



Mr. G.A. "Papa" Martin

February 18, 1929 - June 2, 2013

Funeral services for Mr. G.A. "Papa" Martin, 84, of Henderson, will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel with Billy Paul Cain, Bobby Spencer, and David Bridges officiating. Interment will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home of Henderson.

The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m., Monday, June 3 at the funeral home.

G.A. was born Feb. 18, 1929 in New Salem, TX to Stephen Andrew Martin and Ollie Mae Lunsford Martin. He died of heart complications on June 2, 2013. He lived most of his life in Rusk County, Mt. Enterprise, and Henderson. He served in the US Air Force in Zama, Japan at Yokota Air Force Base during the Korean War. He also served in the 3700th Air Police Squad as Sergeant from 1948-1951. G.A. received the Occupational Medal, Japan Clasp, Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. After receiving the "Truman Hitch," he re-enlisted. In Dec. 1951, he returned to the states and was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio as a Criminal Investigator.

G.A., being from a musical family, entertained his fellow soldiers on the ship enroute to Japan during the Korean War. He had the honor and privilege to

guard and drive USO entertainers Bob Hope and Jimmy Wakley around base, as well as Joe Lewis, the ex-heavy weight boxing champion.

Mr. Martin was an accomplished horseman, and participated in many local rodeos. He rode in many trail rides, always including his children whom he took everywhere he went. He was a lifetime member of the Kotoron Judo College in Tokyo, and was a Black Belt recipient. He was a 32 degree Mason, Lodge No. 1378, Mt. Enterprise, a Shriner, and belonged to Henderson VFW Post 8535. G.A. received a business degree at Nacogdoches Business College, and was a distributor Manager for B & M Oil Company, Signal Oil Co., Gulf Oil Co., and MCS Fuel. He retired in 1991.

He was preceded in death by: his son, Jerry Andrew Martin, sister, Imogene Strong; granddaughter-in-law, Ashlea Martin; and parents, Stephen Andrew and Ollie Mae (Lunsford) Martin.

Survivors include: wife of 21 years, Dorothy (White) Martin; children, Brenda Spencer and husband Bobby, and Debra Bridges and husband David; Fred White of Deer Park, Cindy Hays and husband Johnny of Marshall, and Charlene Ham and husband Mike of Henderson; sister, Andrea Walker and husband Thomas of Mt. Enterprise; grandchildren, Robert Spencer and wife Magan, Brad Spencer and wife Jodi, Ashley Wright and fiance Caleb Kilby, Stephen Martin and wife Jolene, Stephanie Folley and husband Troy; grandchildren, Jennifer Randazzo of Deer Park, Jeremy White of Austin, Lesley Hays and husband Chris Lynch, CJ Hays of Marshall, and Jared Ham of Austin; nine great-grandchildren, and loving nieces and nephews.

G.A. was known by his family as "Papa." He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He leaves a legacy of love to his family and friends.

Pallbearers are his grandsons, Robert Spencer, Brad Spencer, Stephen

Martin, Jared Ham, CJ Hays, and Jeremy White. Honorary pallbearers are Thomas Walker, Peyton Evans, Norris Hudgins, Pat Murphy, and the Masonic Brothers from Mt. Enterprise.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Angel Care Hospice, 209 Hwy 79 N, Ste. 102, Henderson, Tx., 75652; or Henderson Metro Church, PO Box 422, Henderson, Tx, 75653.

Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Grove

Previous Events

Service

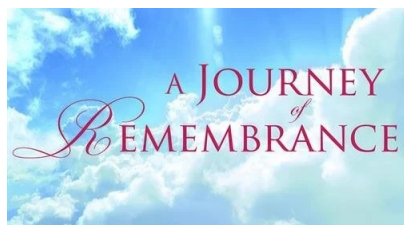
JUN 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. G.A. "Papa" Martin



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ To the family of Junior Martin, I was so sorry to hear of his passing and I know this is a great loss to the Martin family. He always loved his family, and talked about Brenda, Debra, and Jerry and it made me feel as though I knew them personally. He was a great American and loved his country as well as being a great story teller. I will remember him with a smile as he always kept me laughing with his stories, and I often tried to repeat them, but without much luck. Dorothy, I know the last 21 years was filled with lots of love and joy and you will miss him very much. Having worked with him in the late 80's, he left a lasting impression on me and I will always treasure my memories of him. Love and prayers to the Martin family. Liz Nations Natchez, Ms

Liz Nations - June 06, 2013 at 05:09 PM

FD

“ To Robert and Magan so sorry to hear you lost. I am sure he will be truly missed. Our prayers are with you and your family.

FRANK, DCOL - June 04, 2013 at 11:36 AM

DS

“ So Sorry to hear of Juniors' passing, it will surely leave a huge void in this world. He was such a interesting and entertaining man. I know the family will be sad at this time, but I do know happy memories will come sooner than you think and you will always have him in your Hearts. I will always remember his smile. May God Bless You All.

Donna Boatwright Saffell

Donna Boatwright Saffell - June 03, 2013 at 01:34 PM

PP

“ 'Baby- sister', we are sorry for your loss. I know that the last year has been really hard for all of your family. Just know that you are in our prayers and heart. Tomorrow is Preston's Graduation from second grade. We will come for a visit soon. We love you, Phyllis and Kent.

Phyllis & Kent Purdy - June 03, 2013 at 11:04 AM

MP

“ Dorothy, I am so sorry to hear about Junior's passing. As you know I have know him over 55 years and you for years and years. Dorothy, know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hope to see you soon...Love, Marie

Marie Pierson - June 03, 2013 at 06:47 AM

PL

“ Ms. Martin

I am so sorry for your loss of Mr Martin. You are in our prayers.

Paulette and Marie Lee

Paulette Lee - June 03, 2013 at 06:44 AM