



J. Ray Martin

November 21, 1932 - May 11, 2022

James Ray Martin, 89, formerly of Danville went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Born in Leaksville, NC on November 21, 1932 a son of the late Elwin Curtis Martin and Lucille McDaniel Martin.

Ray was the district Manager for Life of Virginia Insurance Company and Peoples Life. He taught Advance Underwriting. He served in the US Army and retired from the Army National Guard with the Rank of Brigadier General. Ray was the Past President of Danville Underwriters Association. Served on the Board for Hope Harbor and Crossroads Counseling Service, and President of the Danville Gideon's Camp. Ray was converted and saved at the age of 14 and has been active in his service since that time. He was a member of Faith Memorial Baptist Church.

On March 24, 1951 he married Lorene East Martin, who survives.

Survivors also include a son, Harold Duane Martin, and wife Rehse, four grandchildren, Daniel Martin (Kelly), Kelly Martin, Whitney Martin, Andrew Martin (Jenna), and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son, Brian Keith Martin, a sister, Marie Moore, and

a brother, Elwin Martin, Jr.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Faith Memorial Baptist Church with the Rev. Daniel Lackey officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Danville Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends on Sunday Evening from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Gideon's or to the Good News Jail Ministry.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Martin family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
Danville, VA 24541
(434) 793-5511
info@wrenn-yeatts.com
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

Faith Memorial Baptist Church
7450 Martinsville Highway
Danville, VA

Burial

MAY 16 (ET)

Danville Memorial Gardens
510 Church Avenue
Danville, VA

Tribute Wall

MH

“ My sincere condolences Lorene to you & your family. Remember you guys from the days at Dan River Wesleyan Church. Love & prayers, Margie Corum Hoskins (Hester & Hassie Corum's daughter)

Margie Corum Hoskins - May 16, 2022 at 10:51 AM

SC

“ Dear Lorene and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember hearing stories about when Ray and Daddy were in the Guard together and your visits when Mama was sick. That meant so much to her. I pray that God will wrap His arms around you all and give you comfort and peace as only He can. Much love, Sandra Setliff Chambers

Sandra Setliff Chambers - May 15, 2022 at 05:59 PM

TW

“ Dear Lorene and family, I am so very sorry to learn of Ray's passing. I remember when I was young our families visiting. I remember you both coming when Mom passed away. Daddy is 89 now and unable to do much. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you peace and comfort. Love in Christ, Teresa Setliff Walker

Teresa Setliff Walker - May 15, 2022 at 09:37 AM

MB

“ Lorene I am so sorry to hear about Ray. He was my mentor and my friend. Susie and I both are saddened by the loss of this great man. I will not be able to attend the services due to mobility issues, but our thoughts and prayers are with you and Dwayne and your family. Our love to all.



Mike Bennington - May 14, 2022 at 02:41 PM

RF

“ Uncle Ray was truly a man of God!!! He loved the lord and always praised his heavenly Father for all his blessings. Even in sickness he lifted up the name of Jesus and never complained. He was very kind to the nursing staff and to all that took care of Him. I witnessed, and saw God's grace in action through out his time of sickness. He always told me, " whatever the Lord Jesus Christ wants me to go through, SO BE IT. He will be so very greatly missed by those who new and loved him. What a testimony for the Lord and the example he left behind for his family and friends to follow. He is now in the arms of our heavenly Father and reunited with friends and loved ones. I'm sure His son Keith, was among the first to welcome his Dad into heaven. Praise God!! He has fought the good fight of faith and finished the race. He is at his heavenly Home.... My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Lorene and the Family! Randy French



RANDY FRENCH - May 14, 2022 at 03:19 AM

TC

“ This was a great man of God !! I loved to hear him speak on any subject for he was so knowledgeable! Always always such a gentleman and so very happy and always kind!! This world has lost a leader, wonderful father , husband, grandfather , friend , and man of God that so many souls are saved by his service, testimony and life he lead !! I loved his jokes and laugh and know he is now shouting all over heaven with the friends that have gone before him !

Love and Will miss you Ray !!

Lorene and family thoughts and prayers to you and may you feel Gods arms around you during this so very difficult time and days to follow !!

Teresa Bailey Corum

Teresa B Corum - May 13, 2022 at 10:27 AM

GH

“ Lorene so sorry to hear about Ray, what a servant of the Lord he was. Dwight and I are in Tennessee and sorry we can't be there for the funeral and visitation. We are praying for you and the family.
Love Dwight & Gayle

gayle Hodnett - May 12, 2022 at 08:55 PM