



James Osborne "Jim" Martin

August 8, 1940 - February 16, 2021

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North Augusta, SC – Funeral Services for Mr. James Osborne "Jim" Martin, 80, who entered into rest February 16, 2021, will be conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist Church of North Augusta with Rev. Roy Kiser officiating. The service will be streamed live on the Posey Funeral Directors Facebook page. Graveside Services will be conducted following the service at 2 o'clock in the Blackville Cemetery, Blackville, SC with Rev. Roy Kiser and Dr. Thomas Terry officiating. The family will receive friends at the graveside following the service. Those in attendance are required to wear a mask and social distancing will be practiced.

Mr. Martin was born in Blackville, SC to the late Nicholas Valentine Martin, Sr. and Mary Ulela "Lela" Osborne Martin. He was a 1958 graduate of Blackville High School, a 1962 graduate of the University of South Carolina and he received his Masters in Education from Western Carolina University. Mr. Martin began his distinguished career in education as a teacher at Salley High School and Aiken High School. He later became the principal at Paul Knox Junior High School and North Augusta High School. Mr. Martin retired as Area II Superintendent in Aiken County in 1995 and in 1997 became the Headmaster of Mead Hall Episcopal School for several years. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of North Augusta, where he was a

deacon, taught Sunday school and served on the personnel and finance committees. Mr. Martin had a servant's heart and enjoyed volunteering his time with The Gideons International and served as trustee of the Paul Knox Educational Endowment for 17 years, while serving the last five years as Chairman. He will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews as their beloved Uncle Jimmy or "UJ". In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Rev. Charles Judson Martin and Nicholas Valentine Martin, Jr.; a niece, Cynthia Dawn Martin; and a cousin, Daniel O. Stoudemire.

Survivors include two nephews, Charles J. "Chip" (Dwayne Gray-Martin) Martin, Christopher M. (Jan) Martin; four nieces, Camille M. (Bernie) Maull, Jennifer Anderson, Mary Jessica (Latonya D. Henry) Martin, Nikki Lynne Martin; great-nieces and nephews, Jacob DeGrace, Jordan Martin, Cale Martin, Carter James Martin, Blake Maull, Brittany Maull, Johnathan Anderson, Leighanne Martin, Madison Knox, Ty Martin; a sister-in-law, Carole M. Martin.

Pallbearers will be Johnathan Anderson, Blake Maull, Ty Martin, Carter James Martin, Bill Morgan and Charlie Miller.

The family would like to express special thanks to Mr. Martin's beloved caregivers, Shameika Crawford, Latoya Carter, Melissa Ealy and Annette Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Blackville Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 365, Blackville, SC 29817 or The Gideons International, www.gideons.org

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803)278-1181. Visit the registry at www.POSEYCARES.com

Previous Events

Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of North Augusta
602 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC

Graveside Service

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

Blackville Cemetery
Blackville, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of James Osborne "Jim" Martin*



Posey Funeral Directors - February 19, 2021 at 09:14 AM

IP

Beautiful Tribute Video of Our dear Jim. 🙏 RIP

Ivonne Pereyo - February 19, 2021 at 09:35 PM

SF

What a wonderful and beautiful tribute. We love you Jim.

Skip Freeman - February 20, 2021 at 12:29 PM

KL

He was a kind man. When I taught at North Augusta High he was always a fair man and good friend. He'll be missed by many. Emotional video

Karen Thompson Lucking - February 20, 2021 at 01:43 PM

LL

I enjoyed teaching at NAHS with Jim as my principal and having him as a friend in the years that followed that time. His kind spirit made him special to many! 'Praying for his family.

Laura Lusk - February 21, 2021 at 09:50 PM

RP

What a beautiful service and tribute to a good man. Jim was my first boss, long time mentor and forever friend. He will be missed greatly. May his Memory be a Blessing.

Randy Pike - February 23, 2021 at 01:51 PM



“ *James Osborne "Jim" Martin*

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ *James Osborne "Jim" Martin*

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

LR

“ *Mr. Martin was a kind man with a gentle soul. Always smiling, even when he had to call me into his office, for misbehaving. He was my principal for six years, three at Paul Knox and three at NASH. He was the most loved principal, by all the students, in North Augusta. He has left a great legacy for his family.*

Libby Walton Ready - February 16, 2022 at 09:33 PM

BM

“ *Jim was my 10th grade history teacher. I was already a history nerd, but he poured gas on that fire. I am pleased he led such a public and influential life. He must have touched thousands.*

Bill McCrosky - February 05, 2022 at 12:59 PM

JB

“ I grew up with Jim and his two brothers in Blackville. Nick was 5 days older than me. So we were babies together and played together until we went our separate ways after high school in Blackville. The Martins were a great family and life long friends of mine. Jim's mother was like a second mother for me and treated me the same as she treated her boys. My condolences to all her share their blood and all who loved them.
John Baxley

John V Baxley - February 25, 2021 at 10:32 AM

JA

Thank you Mr. Baxley. We are truly going to miss him

Jennifer Martin Anderson - February 27, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Committal Service*



Posey Funeral Directors - February 22, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Service*



Posey Funeral Directors - February 21, 2021 at 12:49 PM

LF

“ Our family loved seeing Jimmy every summer when we’d visit our grandmother, Ida Boylston in Blackville.
He was a wonderful person we will all miss him!

Lacy Fielland - February 20, 2021 at 05:56 PM

PG

“ Nikki and Jennifer, I was saddened to learn about Jim and extend to you my sincerest condolences. He was a good man with a wonderful sense of humor who will be missed by many. The service was a true celebration of his life. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pat Goad

Patricia Goad - February 20, 2021 at 03:48 PM

PL

“ I was blessed to be hired as a first-year teacher fresh out of college by Mr. Martin. He always had a grin or smile and a kind or funny thing to say. My years at NAHS were my favorite years in teaching and he helped make them so. I still have the notes he wrote to me as well as the wedding gift he gave to Geoff and me. You are surely missed. May you rest in peace of mind and body.
Penny von der Luft

Penny M. von der Luft - February 20, 2021 at 09:59 AM

CV

“ Mr. Martin was a wonderful boss and friend...

Carroll I. Vernon - February 19, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ Jim worked with my dad, J.O. Willis, at Aiken High. They had such respect for each other. He always sent a Christmas card to my mother after my dad died. Jim was always such a good friend to me. He would ask about my family when we would see one another. I don't believe I saw him after his cancer diagnosis and was so sad to hear his health had deteriorated recently. I will always have such fond memories of him. My sympathy to his family.



Carolyn Williams - February 19, 2021 at 05:25 PM

BP

“ Jim was a special friend since he was a teacher at Aiken High, a true colleague during our careers in the school district, and a caring presence during retirement years. It's hard to think about not being able to hear his gentle voice or feel the joy of being with him. We are all better for having known him. I send all good thoughts to Jim's beloved family and celebrate the life he shared with us.

Beth Purvis

Beth Purvis - February 19, 2021 at 04:35 PM

KW

“ Mr. Martin was my history teacher at Aiken High School in the 1967-1968 school year. Over 50 years later and the indelible memories of him as a teacher and a person are all good. It was fun to watch his career evolve and to see the success he had as a teacher following him into building and district leadership. My condolences to the family on the passing of this very special man.

Ken Weaver

Ken Weaver - February 19, 2021 at 10:12 AM

TN

“ So sorry to hear of Mr.Martin's passing.He was my Principal at PK so many years ago.There are people that come into your life that make an impact on you and he was one.He was a great man and was very well respected for many years.I ran into him at the eye Dr.one day and he rememberd me after all these years and he had not aged very much.Was so glad to see him.But most of all I don't have to worry about where he is going because I know he loved God and was a strong Christian.God Bless the Family and w be praying for U. Teresa Powell New

Teresa New - February 19, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Posey Funeral Directors - February 19, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Osborne "Jim" Martin.



February 19, 2021 at 07:39 AM

FG

“ *What a great loss to the world. Jim was one of a kind. Your family is in our thoughts!*

Fred, Brenda and Pritchett Gibbs - February 19, 2021 at 07:36 AM

LG

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Jimmy’s passing. He was a good and caring man who loved family and friends. He will never be forgotten in our little town of Blackville.*



Lana & John Griffin - February 18, 2021 at 11:24 PM

DM

“ *My heart was broken to hear of Jimmy passing! I have so great memories of our school days! And when he and his mom would come eat at the Dairy Bar. Please know that your family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days. Love to you all!!*

Donne Mundy - February 18, 2021 at 08:38 PM

JH

“ *Jim was a guidance counselor at Aiken High where I taught from 1965-69. He was a kind, compassionate counselor and wonderful, patient friend to several of us rookie teachers. I will always remember him as a man of sterling character. Joyce Hunter*

Joyce Hunter - February 18, 2021 at 06:40 PM

BD

“ *Mr, Martin was my high school principal in the early 80's. He was a kind, caring and funny man. He encouraged his students to do their best. He was a great encourager for me. I was also fortunate enough to attend First Baptist Church of NA with him. He made an impact on me and many others.*

Barbara Dansby - February 18, 2021 at 06:09 PM

JD

“ *remember him as paul knox principal. encouraged him to buy a 72 buick regal, doubt he ever did though, rip mr martin*

jim davis - February 18, 2021 at 04:53 PM

IP

“ *Jim you are resting in Peace now and reunited with your love on. You are gone but never will be forgotten by those who knew you. You were and excellent human being with every body. Your personality and great sense of humor it was outstanding. It was great to worked with you at NAHS. Enjoy the Glory of God my friend. Until we meet again. 🙏*

Ivonne Pereyo - February 18, 2021 at 04:15 PM

CV

“ *I remember Mr. James Martin as our North Augusta high School Principal. He was a very nice man & loved his job . I loved his smile & his caring heart . He will be truly missed .*

Cynthia Vaughn - February 18, 2021 at 03:52 PM

AH

“ I just heard that Jimmy had passed away. I am so very sorry. He was a very good Uncle to all of his Nieces and Nephews, a kind, thoughtful and generous man. Loved his brothers and all of their families. May God bless you all.

Ann W Huggins - February 18, 2021 at 02:51 PM

VP

“ I always enjoyed being in the Sunday School class with Mr. Martin. He always made everyone smile with his teasing and his sweet personality. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for his family.

Vivian Parkman - February 18, 2021 at 01:18 PM

DA

“ Mr. Martin was such a nice fellow that always cared how others were doing. He was admired by many and will be missed. Sending prayers to his family for God's comfort to enter their hearts.

Dee Adkins - February 18, 2021 at 01:06 PM

DB

“ Mr Martin was a gentleman and scholar. He was so kind and sweet to all. I am proud to have known and worked for him. Prayers to his family.

Donna Black - February 18, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Osborne "Jim" Martin.



February 18, 2021 at 10:05 AM

EH

“ I was very sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and multitudes of friends he made in lifetime. Jim was a very kind and caring person, principle and friend.

Ernest Hooks - February 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM

BG

“ Jim was a kind, loyal friend to anyone who needed him. His impact on the lives of others as an educator, community leader, church member and loving family member is cherished and has had a significant positive influence. Jim was a good man and a great friend. I will miss him, his humor and his kindness.
Bill Gallman

Bill Gallman - February 18, 2021 at 08:57 AM

RW

“ May God bless this family in this time of sorrow.

Robert Whatley - February 18, 2021 at 04:43 AM

SL

“ I do not know any other man as loved as UJ. He was kind, loving, intelligent and funny. He was so much fun to tease. When I made vegetable soup and cornbread, he would always come to Jennifer's to eat. After several bowls of soup, he would search the cabinet for something sweet and then get a few more spoonfuls of soup. As we were packing him some to go he told us that we should keep the leftovers for ourselves but a few days later he would come back for what we had frozen. He was truly one of a kind.

Sandra Lott - February 17, 2021 at 11:09 PM

FH

“ *The Mead Hall Episcopal School Community gives thanks to God for the life of Jim Martin and for his service as Headmaster. Mead Hall was blessed by his leadership. We offer our prayers for his family.*

Frank Sawyer, Headmaster of Mead Hall - February 17, 2021 at 10:16 PM

DA

“ *Jim was always a friend to me. It was always a pleasure to speak with him. He was a fine Christian gentleman. God Bless you in your loss of Jim. You are in my prayers.* 🙏🙏🙏

Don Alexander - February 17, 2021 at 10:16 PM

KH

“ *Prayers to the family. Mr.Martin was a very good friend to me and my family. We will miss him dearly. He was a kind man and a mentor to many people. I looked up to him as my Principal, my Boss, my Friend.*



Karen Harley - February 17, 2021 at 09:55 PM

JD

“ *Mr. Martin was my favorite teacher that I never had! I begged to be in his class and he knew I had an ulterior motive...my high school boyfriend was in his class. However, we became great friends through the years. My parents were his great friends also. Beyond high school we continued our family friendship. What a wonderful, loving, witty and caring person!!! I will treasure the gift of his friendship forever! My heart is heavy, but I rejoice knowing that he is in his heavenly home 🙏 God bless and Rest In Peace my dear, dear friend 😊*

Jeanne Miller Denton - February 17, 2021 at 09:53 PM

JA

I will forever love this story! Jennifer

Jennifer Anderson - February 19, 2021 at 07:52 AM

MG

“ *It was my pleasure to teach at North Augusta High School with Jim. He was a dedicated educator with a good sense of humor. I have lost a friend.*

Marion D Griffith - February 17, 2021 at 08:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Osborne "Jim" Martin.*



February 17, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Osborne "Jim" Martin.*



February 17, 2021 at 07:43 PM