



Thomas "Tom" Oakes Martin

June 3, 1950 - January 28, 2026

Thomas "Tom" Oakes Martin, 75 of Dry Fork, VA, departed this life on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at his residence following a 6-month cancer battle and decline in health.

Tom was born in Danville, VA on June 3, 1950, a son of the late James Melvin Martin and Margaret Oakes Martin. He was a graduate of Chatham High School (1968) and Elon College (1973) with a degree in Business Administration. He joined his father in 1973 as a mechanic at his business, W.H. Martin and Son. In 1985, he expanded this business with his partner, Richard Harper in forming Interstate Motor Supply where he remained until 2000. He later was employed at Haymore Garden Center from 2002 until his retirement in 2022. Even though he retired he continued to work when needed until 2025 when his health declined.

He enjoyed golf, NASCAR racing, music, LA Dodgers baseball, working outdoors in the yard and always striving for the greenest grass. He especially loved talking and meeting all the customers from his many years of business that quickly became his friends.

He was a member of Swansonville Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Amy Giles Martin; and a son, Andrew

Giles Martin and his girlfriend, Kathryn Beale.

He is survived by one brother, Frank Martin and wife Lil; one sister, Anna Craik and husband, Alastair; a sister-in-law, Tondea Bailey and husband Bob.

He is also survived by nieces and nephews, Emily Martin, Kurt Martin (Allison), Mindy Bailey (Chad) and her children, Chase, Madison and Collin Lesko, Monica Finlay (Jamie) and her children, Grant and Caroline, Gordon Craik (Katie), and Kirsten Barclay (John).

He was predeceased by his son, Patrick Thomas Martin.

A celebration of life will be conducted on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 3:00 P.M. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with the Reverend Linwood Cook officiating.

The family will receive friends prior to the service on Friday from 1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M. at the funeral home and at other times the family will be at the residence.

The family would like to thank Blue Ridge Cancer Center of Roanoke and Nayar Hospice for his care.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest that memorial donations be made to Swansonville Methodist Church at 16492 Franklin Turnpike, Dry Fork, VA 24549 or to Mount Hermon Fire and Rescue at 4268 Franklin Turnpike, Danville, VA 24540.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Martin family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel
5858 Riverside Drive
Danville, VA 24541
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Tribute Wall

AV

“ I just learned of Tom’s passing. He and I attended Elon together back in the day. We would ride to and from the college(now a university) in his Volkswagen known to one and all, as his precious”Gurdie”!! Never asked him how that name came about! But we would ride Gurdie time and time again! I don’t believe I’ve ever met another man with a better disposition than Tom’s!! He was always the same, just as friendly and nice of a person you’d ever want to meet!! We have certainly lost a wonderful human being in Tom Martin. I know I’ll never forget him, and the fun and laughter we both shared. My deepest sympathies to the family, along with my thoughts and prayers. 🙏
Tom Martin...done too soon! God bless you! (Alex Vardavas)



Alex Vardavas - February 05 at 12:36 AM

JM

“ Tom was one of my favorite classmates. He was always full of fun and good disposition. I am sorry he had to endure pancreatic cancer. It is no joke. The world has lost a good man and friend.
Janet Parrish Montgomery

Janet Parrish Montgomery - February 04 at 12:00 PM

JD

“ I remember getting off the school bus at Martin's Shop in the 70s where Tom worked with his dad Melvin. Tom was such a good guy to us school kids and after seeing him years later, at the garden center, he was still that same cool guy. He was forever a "people person" who will be missed by everyone.
I will never forget you my dear friend

God bless your family and your memory,

Jimmy Dalton

James Dalton - February 03 at 02:13 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of your love one . He would always wait on me at haymore garden center he was always very friendly I know he will be missed . May God comfort the family during this difficult time.
Praying for his family and the employees he worked with at Haymores . God bless the family



Debra Hankins - January 31 at 12:09 PM

DM

“ Donald M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" Oakes Martin.

Donald M. - January 29 at 03:00 PM

TB

“ Tom worked on all my vehicles until he close shop. Never had any worries that the job was done right. He was a man of his word. He live his life that way. To all the family we are praying for you.
Tom and Penny Blair.

Tom Blair - January 29 at 02:51 PM

RE

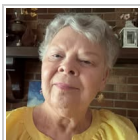
“ I remember the good times at Elon ,getting cats,VIR weekend and those times partying at the HOUSE with Tom ,Deke,Monk,Frank ,Billand many others . Tom could always make you laugh. Those were good times in the 70s. may you see jesus now. Rowe

Rowe Eckard - January 29 at 01:51 PM

CL

“ One of the greatest people I have ever known! I thoroughly enjoyed joking with Tom every time I went to Haymore's. Such a hard working men that loved his customers and took care of them! You will truly be missed!! RIP Tom!!

Chris Lovern - January 29 at 10:20 AM



“ I am so sorry Tom has passed away.
He was a good friend to my brother, David Wright, when they were in school.
Rest in peace Tom.
Dorothy Wright Chludzinski



Dorothy Chludzinski - January 28 at 09:27 PM



“ Tom, you will be missed!! Always enjoyed talking with you. Miss you Buddy!! Prayers for the family!!

Lloyd Brooks - January 28 at 08:37 PM

AB

“ Sympathy to Tom's beautiful family. Tom was such a great asset to the Chatham High School Class of 1968 we will truly miss him. Prayers.

Aubrey Bennett - January 28 at 07:45 PM

SP

“ Susan P. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Thomas "Tom" Oakes Martin.

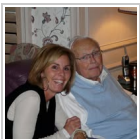


Susan P. - January 28 at 03:52 PM

SP

“ Susan P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" Oakes Martin.

Susan P. - January 28 at 03:52 PM



“ Tom Martin, you will always hold a special place in the heart of the McElreath family, thanks for the good times and endless laughs. Love, Robyn and Brad Poole

Robyn Poole - January 28 at 03:29 PM