



William John Martin

November 6, 1931 - March 13, 2019

William John Martin, age 87 of Columbus died Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. Born November 6, 1931 to the late Robert R. and Ethel G. Mason Martin. Mr. Martin worked at Union Cemetery for 17 ½ years before joining the staff of Rutherford Funeral Home where he was a valued member for over 55 years. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by: brother, Robert L. Martin; sister and brother-in-law, Betty L. (Harry) Kragle; and his dear niece, Jean Ann Reynolds. He survived by nieces & nephews, Sherrill Harnish, Ralph (Francy) Kragle, George (Janice Thompson) Kragle, and Judy (Ken) Elliott; many great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends. William was a member of Worthington Christian Church and a former member of Indianola Church of Christ. He loved sports, especially the Ohio State Buckeyes. Funeral Service will be held at 3:00 pm Sunday, March 24, 2019 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 2383 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43202 where friends may call from 1:00 to 3:00 pm prior to the service. Graveside Service: 11:00 am Monday at Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to: Arthritis Foundation, 3740 Ridge Mill Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home-University
2383 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 299-1153
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

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Graveside Service

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William John Martin*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Billy was good friend. He was always willing to help you in any way he could. If you wanted to know anything about Ohio State sports just ask him. He will be missed around 2383 .*

Major N. Crispin

Major N. Crispin - March 21, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ *I knew Billy for many many years, in fact we grew up together. We played basketball, baseball, and touch football every evening after work. We also had a stock car (The BBJ) which meant Bob Bill & Jack. We raced it at Powell Motor Speedway. Billy never changed through out the years a really nice guy. We always received a Christmas card from him every year always signed in the bottom right hand corner (Billy). He will be sadly missed.*

Bob and Linda McCague

Bob McCague - March 18, 2019 at 01:19 PM



I remember Uncle Billy sharing pictures of the BBJ with us when he was in Corning. We always laughed, rechristening the car “Big Bunch of Junk.” When Billy visited during the summer months we used to go to the Chemung Race Track to watch the Saturday night auto races. Occasionally we’d go to the track at Watkins Glen, NY For the races.

Ralph Kragle - April 03, 2019 at 06:18 PM

JA

“ Billy, I am so sorry you have departed this world but I was so proud to call you a loving member of my family. Frye wrote 'Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain.' I hope that now you are at peace, free from pain, young again and your spirit is one with the world. I will miss you greatly and know that your presence in my life was extraordinarily special.



Jackie Appel - March 17, 2019 at 09:32 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William John Martin.



March 17, 2019 at 09:26 AM

KC

“ Billy was a dear man that we met while attending Indianola. Even after we moved to Florida in 2010, we kept in touch with him and were blessed to have known him. Rejoice for he is with our Lord.

Kathy Cookman - March 15, 2019 at 01:39 AM

BE

“ I remember Billy coming into the FCCO to pick up death certificates. He was such a sweet gentle soul. Prayers for his family and friends.

Barb Earles - March 14, 2019 at 09:43 AM

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“ *Barb Earles lit a candle in memory of William
John Martin*



Barb Earles - March 14, 2019 at 09:41 AM