



Robert "Bob" William Martin

March 19, 1942 - November 18, 2015

Services for Robert William (Bob) Martin, 73, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, November 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Travis Wright officiating. Visitation will be immediately after the service. A family graveside interment will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery later next week under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Convictions mold the destiny of lives and so it was with the life of Bob Martin. He was born in Abilene, TX, on March 19, 1942. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1960 and McMurray University in 1965, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. In June 1966, Bob joined the U S Air Force and received military training as an air transportation specialist at Sheppard AFB, TX. From October 1966 to October 1969, he was assigned to RAF Mildenhall, England. He completed his active duty enlistment in October 1969 and received an honorable discharge from the Air Force, having attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. In September 1971, Bob joined the Air Force Reserve at Carswell AFB, TX, as the training NCO for the 73rd Aerial Port Squadron (APS). From September, 1971 to September, 1991, Martin held numerous supervisory positions. During the twenty years that Bob served in the 73rd APS, he progressed in rank and was selected as the unit's senior enlisted member, Chief Master Sergeant, in 1989. In September 1991, Bob volunteered to serve in an Air Force liaison position with the U S Marine Corps. From 1991 to 1998, Bob supported the Marines as an air transportation specialist at NAS Dallas, I MEF at Camp Pendleton, CA, and 29

Palms, CA. In addition to his lengthy military service, Bob served in the Social Security Administration in Tyler from 1973-1988. Following this time, Bob worked for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

However, Bob's professional career was only a part of the picture of his life. Bob was a devoted Christian and member of Green Acres Baptist Church. He possessed many wonderful attributes including dedication to his wife, Rose, son, Ryan Martin and his wife Jady and grandson, Miller, of Tyler, Texas along with relatives including Ken Bowan and wife, Bonnie, of Austin, TX. With a welcoming smile, twinkling eyes and ever positive attitude, he never met a stranger and was always ready to assist a neighbor or friend.

Pallbearers will be Ken Bowen, Bob Cartwright, Jim Echols, Jim Hartung, Don Hood, Hal Hudgins, Bill Lesich, Jimmy Phillips and Kirk Wilson.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and many acquaintances. Bob was a lung transplant survivor, and the family wishes to thank the doctors and staff at University of Texas at Southwestern Medical Center for their efforts in extending his life which gave him the opportunity to be with his grandson, Miller. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that donations be made in memory of Bob to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at pulmonaryfibrosis.org.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Mem. Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Dearest Rose, please know that you, Ryan, and your family will be in my prayers. Bob always had a smile on his face and kind words for all those he met. May you feel the presence of the Lord, and the love and support of family and friends. Prayerfully, Debbie Perkins

Debbie Perkins - November 22, 2015 at 04:10 PM

PH

“ Rose, Ryan and family, my prayers are lifted for you at this time. May God grant you peace in knowing you will see him again one day.

Pam Hicks - November 20, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" William Martin.



November 20, 2015 at 10:46 AM

KW

“ I will miss enjoying time with my good friend Bob.

Kirk Wilson - November 20, 2015 at 09:35 AM

MG

“ Chief Bob Martin, a corner stone of the 73rd Aerial Port Squadron, Carswell AFB. I met Bob in 1987. Chief Martin's kindness and mentorship went a long way in grooming others. He was a dedicated Air Force member, friend, husband, and father. My condolences to the Martin family. Bob will be missed by the many who's lives he influenced.

*Max Guadiano, Chief Master Sergeant Retired
San Antonio Texas*

Max Guadiano - November 19, 2015 at 07:39 PM

NW

“ I just heard this sad news today. I first met Bob in approximately 1997 or 1998 soon after I transferred to TX working for DIS (DSS). In the time I was assigned there, I made several trips to Tyler, TX. Bob was the consummate gentleman and one of the nicest men I've met. He was always so gracious to me with his logistical help during my trips to Tyler and always cleared out of his office for me to borrow. My sincere condolences to the Martin family.

Ned Whiting - November 19, 2015 at 06:37 PM

BW

Bob always referred to me as his "Adopted Mother" and I will never forget how much he helped me after my husband's death in 1995. The Martin Family has meant so much to me over the years and we have precious memories of togetherness My deepest sympathy to Rose and Ryan. I will miss Bob's weekly calls to me. Praying for you during this difficult time. Bettie Waters

Bettie Waters - November 21, 2015 at 08:38 AM

DW

Hi Rose, Ryan and family. We have been praying for you since Bob's operation. Bob was very special to my Mom when my Dad passed away twenty years ago. Thank you all for your acts of kindness. It was a surprise that Bob passed away so soon, but not a surprise to God. Our times are in His hands, so we must serve Him while we can. It is all that counts in the end. Thankfully all who trust in Jesus will live with Him in heaven forever. Praying for you and Bob's service, which is in a few minutes. Love, Dan & Mary Waters

Dan & Mary Waters - November 21, 2015 at 01:15 PM

JT

Rose, please know that I am praying for you and your family as you go through these next few months. Even though I knew him primarily through walking your dog in the neighborhood, I enjoyed his smile and kind greetings. Prayers for strength as you enter this new path. With love, Jan Thedford

jan thedford - November 23, 2015 at 07:52 AM