



James Russell Martin

December 18, 1948 - February 4, 2018

James Russell Martin, age 69, died February 4, 2018 in Johnson City, Tennessee. Jim was born December 18, 1948 in Ona, WV. He was the sixth born child of Clarence and Ollie Martin. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved sister Doris Lambert and brother Johnny Martin. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Karen, and his two children, Susan and Michael, both of whom he was fiercely proud. He is also survived by his sisters, Velma Clonch and Karen (Jim) Leach, and his brothers, Bob Martin, Larry (Linda) Martin, Bill (Ada) Martin, and Clarence (Sharon) Martin, his brother-in-law Henry Lambert, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is also survived by "his" Laura and his honorary grandchildren, Jocee and Stewart Blair. Finally, he is survived by a huge extended family, including the family he married into and countless friends of his kids, who always knew they were welcome in his home. He was a veteran of the US Army and retired from the VA. He also worked for a number of years at Paul B Hall Medical Center. However, the job he enjoyed the most was being Santa Claus. He enjoyed working with young people, and at different times in his life was a Boy Scout leader, band Dad, and chaperone for any trip his kids went on. Jim accepted Christ as his Savior as a young man and was always active in church no matter where he lived at the time, whether it was by working in the children's ministry, being song leader, or just being the man singing the loudest in the pews. He believed in making a joyful noise and was always more than happy to sing a song or ten. He made friends wherever he was, and leaves behind a

legacy of laughter and love, which will continue as we all share stories of him. Jim also loved his animals, almost all of whom were strays. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to your local animal shelter.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 9, 2018 at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary, Huntington, WV near Barboursville with Brent Gibson and Bill Wilson officiating. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at Henson & Kitchen Mortuary. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com .

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Henson & Kitchen Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of James Russell Martin*



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - February 07, 2018 at 08:24 PM

JM

Karen, Susan and Mike no words can lessen the heartache you're going through right now but may God wrap his loving arms around you all and comfort your hearts ❤️

Jeff Martin - February 07, 2018 at 11:21 PM



Brandon Gerald

To the Martin Family, this is Pastor Brandon. I'm very sorry for your loss and you guys are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything please don't hesitate to ask me.

Brandon Gerald - February 08, 2018 at 10:12 PM



“ *James Russell Martin*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM

MA

“ I’m sorry to hear of the passing of Jimmy. My heart goes out to you Karen, Mike, and Susan, as well as many other family members and friends I was fortunate enough to meet and share time with over the years. I come to know Jimmy through my Dad (another Jimmy) (Adkins). They have been extremely good friends most of their life’s. There are many great memories that I still think about to this day. Memories such as family and friends meeting up at Doris and Henry’s, Velma having to put up with my brother (Scott) and I, Christmas caroling together, and all the times we shared as brothers and sisters in Christ at Mud River Baptist Church. I haven’t seen Jimmy since the funeral of my beloved grandmother but I have spoken to Jimmy on various occasions throughout the past few years. He was very easy to talk to and if you had a problem or just wanted to vent about the way the world turns today he would listen with open ears and provide a lot of laughter. Jimmy is without doubt what most people think of him: Loving, Caring, and a Spirit that loved our Lord Jesus Christ and more importantly showed it. May god bless the family and friends of Jimmy Martin. I love you all and miss you.

Sincerely,

Matthew Adkins

Matthew Adkins - February 09, 2018 at 05:39 PM

MM

“ Uncle Jimmy,

I will miss you. You were such an incredible kind man. I will always remember your zest of life, sense of humor, bright smile, twinkle in your eye and laughter. I know that God welcomed you with open arms and you are his newest angel,

Love you,

Margot Martin

Margot Martin - February 09, 2018 at 10:37 AM

SS

“ Karen, my heart is so sad to hear about Jim's passing. He was my supervisor when I first started work at the Huntington VAMC. It was a pleasure working for and with him. I will always remember his love of life and family, his witty sense of humor and his kindness and love for those he served. He was a wonderful, fun loving person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless and comfort you during this very difficult time.

Sheila Stapleton - February 09, 2018 at 12:41 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James Russell Martin.



February 08, 2018 at 10:50 AM

JM

“ I'm sure it's been said many times before but Jim was one of the nicest and most caring individuals I've been fortunate enough to meet. Don't believe I've ever saw him in a bad mood or without a smile on his face. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.

John Maggard - February 08, 2018 at 06:46 AM

LP

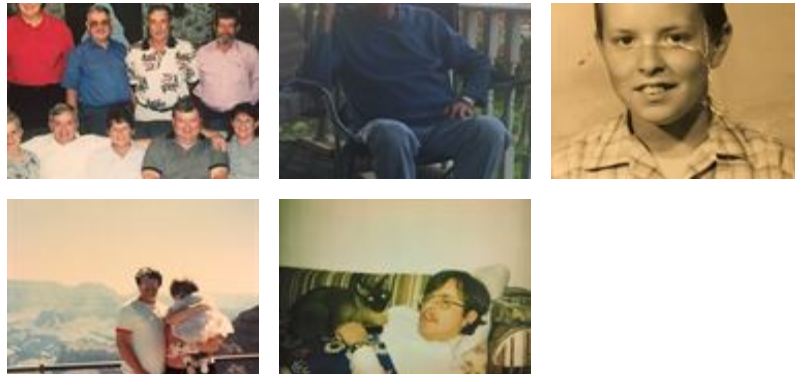
“ A kind gentleman, always. I can hear “Buena Vista” being sung by him with a fabulous choir of angels in the background. Memory Blessings! 🙏🕊️



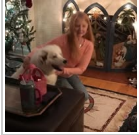
Linda Puig - February 07, 2018 at 09:09 PM



“ 55 files added to the album Life Tributes



Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services - February 07, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ I worked with Jim at the VA Outpatient Clinic. You could not ask for any better person to work beside each day. He was a true friend and I loved him dearly. Condolences and prayers for his family and friends. RIP dear friend, Love, Frankie Borders.

Frankie Akers - February 07, 2018 at 07:11 PM

DR

“ I never forget the good times we had at Band Camp he was a good man and Karen I want to thank you and this is for Jim to for being so good to my son Jim was love by a lot of people and to Karen Susan Mike my prayers goes out to all of you I love you all I so sorry for your loss love Darlene Risner



Darlene Risner - February 07, 2018 at 06:47 PM

JW

“ A good man.

james williams - February 07, 2018 at 05:50 PM

PP

“ We loved Jim so much and enjoyed his wonderful singing of hymns! Our hearts and prayers are with you. Love you all, Bromley and Pat Patton

Pat Patton - February 06, 2018 at 02:06 PM