



**Antelope Valley Mosquito  
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## **David (Dave) Martinez**

(February 10, 1929 – August 20, 2009)

Dave Martinez, former District Manager of the Antelope Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on August 20, 2009, due to a stroke.

Dave started working for the Antelope Valley Mosquito Abatement District in 1959 – a year after its formation – as a technician and sole employee. In 1972 he became the District Manager and stayed with the District for another 28 years until his retirement in April of 2000. During his time with the District he increased the size of the district from 178 square miles to over 230 square miles and changed the name to Antelope Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District to include the surveillance and control of Africanized Honey Bees.

Dave spent most of his time helping people and serving the community. After 41 years of service to the District he retired and started to volunteer for the Lancaster California Highway Patrol.

Dave was a wonderful and kind person and will be missed tremendously.

His memorial service will be held at Father Serra Parish in Quartz Hill, California on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 PM. The address is 42121 60th St W, Quartz Hill, CA 93536, Telephone number (661) 943-9314. They can also be reached at [www.fatherserra.org](http://www.fatherserra.org). A reception will follow immediately after the memorial, with lots of pictures and videos, and with some of Dave's 2<sup>nd</sup> favorite food – Mexican...

In lieu of flowers, it was Dave's wishes that donations be made to the "SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM 545" and sent to the Lancaster CHP, 2041 West Avenue I, Lancaster, CA 93536.

Cards can be sent to his address at 43862 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534. Please send memories and stories to his daughter Shelly at [snoopp22@aol.com](mailto:snoopp22@aol.com), so they can compile a book of fun memories. Sad condolence messages can be emailed to [COTV@sbcglobal.net](mailto:COTV@sbcglobal.net).

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