

*Celebrating The Life Of*



- The Sun Rose -  
March 14, 1947



- The Sun Set -  
September 7, 2021

# MR. DONALD MARTIN

Thursday, the 16th day of September, 2021  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

**The Church at Bethel's Family**  
14442 Fonmeadow Drive • Houston, Texas 77035  
**Pastor Walter August Jr., Officiating**

# Donald's Life Journey

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."*

**(Psalm 23:1-6)**



**Mr. Donald Martin**, passed away peacefully Tuesday night, September 07, 2021, at his home surrounded by family and loved ones. Don was born in Houston, Texas on March 14, 1947 to Pete and Mellanee Martin.

He accepted the Lord as his Savior. Don spent some of his childhood in Bay City, Texas. He later graduated from Jack Yates High School in Third Ward Texas.

Don served 4 years in the United States Marine Corps. He spent several tours in Vietnam. Don was wounded in action, for which he received a Purple Heart. He received several other honors and medals while in the military. Don was a lifetime member of the Disabled America Veterans (DAV). After leaving the military, he studied at Texas Southern University. He loved the Third Ward community.

Don worked for many years as an iron worker. He helped build Hobby Airport. He later worked as a certified nurse assistant. He retired from The Methodist Hospital after 17 years. Don loved caring for people and took pride in his job. After retirement, Don traveled extensively. He loved to cruise and go to Las Vegas. Don was loved by many. He was an exceptionally devoted father who was loved and adored by his children and sisters.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mellanee Martin; father, Pete Martin Jr.; brothers, Richard Martin and Anthony Martin; sister, Sharon Martin.

Don leaves to cherish his memories: children, Darrellon Prince (LaFonzo), Theresa Reuben (Omolayo), Tonya Jones, Sharetha Coburn (Kelvin Allen), Donald Bilbo (Melyautha), Felicia Austin, Rodney Martin (Tracy), Danielle Williams (Garvin Ramie), Keenan Austin (Ashley Estes), Recaira Martin, Donnetta Martin; bonus daughter, Janice Moore (Charles); sisters, Diane Lane (Eugene), Sandra Martin, Sheila Martin, Yolanda Martin; sister-in-law, Sheryl Martin; brothers, Larry Martin (Michelle), Eric Martin (Brenda); thirty-four grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren; godsister, Julia Chaney; and a host of other relatives and friends who loved him dearly.



# *Celebration of Life Service*

<b>Musical Prelude</b>	Musician
<b>Processional</b>	Clergy and Family
<b>Final Viewing</b>	The Staff of McCoy and Harrison Funeral Home
<b>Scripture Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Old Testament</li><li>• New Testament</li></ul>	Rodney Martin Sr. LaFonzo Prince
<b>Prayer of Comfort</b>	Rev. Frank Chaney Jr.
<b>Musical Selection</b>	Jamarcus Johnson
<b>Expressions (Two Minutes Please)</b>	Julia Chaney Marcelino "Rock" Rodriguez
<b>Resolutions</b>	Mellanee Johnson
<b>Family Tributes</b>	Keysha Lane Justin McGrew
<b>Musical Selection</b>	Jamal Johnson
<b>Eulogy</b>	Rev. Frank Chaney Jr.
<b>Funeral Directors in Charge</b>	
<b>Recessional</b>	Clergy and Family
<b>Postlude</b>	





# *Expressions of Love*

Family and friends, I know you hate to see me go  
But I left a piece of my heart inside of you that will help you all to grow  
In God's presence where eternity I will stay  
If you are feeling lonely, sad, or down look up call my name and I will come your way  
In peace I came In peace I leave  
For this time family its okay to grieve  
My heart and desires were met through all of you  
It's okay to cry because this is something we all must go through  
When its your time to walk alone  
I will have my arms opened wide and I will say welcome home.

## **Love you all, Donald**

There is no one who could ever take your place  
You had everything you needed family, friends and God's grace  
By you not being here is a hard pill to swallow  
But you left behind a trail that I could one day follow  
You always told me that you were my daddy and your brother  
And my reply to you that I was you your sister and your mother  
That was not one time in my life the things I have done for you that I didn't care  
Because anytime you needed me or called me, I was always there  
We went on vacation, cruises, and trips  
With you not being here makes life hard to grip  
No matter what we did in life  
Mother always told us to look out for each other  
In my heart, soul, and mind I'm going to miss you my big brother.

## **Love, Your Siblings**

Hold On  
The man that everyone knew  
Who knew it was your time where God would come and get you  
Your deepest love and compassion you share  
Daddy even though you are not here will be hard to bare  
You are rare gem that's hard to find  
You brought all your children together with time and didn't ask for a dime  
Daddy in words we can't explain how we feel  
You made sure everyone knew us and that you were the real deal  
You where the real Papa Was a Rolling Stone that they had forgotten to mention  
With not a mean bone in your body you knew how to defuse tension  
Our final words that we will stay together and stay strong  
Because you were the main one for all of us to hold on.

# *From Your Grandchildren*

Papa I just want to have good times together and go back. I miss you saying you're gonna whoop me and acting like a wolf and loving me so much. I miss you saying granddaughter. - **Johniza**

I will never forget the sacrifices my grandpa made to give me the opportunities I have today. - **Kiki**

The perfect man, expert advice giver, always encouraging and supportive, the biggest ever hug giver, professional grandchild spoiler and always right because he is PawPaw. - **Trenese**

Papa I love you so much and will miss you even more. I will never forget you, your funny jokes and the lessons you taught me about life. Please continue to watch over our family and hold us together. - **Justin**

Worlds most handsome grandpa. - **Lil Raymond**

Papa you taught me family comes first you will be forever in my heart. - **Xavier "Sumo"**

Papa I will miss you chasing me an scaring me with the wolf mask the memories will be with me forever. - **Torah**

Forever and always I will love you pawpaw. - **Skylar**

I will miss the times we spending flipping through TV channels an our talks. I will remember you every time I look into the mirror. - **Your grandson, DAnthony "Your Twin"**

I'm grateful to have met a man with so much wisdom. Thank you for being the backbone of this family. I love you. - **Patrick**

Although I can't see you, I'll carry your fighting and loving spirit with me as I continue. **Mellanee**

I'm going to miss the fact that you use to try to scratch us with them long nails. Love you and miss you. - **Torace "JR"**

He was my pawpaw an I love him. I gave him stuffed wolf cuz he liked it and it left him joy an love. - **Jabori**

I will cherish every moment we had and keep them in my heart. I know where I go you will still be with me watching over me. - **Hannah**

Pawpaw would hear me say I look good. He gone say, he look better. - **Claudette**

I love you pawpaw, forever gonna miss you. - **Vallyn**

Loving, caring, fun, and energetic grandfather. I'll cherish the memory of you racing us up and down the street. You will be truly missed. - **Karencia**

A Grandfather is someone with silver in his hair & gold in his heart. - **Edward**

# *Bearers of the Bier*

Xavier Washington  
Raymond Butler  
Danthony Jacob

Edward Woodson  
Patrick Allen  
Sherman Robin

# *Honorary Pallbearers*

Joseph Lane  
Demetrius Butler  
Cedric Martin

Justin McGrew  
Kelvin Allen Jr.  
Kelvin Kendall

Rodney Martin Jr.

# *With Heartfelt Appreciation...*

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair;  
perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest word, as any friend could say;  
perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
we thank you so much, whatever the part.*

The family of Donald Martin would like to extend a special thank you and deep appreciation to his caregivers: Sooner Guillory and Linda Knox. The family would also like to express how grateful they are for the prayers, words of encouragement, kind deeds, and other expressions of love and care.

**- The Family**

# *And He Shall Rest at*

**Eastview Cemetery**  
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# *Services Lovingly Fulfilled by:*

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