



William "Bill" Lee Martin, Jr.

April 28, 1921 - August 4, 2017

MARTIN, William "Bill" L., Jr. Age 96 of Nashville, TN, went to be with the Lord on Aug. 4, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Jean L. Martin; his mother, Penelope Reed Martin; his father, William L. Martin, Sr. and 7 siblings.

Mr. Martin was born on April 28, 1921, in Hartsville, TN, and started working at age 11 in the grocery business. In 1940, he joined the Army Corps of Engineer and later served in World War II and the Korean conflict. He then married Jean Lancaster of Gallatin and reared two children, Pamela Jean and William Lee III. Mr. Martin established his first store in 1962. He began expanding his business in the 1970's, with a total of 24 stores by the mid-1980's. Upon his passing, he owned 3 stores in Nashville, Red Boiling Springs, and Gamaliel, KY. Mr. Martin was a member of Central Church of Christ for 61 years where he served as a deacon and later as an elder for several years.

Mr. Martin is survived by his son William "Billy" (Kim) L. Martin, III; his daughter, Pamela (Steve) M. Schuller; his brother, Douglas Martin; his sister, Margaret Brewer; his grandchildren, Stephanie (Tim) Nance, William Schuller, Christopher Martin, and Michael Martin; his great grandchildren, Henry Nance, Martin Nance, Cordelia Nance, and Arthur Nance; and many nieces and

nephews. Mr. Martin will always be remembered for his sweet smile and kind heart. In Nashville, the name Bill Martin is synonymous with generosity, humility and honesty.

Visitation will be at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Rd., on Tues., Aug. 8, from 1pm-8pm and again on Wed., Aug. 9, from 9am-10am with the service at 10am in our chapel. Bro. Tom Seals, Bro. Ford Holman and Bro. Timothy Nance will be officiating. Interment immediately following at Spring Hill Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Lee Martin, Jr.*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Please accept my deepest condolences. May your memories warm your heart and bring a smile to your face in time. My hope is that God will give you the strength and power you need to cope with the loss of your loved one. Isaiah 40:29*

Carla - September 13, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ *Billy, so sad to hear this about your dad, he was such a great man who I'll always remember fondly, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!*

Kim Lindsey Willard - August 10, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ *Sending my most heartfelt condolences and love to the Martin family and the entire staff who'll carry on his name with pride. It will never be the same walking through the doors and not seeing his sweet, smiling face. He meant the world to me, my husband and two children - always going out of his way to treat us like part of his family. You'll be missed, Bill Martin! Rest easy*

Brenda Rhoten - August 10, 2017 at 01:52 AM

BN

“ *Mr. Martin has left many memories during the years with my family. East Nashville will always remember Mr. Bill Martin with pride. Benny and Brenda Nannie*

Benny Nannie - August 10, 2017 at 12:57 AM

CC

“ *The Martin family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so grateful to have known giving and caring man. I have so many memories of him growing up at Central. Mr. Bill will be greatly missed.*

Chrissy Waynick Cotten - August 09, 2017 at 03:45 PM

TW

“ *East Nashville will never be the same. You will be truly missed*

Tracy Willard - August 09, 2017 at 02:35 AM

RS

“ *Mr. Martin was one of the nicest store owners I ever had the pleasure to deal with. He always had a smile and always had a kind word. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.*

Randy Stover - August 08, 2017 at 03:58 PM

DN

“ *Mr. Bill Martin, You will be missed, he was the most kind person I have ever met. He was a special kind of person and a great example of want goodness was all about.*

Dennis Nance - August 08, 2017 at 12:29 AM

JD

“ Billy I am sorry for your dad's passing. Having delivered to a bunch of his stories, he was always nice to me..

Jim haley former CB RAGLAND DRIVER - August 08, 2017 at 12:05 AM

SP

“ Bill Martin was a good man in the spiritual sense of the word, genuinely sweet and pure. His prayers were from the heart and spoke volumes. He liked to eat lunch at the "fish place" on Sundays and tried to buy everybody's lunch.

Sandra and David Parker - August 07, 2017 at 11:47 PM

GH

“ Pam and Billy, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. I knew Bill and Jean way back in the '70s. Your Aunt Louise and I were close friends, and I was privileged to be included in some of your family events. Always such fun. Good memories of a wonderful family.

Gale (Stanton) Haynes - August 07, 2017 at 09:45 PM

MS

“ To Billy, Kim, Pamela and Steve- it was a true honor to have known Bill Martin. Wish I had contact information for you all but I couldn't find anything online. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Mike and Joy Stephens - August 07, 2017 at 09:41 PM

LP

“ I worked at Bill Martins Food Town when I was in high school , he also was in the service with my father . He was always hard at work , I remember one time he had gone to get supplies in this big box truck and it broke down , so he just stayed in the truck and when we pulled up he said I new someone would come ! He was really good to work for .
RIP Mr Martin

Lou / Lucian Patterson - August 07, 2017 at 12:59 PM

MM

“ Anyone that grew up in East Nashville knew Mr. Martin. I can remember going grocery shopping with my mom and dad every Friday night. I couldn't have been more than five years old. That was 50 years ago.
Rest In Peace sir. My prayers go out to the family.

Mike Mayfield - August 07, 2017 at 05:31 AM

JM

“ Billy and Pam so sorry for your loss. Mr Martin was a good influence on many people . He always had a smile on his face and gave a lot of good advise. He was a good Christian man with a heart full of love for everyone.He is with Ms Martin who he has truly missed .May God Bless you all. We have all been blessed to have known Mr Martin.

Jimmy and Vicky McAlister - August 07, 2017 at 02:53 AM

TS

“ so sorry for the loss of me Martin he was a great man we will miss him

tiffany sands brown, and Brenda sands - August 07, 2017 at 02:36 AM

SJ

“ Our prayers are with the family. Mr. Martin was a great man. We worked for him doing floors many years ago. He was always so very nice. He will be missed.

Steve & Cherlyn Johnson - August 07, 2017 at 02:22 AM

AB

“ Mr. Martin thank you for all you did for the people of Nashville. Thank you the life lessons you gave me. I know I was blessed to know you.

Amos Blake - August 06, 2017 at 11:35 PM

NJ

“ Sorry for the families great loss, I worked for Mr Martin for many years, he was a great man, a good Christian man, he was a daddy to me, I loved him so much, he will be missed by so many friends and people, he was the finest man I have ever known. Pam and Billy sorry for your loss.

Neal Jenkins - August 06, 2017 at 06:32 PM

BC

“ I knew Mr Bill through Shirley Brummitt, I visited his Store in East Nashville wnen I did he always had a big smile and was very loving and considerate of others. He will greatly missed by so many people that knew him through the many stores within the Nashville and Kentucky area.

Betty Storment Shirley Brummitt Cousin - August 06, 2017 at 02:47 PM

VD

“ Sorry for the loss.He will be missed.I grew up with Bill Martins.Met my husband in the parking lot on 11th .Great memories there.

Vanessa Wingo Dorris - August 06, 2017 at 01:48 PM

SW

“ So sorry for the families loss. I worked for Mr. Martin many years ago. Was always good to me.

Sabrina Moore Williams - August 05, 2017 at 11:35 PM

LB

“ Mr Martin was my daddy's best friend. Every time we walked in the grocery store Mr Martin would yell at my dad. My family thought Mr Martin hung the moon. Thank you Mr Martin for making East Nashville a better place to live

Lisa Burton Burkett - August 05, 2017 at 10:54 PM

CB

“ Heaven gained a great angel rest in peace Mr. Martin. You will be greatly missed.

Christy Baucom - August 05, 2017 at 10:26 PM

ET

“ Fly High as you truly deserve to. You served your Lord and your Community well. You gave me my first job. Thank You very much for so much more.

Elizabeth Tobitt - August 05, 2017 at 10:06 PM

LL

“ The family is in our prayers, Mr. Martin was a fine man .. It is a earthly loss but a heavenly gain...he will be greatly missed... now resting in the arms of Jesus....

Larry and Roxie Lamb - August 05, 2017 at 10:03 PM

TW

“ *Mr.Martin was a great and nice man rip fly high angel prayers to the family sorry for your loss he will be missed by everyone*

TammyBrown & james Wetnight - August 05, 2017 at 09:32 PM

SL

“ *You'll are in my prayers mr.martin was a great man .him and mrs.mary will be have a great time up there.sorry for you'll lost*

Shann Ioden - August 05, 2017 at 09:02 PM

JG

“ *Thinking of all of you. Mr. Martin was a great man.*

James Gray(Coca-Cola) - August 05, 2017 at 08:24 PM

MM

“ *Thinking of all of you....with love.*

Mary Lou McColum - August 05, 2017 at 07:05 PM