



Vernon Martin

December 4, 1930 - September 17, 2007

Services for Vernon Zane Martin, 76, of Tyler will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Wickham and Rev. Robbie Bailey officiating. Burial will follow in the Roselawn Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Martin passed away on September 17, 2007 in Tyler. He was born on December 4, 1930 in O'Donnell, Texas, the son of the late Vernon and Mattie Martin. He graduated from Groveton High School in 1948. He attended Texas A&M, where he was a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. Mr. Martin then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Hawaii during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Martin worked as an independent insurance agent. He served many years as a Sunday School teacher and youth camp counselor and was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church and Gideons International. He is past President of Lions Club and Dad's Club in Lewisville, Texas, and the Smith County Texas A&M Club. He was a long-time volunteer at the Azleway Boy's Ranch. Mr. Martin is survived by his wife of 49 years, Margaret Bowen Martin; daughter, Deanna Martin Sims of Tyler; son, Paul Zane Martin of Driftwood; sister, Barbara Judy Adair of Atlanta, Georgia; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be James Bailey, Matt Brown, Cody Curry, Bret Hendricks, Jeff Lancaster, Terry Mebane, Roger Nunnally, and Criss Sudduth. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the Tyler West Camp Gideons. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, January 18, 2007 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old

Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Mr. Martin may be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 745, Tyler, Texas 75710. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

KV

“ A great uncle has left this old world and now is with mom, granny, aunt judy, granddaddy. Uncle Zane taught me the sport of tennis and also having hummer in so many ways. We always had to talk about our wonderful trip to Colorado. It just seems like yesterday. He is with our great lord and savior. He will be missed by me greatly. Love kat

Kathy VanSickle - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My Uncle Zane has always been one of my favorite relatives. We had the honor of sharing our birthdays at family Thanksgiving celebrations through the years (since they were just a few days apart and both right after the holiday.) Uncle Zane always had a smile on his face, a big hug to give, and he always took a genuine interest in what was going on in my life. He was a wonderful and godly man. Whenever I met people from Tyler I would always ask them if they knew my family there. Everyone that ever said that they knew my uncle, loved him. I will miss you, but I will see you again. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord" Revelation 14:13

Julie Ashburn - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Zane was one of my first true adult friends. He treated me and all of the young men in our church with respect while expecting the very best from us. He brought out what we didn't know we had in us and had a lot to do with the people we have become today.

I hope that my two boys have a Zane Martin in their lives as they get older. I was fortunate enough to have a Margaret, Deanna, and Paul, as well.

I'll never look at a broken fan without thinking of Zane. I look forward to seeing him again and sharing in the same old inside jokes.

What a life. What a difference.

My prayers are with you all, Martins.

Jay Propes - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I was deeply saddened today to learn that such a dear person was no longer with us. I used to work with Mr. Martin and he was such fun and had a great personality and with that came a world of knowledge, he was also a great friend and cared deeply about other people and their feelings. I just want the family to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. Mr. Zane will be greatly missed.

Donna Lee Stevens - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family during this time of celebrating a wonderful life who is now with Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Because I am a good friend of Barbara's, I was blessed to be able to pray for Zane and all of the family. I now continue to pray for you all, praying for peace and comfort until you are all together again, in God's perfect timing.*

May God bless you all.

Carroll Wills

Carroll Wills - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *We wanted to tell you that we are praying for you, and asking God to give you strength and peace in this time of sorrow. May the Lord be with you all!*

~~David and Carleta Cates~~

David and Carleta Cates - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Deanna,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of loss. It is hard to say goodbye to a father, even when he has had a full and fruitful life. He was an outstanding person and I am sure you rejoice in the wonderful memories that you have.

Juanita and Harold Smotherman

Juanita Smotherman - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *Our sympathy goes out to the family for there lose.*

Herbert and Melvina Buie - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Paul and family:*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your memories keep him always close to your heart.

God Bless you

Margaret Waller

Margaret Waller - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *I do not remember not knowing Zane, since he was only two years younger than I. We were almost like siblings, since he and his parents spent part of every summer with us, and we played together for hours and days on end. We had a saying, we "p'liked!" That meant that we "played like" we were some person or that we had some only dreamed of experience!*

We fought, of course, but we never stayed mad.

Tom and I LOVED traveling with Zane and Margaret, and we cherished all our memories of those excursions! Although Zane occasionally decried the bossiness of his older cousin, I know he love me as much as I loved him.

He was a GOOD man--that's a topnotch tribute!

Toby Bailey - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Zane, or "VZ" as I sometimes called you, you will be greatly missed.

I do recall, reflect and relish many memories with you, and learned lots from you in many aspects of life, scripture and a walk with Christ.

I especially remember church camps, and I think of the verse you introduced me to years ago:

II Peter 1:2

"Grace and Peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God"

Thank you for being a wonderful friend and valuable part of my life!

I'll see you again someday in Heaven's glory!

Barry Propes - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I had Zane as a teacher growing up at First Baptist church. I learned a lot from Zane as a teacher and friend. Zane meant a lot to me. I have been out of touch but have many memories of Zane which I will always cherish. I offer my condolences to the family and relatives.

*Sincerely,
Brent*

Brent Crozier - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM