



Ernest Ray Martin

February 6, 1935 - October 5, 2024

Jackson, SC – Mr. Ernest Ray Martin, 89, entered rest October 5, 2024. Memorial Services will be conducted by the family Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 12 noon, at Bethel Methodist Church with Veteran Honors.

Ray was born February 6, 1935, to the late Lonnie Gerome Martin and Velma Starr Martin. He was raised in Royston, GA, having made Jackson, SC his home for 67 years. Ray was a proud U.S. Army veteran and a long-time member of Bethel Methodist Church. He retired after 40 years of service from DuPont and Westinghouse at the Savannah River Site. Ray was a pillar in his community and had a true servant's heart. He had a quiet demeanor and was loved by all who knew him. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed fishing, and had a talent for carpentry. Ray was a lifetime tent holder at Poplar Springs Campground in Cannon, GA, where his family enjoyed attending Camp Meeting for generations. He adored his family and will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Ray was the last surviving brother of his eight siblings. In addition to his parents and siblings, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife Betty Jean Payne Martin. Surviving family members include three children, Ernest R. Martin, Jr., Roy Dale Martin (Gail), and Donna Martin Finley; five grandchildren, Jennifer, Morgan, Kelly, Lauren, and Alyssa; and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethel Methodist Church, P.O. Box 497, Jackson, SC 29831.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Methodist Church
416 Second Street
Jackson, SC 29831

Tribute Wall



“ *Your Grandchildren and Great Grandchild purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Ernest Ray Martin.*



Your Grandchildren and Great Grandchild - October 24, 2024
at 11:54 AM



“ *Remain at Home Senior Care LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Ray Martin.*

Remain at Home Senior Care LLC - October 17, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *Remain at Home Senior Care LLC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ernest Ray Martin.*



Remain at Home Senior Care LLC - October 17, 2024 at 10:40 AM

TH

“ I worked with Ray during the 1980s in building 321M. Ray diligently kept our enriched uranium accountability computer on track day by day, and its accuracy was verified by a monthly inventory. Without this accountability, we could not produce fuel tubes for the nuclear reactors. You could depend on Ray's honesty and thoroughness. It was a pleasure to work with this fine man ... a good memory he left behind.

Tony Hawkins - October 12, 2024 at 11:18 AM

KM

“ Ernie, Donna, Dale, family and friends,
Mr. Ray was a fine Christian man with a very friendly manor just like his wife Betty. Thoughts and prayers are with each one of you now and in the days ahead. May the Lord comfort you until you meet again.

Karen Copeland Muns - October 10, 2024 at 12:17 PM

JH

“ I am thankful for Mr. Martin's service to our nation in the United States Army and his career service at the Savannah River Site. It is men like Mr. Martin that served to safeguard our freedom and liberty. I offer my sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

Jeff Hoefs - October 09, 2024 at 12:33 PM

MW

“ Ray was a great man with a kind heart. He so loves his family and friends. When I was 4 years I was knocked off the bleachers at the ball park and he was the first one I remembered seeing. Bless his heart. I have been a part of his family for many years and I will cherish him and Betty forever. Prayers to his immediate family.

mary wallick - October 09, 2024 at 10:56 AM

DA

“ I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Ray. He was a fine Christian gentleman and was always a friend to me. God bless you, his family. You will be in my prayers.

Don Alexander - October 09, 2024 at 08:08 AM

CS

Mr. Ray was a mams man. Strong in his religious beliefs, super strong in his family beliefs. Jackson is a weaker place place without him. He never gave up hope when hope was beyond us. Prayers for his family and friends which I am proud to be one of. Even though he could out drive me on a tee shot, I watched, took notice, and tried to duplicate his swing. Wasn't happening. I'll miss you my friend.

Craig Stripling - October 09, 2024 at 11:32 PM

GM

“ The best Father in law and Grandpa to Lauren and Alyssa. The sweetest and kindest gentleman that I ever met. He would of given his shirt off his back to help a stranger in need. I am going to miss him so much.

Gail Martin - October 08, 2024 at 01:01 PM