



Joseph H. Martel

February 22, 2016

We celebrate the life and mourn the loss of Joseph Martel, a loving and devoted family man, a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a dedicated community leader. His enthusiasm for life, attentiveness to others and compassion to those in need will be greatly missed.

Joseph enjoyed a successful career extending over 50 years as a MetLife Senior Account Executive. His professional credentials consisted of CLU, AEP, RHU and RFC. He was a member of the Texas Leaders Round Table qualifying for 2005 membership at its Grand Council Member level and was a member for 33 years. Joseph received numerous awards for his excellence in sales and service throughout his career. Joseph was a member of the Tyler Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, East Texas Estate Planning Council, and past president of the East Texas Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals. He was a member and past president of the Tyler Association of Life Underwriters. Joseph was also a past president of the MetLife Veterans Association National Executive Committee.

Joseph was an active member of his church and served as an usher, a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and a past Section Representative of the Southwestern Lieutenancy Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He was actively involved in the Society of St. Vincent

de Paul, collaborated with the formation of the Tyler Diocesan Council of St. Vincent de Paul and served three years as the local president. He was a past board member of the Catholic Charities East Texas. In the local and international community, Joseph proudly served as a director for Special Wish Child, Inc. Special Wish Child, Inc. was formed by the Tyler Association of Life Underwriters in 1987 to assist in granting wishes to terminally ill children or to provide life-enhancing equipment to special-needs children of the Northeast Texas Region. Joseph enthusiastically supported both the South Tyler Rotary (STR) and the District 5830 International Rotary for several decades. He served the organization in many capacities including a multiple-time Paul Harris Fellowship recipient, a past STR President and service projects leader. He was also an active supporter for Smile Train, an international children's charity dedicated to helping provide cleft lip and palate surgery to children in need.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Charlene, their three children, their six grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends.

The Visitation will be held at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, with the Rosary to follow. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00am on Monday, February 29, 2016 and officiated by Bishop Joseph E. Strickland.

Memorials may be made to the South Tyler Rotary Joseph H. Martel Scholarship benefiting the Tyler Catholic Schools or any charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Rosary

FEB 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
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Service

FEB 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
423 S. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Mr. Martel was a wonderful Gentleman, who always made the Staff and myself feel much better for his having come to see us. I feel that was what every acquaintance he met felt as well. Chris Wrenn MD*

Chris Wrenn - February 29, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Martel.*



February 26, 2016 at 11:21 AM

ML

“ *Martha Lindblom lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Martel*



Martha Lindblom - February 26, 2016 at 08:56 AM

ES

“ from your proud Tylerite family of prouder Filipino heritage, dear Charlene and dear bereaved +Joe Martel family, we are one with y'all in faith, hope and loving prayers for his soul's eternal repose.
In the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Edwin Vergel de Dios Santos - February 25, 2016 at 10:19 PM

TB

“ Joe and Charlene Martel are like family to me. I have known them all of my life. They were dear friends to my parents and would come to our house for dinner. There were times we would move the furniture around so everyone could dance in the den. Joe was an amazing, patient listener. That is a trait with all of his family, too. There has never been a time when they were not there for me and my family. My heart is very, very sad and still can't believe he is gone. May God's peace give you strength in this very difficult time . Much love always, Mona and Tom Bryner



Tom and Mona Bryner - February 25, 2016 at 05:56 PM

TK

“ Ted Kamel lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Martel



Ted Kamel - February 25, 2016 at 05:33 PM

TK

“ A very good friend since I can't remember when. It's rare that you become close friends to the dad of one of your friends. Mr. Martel was always close to me since Cub Scouts. We had long visits at my restaurant discussing business and politics. He gave me some of the best advice anyone could offer from fatherhood to public service.

He had a keen interest in everything I did. You go through life and have lots of friends. However, only about maybe 6-10 people are close enough to you to really help you steer your ores through decisions you make year after year after year.

I was blessed to have Mr. Martel as one of those friends.

TK

Ted Kamel - February 25, 2016 at 05:32 PM

FT

“ Fidelity Westlake FILI Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph H. Martel.



Fidelity Westlake FILI Team - February 25, 2016 at 12:04 PM

CP

“ Charmaine Pinto lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Martel



Charmaine Pinto - February 25, 2016 at 10:52 AM

 Cheryl
Lee

“ *From the entire family of Shirley Martel Lupton: we would like you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are truly saddened at the loss of our mother's dearly loved brother as she spoke of him often. Though miles may have separated them, he was remembered with great love and respect by our mother. May you find comfort in knowing your father, our Uncle Joe, rests in peace with our dear Savior and Lord. Blessings upon your entire family. . .*
Cheryl Lupton Lee

Cheryl Lee - February 25, 2016 at 09:25 AM

NL

“ *Joe was such a fine man, and a good friend to Catholic Charities. He was one of our first board members. He will surely be missed. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you. God Bless, Nell Lawrence, E.D., on behalf of the Board and staff of Catholic Charities East Texas*

Nell Lawrence - February 25, 2016 at 08:55 AM

SC

“ *Shirley Christie lit a candle in memory of Joseph H. Martel*



Shirley Christie - February 25, 2016 at 08:33 AM

MA

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Martel - February 24, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Martel.



February 24, 2016 at 11:53 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Joseph H. Martel.



February 24, 2016 at 11:09 AM

GW

“ *We were saddened to read of the passing of your husband and father. May your faith and happy memories comfort you during this time.*

George and Jane Casey Winn

George and Jane C. Winn - February 24, 2016 at 08:50 AM