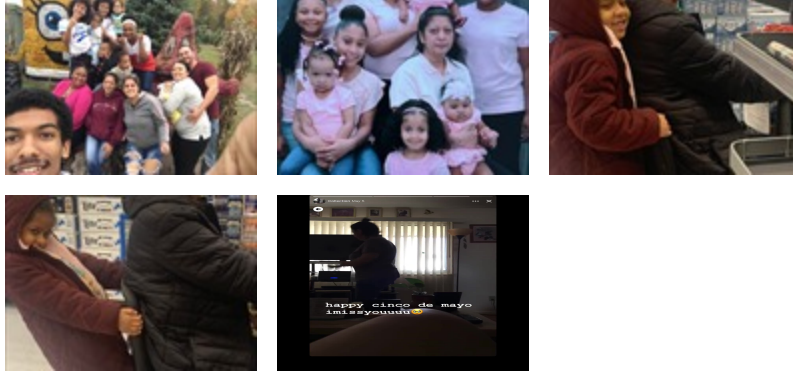
MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Christian Center  
2395 South Outer Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48601

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ 5 files added to the album Ma'Kyrah McClain



Ma'Kyrah - March 28 at 06:34 AM

MA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Ma'Kyrah - March 28 at 06:31 AM

EC

“ I miss you Ma life hasn't been the same without you trying to function in this world without you a part of my heart is gone but I know you're in a better place I love you

Estrella Carreras - March 13, 2025 at 05:43 AM

MA

I miss you big ma ( Marley)

Marley - June 29, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MA

*I miss you so much I don't know what I can do without you 🥺😞*

**Marley** - June 29, 2025 at 09:08 PM

MA

*I miss you so much big ma 🥺 I'm so tired I love youuu so muchhh - Ma'Kyrah*

**Ma'Kyrah** - March 28 at 06:31 AM

GI

“ *I love you momma and miss you so much 🥺*



**Gary mcclain II** - January 11, 2025 at 03:43 AM

PO

“ *iloveyouu and miss youuuu big ma 🥺👉*

**porkchop** - September 05, 2024 at 05:25 PM

VE

“ *Love You Big Me*



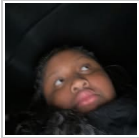
**vee** - March 18, 2024 at 10:14 PM

TJ

“ Tracey Anderson Jones lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Martinez.



Tracey Jones - March 15, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ Laniyah Steele lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Laniyah Steele - March 15, 2024 at 06:05 PM

SS

“ Prayers for the family during this time.



Simone Sangster - March 15, 2024 at 10:52 AM

SF

“ Our prayers are with the family in this time of need. I pray that the Lord give you all strength. Ms. Sylvia was a wonderful person and sweetest. Rest peaceful Ms. Sylvia you will be missed a lot 🙏



Shanta and the family - March 15, 2024 at 08:03 AM

TF

“ As You All Lay Sylvia To Rest Today, Please Know That We Are Praying For You! May Memories Of Her Warm Your Hearts. Sincerely The Moten Family(3rd St.)



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**The Moten Family** - March 15, 2024 at 07:48 AM

AL

“ Sending my deepest condolences God Bless



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**April Long** - March 15, 2024 at 04:31 AM

SN

“ Sandy Nash lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



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**Sandy Nash** - March 15, 2024 at 02:14 AM

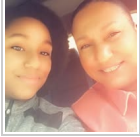
CW

“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



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**Carolyn Washington** - March 14, 2024 at 09:55 PM



“ *Laura Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



**Laura Jackson** - March 14, 2024 at 12:51 PM



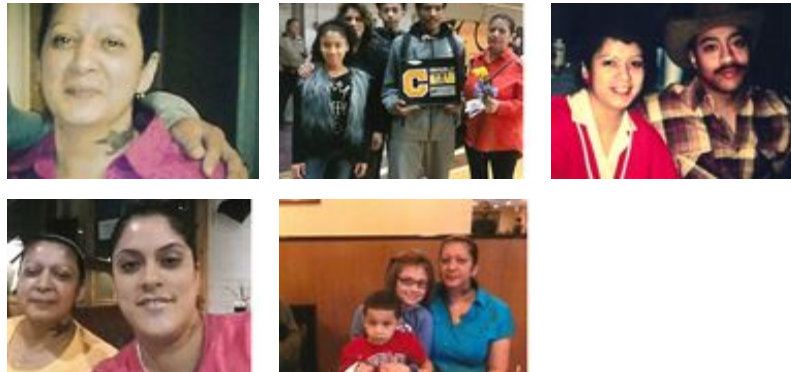
“ *SENDING OUR PRAYERS TO YOU ALL  
LOVE YOU ALL ❤️  
MS. MARY J GIVAN LEWIS*



**Mary J Givan Lewis** - March 14, 2024 at 12:11 PM



“ *122 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Browne's Mortuary** - March 14, 2024 at 11:36 AM



MP

“ You all have my sincerest condolences. May God give you strength through these hard times.  
Marquita Ponder

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**Marquita Ponder** - March 12, 2024 at 07:20 PM



“ ❤️ you! Mr. & Mrs. Tyrone & Dettrea Weston,  
❤️ your NCCC Family



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**Dettrea Weston** - March 12, 2024 at 05:25 PM

AS

“ Deepest Condolences From Her  
Granddaughter Kori' And Ashley



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**Ashley** - March 12, 2024 at 04:16 PM

JS

“ *Estrella (My Star), a grieving daughter is a lot of things all at once. She appears whole, yet she is broken into a million pieces. She smiles on the outside, yet she's sad on the inside. She breaths, yet she is suffocating. She has moments of joy, and moments of sadness. She continues on her journey in life, yet she's not living at all. There will days your feet are moving yet your not making progress at all. You will love deeply with a broken heart. You will cook, clean, do laundry and mother your children while drownings in pain and sorrow. While you go through all these emotions seek guidance and refuge in knowing you are God's child and he will be there for when you are not there for yourself all the time. A part of you is elsewhere in the comfort of our Dear Heavenly Father. Your mother will live eternally in your heart, memory, and soul. I thank Silvia for sharing you with me all these years, I can't take her place but, I'll fill the voids as your earthy mother until I join her on the other side. I love you with all my heart Tita, I'm here for you and Le'Ontae, Lil One, and Ke'arie until God call's me home to rest with your sweet Mother.*

*Love you my sweet child,*

*J. Anitra Smith-Williams*

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**J. Anitra Smith-Williams** - March 12, 2024 at 10:28 AM

PB

“ *Pamela Boyd-Clark lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Pamela Boyd-Clark** - March 12, 2024 at 10:04 AM

CW

“ Sending condolences from the Bibb family.....  
praying for strength for the family.



Cynthia (Bibb) Washington - March 12, 2024 at 09:25 AM

TC

“ Ma,  
I wake up every morning feeling like this is a  
Dre I can't wake up from I asked God every  
morning when I prayed to prepare me for this  
time cause I knew it was coming I seen it on  
you that you was tired you use to say you was tired of being sick  
you was tired of the hospitals but just knowing where you are the  
beautiful face and the sight your seeing knowing your not in pain  
your healthy and you received salvation before you left this earth  
sets well with me your where we tryin to be when it's our time  
walking those streets of gold I want you to know I miss you and I  
love you and I will get through this just one day and prayer at a time  
love forever your oldest your daughter... Tita



Tita Carreras - March 12, 2024 at 06:37 AM

KH

“ Kim Harrold sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms.  
Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Kim Harrold - March 12, 2024 at 03:35 AM

BF

“ *Betty King & Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



**Betty King & Family** - March 11, 2024 at 11:50 PM



“ *Sentara Purdy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



**Sentara Purdy** - March 11, 2024 at 07:18 PM

CG

“ *Connie Gray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



**Connie Gray** - March 11, 2024 at 01:40 PM

TM

“ *Terrell, Toya And Madison lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



**Terrell, Toya and Madison** - March 10, 2024 at 02:10 PM

AL

“ We used to have so much fun growing up over Silvia and Carmen house. Sending my condolences 🌸🙏



Arleen Long - March 09, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ May her memory remain deep in your hearts. I said a prayer for the family. Trevor, Beverly & Trevor, Jr.



Beverly Culpepper - March 09, 2024 at 01:50 PM

CF

“ Cathy Wilson An Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Cathy Wilson an Family - March 08, 2024 at 11:52 PM

CB

“ Christie Barker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Christie Barker - March 08, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Joanie Williams** - March 08, 2024 at 08:18 PM

VH

“ *Sending Prayers*



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**Vonda Hulett** - March 08, 2024 at 03:58 PM

TP

“ *I fell in love with Sylvia during my visits to Saginaw as we stayed with Linda Veasley. We had the best times during my visits just cracking up and enjoying our time together. Real beautiful woman. Thank God for her life.*

*Tonya Pettis  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Tonya*

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**Tonya Pettis** - March 08, 2024 at 01:21 PM

EM

“ Ernestine Martin lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Ernestine Martin - March 08, 2024 at 01:17 PM

NW

“ Natasha Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Natasha Williams - March 08, 2024 at 11:50 AM

NW

“ Natasha Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Natasha Williams - March 08, 2024 at 11:49 AM

LD

“ Lashawna Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Lashawna Davis - March 08, 2024 at 10:19 AM

CF

“ CHOYCE FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



CHOYCE FAMILY - March 07, 2024 at 03:47 PM

PC

“ RIP, my friend ❤️



Pam Jumper Cisco - March 07, 2024 at 03:16 PM

JL

“ John Lively lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



John lively - March 07, 2024 at 12:43 PM

CW

“ Carolyn Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Carolyn Washington - March 06, 2024 at 08:28 PM

LN



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**Lisa Nash** - March 06, 2024 at 08:13 PM

TW

“ *My condolences to the Martinez and McClain family.*



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**Tee Wilbert** - March 06, 2024 at 05:17 PM

ML

“ *TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF MY DEAR FRIEND SILVIA,  
I AM SO SAD TO HEAR THE SAD NEWS!  
SILVIA AND I GO BACK FROM CENTRAL JR.  
MIDDLE SCHOOL WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER A LOTS BUT WHEN WE DID  
EVERYTHING WAS JUST LIKE WE SAW EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME,  
SHE WILL TRULY BE MISSED SENDING MY DEEPEST  
CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS MAY GOD GIVE  
YOU ALL THE STRENGTH TO BE STRONG AND CARRY ON 🤍*

🙏  
*LOVE  
MARY J GIVAN LEWIS*



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**Mary J Givan Lewis** - March 06, 2024 at 01:58 PM

SR

“ *Santonya Riley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Santonya Riley - March 06, 2024 at 09:53 AM

DS

“ *The family has my deepest condolences* 🙏  
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Deidrea Sanders - March 06, 2024 at 09:47 AM

GM

“ *Gary McClain lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Gary McClain - March 06, 2024 at 09:22 AM

SW

“ *Stephanie Washington lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Stephanie Washington - March 06, 2024 at 12:29 AM

TF

“ *Theotis & Teresa Wilcoxon / Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Theotis & Teresa Wilcoxon / Family** - March 05, 2024 at 07:11 PM

DT

“ *The sweetest person. To the Martinez and McClain families, I send my prayers and condolences. Been knowing Silvia since 2nd Street.*



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**Delphine Tillman-Martin** - March 05, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JM

“ *My Condolences to the Family*



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**Janet Mayes** - March 05, 2024 at 06:03 PM

BE

“ My heart goes out to the McClain / Martinez family. For a while I lived next door to Sylvia and her family. It saddens my heart thinking of the memories we shared as girls. I have thought of the Martinez family often. May the angels welcome you to Heaven's gate. And may your family be comforted by God's grace.  
*Brenda Eli- Williams*



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**Brenda Eli-Williams** - March 05, 2024 at 05:43 PM

ST

“ Sheryl Thomas lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



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**Sheryl Thomas** - March 05, 2024 at 05:19 PM

JA

“ Janel Arnett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



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**Janel Arnett** - March 05, 2024 at 04:44 PM

LV

“ I know God makes no mistakes. I know we all have to travel this road. Silvia and I have traveled many roads together for such a long time. I loved her as if we were blood. Her children, my nephews and nieces are my blood. I am missing her now. I would encourage her when she felt down. When she would go to the hospital, I would visit and tell her I had to go so she could get her rest and she would start another conversation. We would laugh until we almost cried. I will hold her dear to my heart as long as I'm living. To my nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, I love you all. To Silvia's brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, we are still family. Last, but certainly not least, her mom Antonia, my heart aches for you. I don't know how to comfort you except pray for you to get through this. I love you and I hurt so bad when you had to come see her at that hospital. Know that God will carry you. Depend and call upon Him when you seem weak. He will strengthen you. Love you!



Linda McClain Veasley - March 05, 2024 at 04:24 PM

DC

“ I like to send my condolences to the family of Sylvia I love Sylvia she was my neighbor for 7 years we will sit outside some days and have talked while my daughter and her grandkids will play rip Sylvia the children to her children you are in my prayers

Derinda Culberson - March 05, 2024 at 02:14 PM

KF

“ Kirk Floyd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



Kirk Floyd - March 05, 2024 at 01:36 PM

VG

“ We miss and love u Silvia give my baby Carmelo a hug and mom. Ty for being there for me when I needed someone the most💙we need u to travel some more, Kansas wasn't supposed to be the only trip.  
Love Victoria, Fatcat, Henton, Jordan, Doodle Bug



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**Victoria Gonzales** - March 05, 2024 at 12:29 PM

JH

“ Jamie And Raymond Hicks lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



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**Jamie and Raymond Hicks** - March 05, 2024 at 12:23 PM

NA

“ Naomi lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



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**Naomi** - March 05, 2024 at 10:10 AM

VR

“ My sincere condolences and prayers for the McLain and Martinez Families.



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**Valerie Rueda** - March 05, 2024 at 09:21 AM

SW

“ *Sandy Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Sandy Williams** - March 05, 2024 at 04:09 AM

WF

“ *Williams — Wright Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Williams — Wright Family** - March 05, 2024 at 04:08 AM

OK

“ *Olivia E Kincaid sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Olivia E Kincaid** - March 04, 2024 at 09:38 PM

KC

“ *Kristine Conley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**kristine conley** - March 04, 2024 at 07:17 PM

FR

“ *Felicia Robinson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Felicia Robinson - March 04, 2024 at 05:39 PM

TM

“ *RIP Sylvia!! To The Family, You ALL Have My Most Sincere Condolences.*



Tara Moten(Niecy) - March 04, 2024 at 05:35 PM

KB

“ *iloveyouu big ma* 🗇



Ke'Arie Brodnex - March 04, 2024 at 05:00 PM

HJ

“ Our Sincere Condolences for the passing of Silvia. It was always a joy when we saw her. We would always greet each other with a smile and a hug. Silvia will be missed. We are blessed that she came our way. We pray for your strength and peace at this difficult time. Silvia is at Peace with the LORD. GOD'S Blessings and Love To You All. Houston, Elaine, Pooh, H3 & Omar. 🙏❤️🙏



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**Houston & Elaine Jackson Jr** - March 04, 2024 at 02:06 PM

CS

“ Clarence Abernathy Sr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



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**Clarence Abernathy Sr** - March 04, 2024 at 12:44 PM

JC

“ Jeanette Champion lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain



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**Jeanette Champion** - March 04, 2024 at 10:46 AM

BH

“ *Brenda And James Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Brenda and James Harris - March 04, 2024 at 07:20 AM

RM

“ *Rachel Martinez lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Rachel Martinez - March 03, 2024 at 11:31 PM



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Katherine Rivers - March 03, 2024 at 10:53 PM



“ *I Love u Tia , Thanku for everything... 🤗 Hug everybody for me and tell my daddy And grandma I miss them ..*



Katherine Rivers - March 03, 2024 at 10:51 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Deborah Morris-Williams** - March 03, 2024 at 04:57 PM



“ *Antoinette Bland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Antoinette Bland** - March 03, 2024 at 03:33 AM

NG

“ *Nina Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



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**Nina Gardner** - March 02, 2024 at 08:34 PM

RM

“ *You will be missed. Love, Rachel Fatboy and Fancy*



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**Rachel Martinez** - March 02, 2024 at 06:56 PM

EC

“ *Eric Collins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Eric Collins - March 02, 2024 at 04:11 PM

NG

“ *Nina Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Nina Gardner - March 02, 2024 at 03:10 PM

DJ

“ *Love & Prayers from my family to yours Tita & entire family. I love you*



Doralia Juarez-Mims - March 02, 2024 at 02:57 PM

LW

“ *Lori Wright lit a candle in memory of Ms. Silvia (Martinez) McClain*



Lori Wright - March 02, 2024 at 02:31 PM