



James Hamilton Martin

July 1, 1950 - February 6, 2014

James Hamilton Martin, age 63 of Ottumwa, died February 6, 2014, at his home.

He was born July 1, 1950, in Ottumwa to Jack M. and Janet O. Wilson Martin. He married Roberta "Bobbi" Washington on October 23, 2011.

A graduate of Moravia High School, Jim served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and medic, and was later honorably discharged.

Jim worked as a Christian mentor throughout his lifetime, giving all glory to God. He enjoyed his family, talking with people and participating in community activities and his grandchildren. He loved his whole blended family and called Ottumwa the best city in the world. He enjoyed working with his son, Lester, at Southern Iowa Baseball and with his wife, Bobbi and daughter, Stephanie with Christian Mentoring through Kha'Mee Leons, Christian Mentoring for Girls and Young Women. He will be so lovingly missed by many.

Surviving is his wife, Roberta "Bobbi" Washington Martin; daughter, Jenny Martin of Tulsa, OK; son, Jeffrey (Lesley) Martin of Tulsa, OK; three step-sons, Cordell (Amanda) Martin of Oskaloosa, Lester (Leslie) Washington of Ottumwa, Travis (Dela Rhonda) Washington of Houston, TX; step-daughter, Stephanie Washington of Ottumwa; his mother, Janet Martin of Centerville; two brothers, Jack (Cheryl) Martin of Bethany, OK and Matthew (Jennifer) Martin of Indianola. James is also survived by special family, Lesvis, Henry, Angel, Cristel, and Lesley all of Ottumwa; and all families and grandchildren whose lives he touched.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Martin; a sister, Marion Martin and a brother, Butch Martin.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose. Cremation will follow services and inurnment will be in Unionville Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be 9-11 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2014, at Tharp Funeral Home, with James' family present.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to his family.

Comments



“ May your next journey be filled with Love & Peace, Jim. As my siblings, Sean & Sue said, I have great memories of visiting you & the family at the farm & staying with the family in Unionville. All of our parents taught us the power of love & the family, which is so evident in our adult lives. My heartfelt wishes for the family to not be saddened but rather to be grateful for the wonderful memories of such a warm close time with you. I love you all.
-Julia

Julia (Martin) Lange - Omaha, NE - cousin - February 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart is saddened by Jim's passing. To Jim's family, siblings, and mother, I send my love and prayers that God will help you get through this difficult time. You all gave me so much joy and love when we would come visit at the farm and in Unionville. Those happy memories with you and Jim will always be a part of me. I am blessed to have you in my life.

Sean Martin - Omaha, NE - cousin - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I miss you dad. And no matter what you said when you were still with us, you were a great dad and you were always there when I really needed you. I just wish I had been able to be there for you more.

Jeffery Martin - Tulsa, OK - Son - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in peace.

WILLA MARIA KLAMPE CARRILLO - Des Moines, IA - sister-in-law - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Saddened by the early passing of Jim. I have fond memories of sitting by Jim at many classes at Moravia High. He always seem to have half hMMis life carried with him at one time, and almost as many books as our small library stocked. Wonderful memories!

M J Mullins - scyool friend - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ What a nice picture of Jim. Sounds like his recent friend has been nice. I have always thought Jim was very intelligent. I remember on the bus going to Moravia school he was always readying science fiction. I also think Jim helped his Aunt Betty a lot.

Mary Jo Helgerson - Cousin - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Travis ,Delarhonda, and Tralonda would like to send our condolences after hearing of Daddy Jims' passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mom through this difficult time. Daddy Jim was a very loving and caring person who loved his wife Roberta and family very much. He will be missed dearly.
The Washingtons
"His glory is great in our salvation: we honor God thy majesty in his presence with thy love laid upon us"
Psalms 21:5

Travis Washington - stepson - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Janet and family,

We were so sad to hear of Jim's passing and regret that we cannot attend the funeral. Please know our love, care, sympathy, and prayers go out to all of you.

I have so many wonderful memories of visiting Unionville and the farm growing up. So much of the best part of me comes from those years!

Again, our deepest sympathy to you all,

Love,
Sue and Tom

Susan and Thomas Wilde - Omaha, NE - cousin - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM