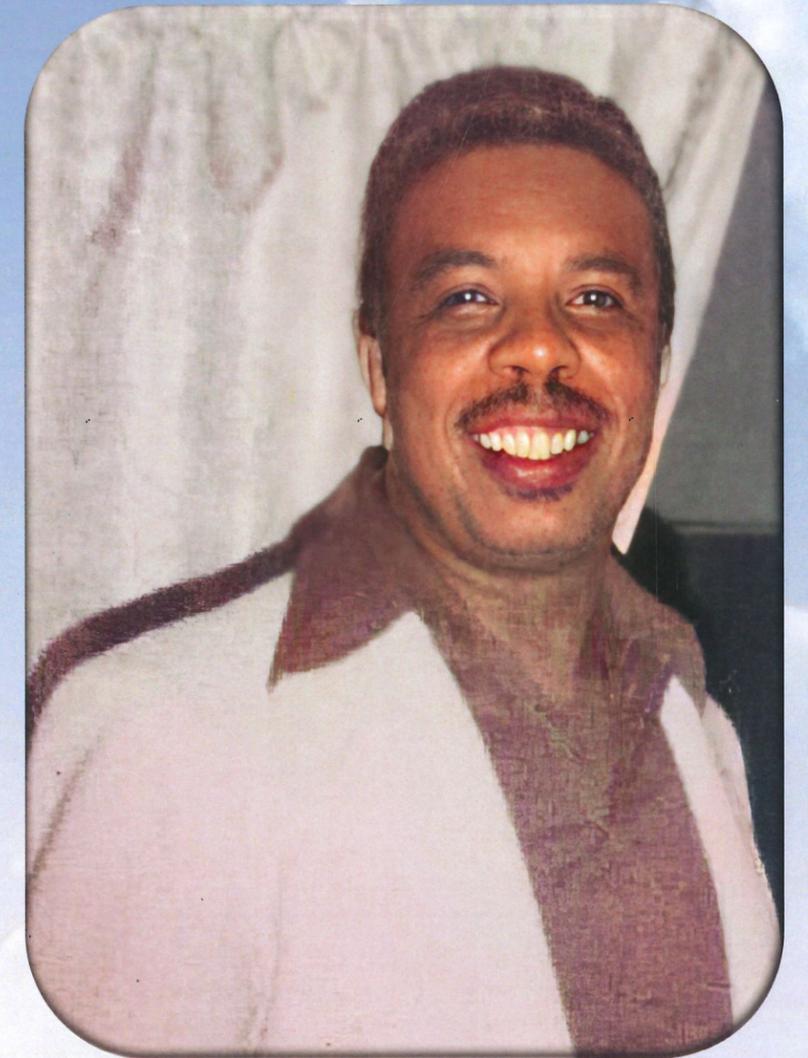


MAY THE WORK I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME...

☞ CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR OUR BELOVED ☞

Joseph "Joe" Martin, Jr.

SUNRISE: September 28, 1939 ☞ SUNSET: October 7, 2023



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

WAKE: 11:30AM ☞ FUNERAL: 12:00PM

In the Chapel of

JOSEPH H. BROWN, JR. FUNERAL HOME

2040 N. Fulton Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Reverend Walter J. Demick, III, Officiating

OBITUARY

"Whatever you do, be the best at what you do!"



It's a sunny and 76°F in Baltimore, Maryland during the day and 59°F set in that night. In the year of 1939, September 28th, Joseph Martin, Sr., and Alice Patterson welcomed Joseph Martin, Jr. into this wonderful world.

Depending on your relationship with Joseph, Jr., you either called him **JOE**, Dad, Uncle Joe, Daddy Joe, or Sonny. Joe grew up in the streets of Cherry Hill. The elders instilled Joe's spiritual journey. As a young person, he made a profession of Christian faith and was baptized. He was a member of The Fountain Baptist Church alongside his grandparents. His faith was strong in the Baptist community, and he loved the teachings of Christ. He was a principled man of integrity always in search of the truth. In his final years, he was deeply grounded in his faith, and he came full circle in his beliefs and recommitted himself to Christ.

While living in Baltimore, Maryland Joe attended the famous Dunbar High School. Joe practiced what he preached. He lived by his own mantra, "Whatever you do, be the best at what you do!" After realizing his career path, Joe transferred schools. Joe was honored to have attended The Historical St. Emma Academy in Virginia as a cadet at an all-male school for Blacks. Joe was featured in The Baltimore Afro-American on June 18, 1957, as a Sergeant. He was the tallest in his class and the first person you noticed. He was on the top row and smack in the center. St. Emma's Academy was established on land that was a former plantation in 1899. The new owners were dedicated to educating Blacks, as well as Native Americans. CBS news once stated in a feature story that the military academy was responsible for taking over 10,000 Black boys from the generational curse of slavery to empowerment. Joe was and forever will be a part of Black History.

After graduating from St. Emma Academy, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1960. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal twice during his tenure. After serving valiantly for six years, he was honorably discharged in 1966. He was blessed to avoid the Vietnam war, and his family was spared the stress of worry about having their loved one serving in that war. Joe's military training shaped a disciplined and dedicated man who went on to work for American Smelting at Sparrows' Point, The Coca Cola Company and The United States Post Office. Joe was strong willed and had an enormous heart, topped with a wonderful sense of humor. He was generous, loyal, and brave. He was clever and full to the brim with knowledge gained through all of his life experiences: US Marine, Laborer, Truck driver, and Postman.

Joe loved cars and took pride in all that he owned. The Cadillac was his favorite car. He liked the Baltimore Ravens, but he loved the San Francisco 49ers. He enjoyed watching football. Joe also enjoyed watching the Baltimore Orioles, but once his grandson Marcus developed a love for baseball, the Orioles games had to take a backseat to a chance to watch Marcus playing baseball.

Joe loved to have fun. He was funny and sociable back in his youth, loving his suits and overcoat. Joe lived in an era where, going to a cabaret was the norm. Having manners and holding doors were expected.

After being introduced by friends, Geraldine "Jerri" Gore and Joe started a courtship. They later married combining and increasing their family. Joe did not

know the impact that having children would have on his life and being a father turned out to be one of Joe's greatest accomplishments. He was the BEST dad. His relationship with his children was special. They all recall that they could talk about anything with him. He was not judgmental. He was always uplifting. "You could tell him anything and it would never surface amongst the family; your information was top secret with him!" Even as grownups, his children still referred to him as a superhero. He was there for them through their highs and lows and instilled in them the value of savoring each moment that comes along. Being a positive force in all his children's lives allowed him to count himself as fortunate. He loved adventure and a good time. His children would find themselves on outing with their dad. He would often take them to the bowling alley with him and to the movies. He was an avid bowler, known to bowl several days of the week. Joe always wanted his children to know his side of the family. This meant often traveling to South Carolina annually in August to see the family. He enjoyed going to Cross Street Market with the family to pick up a shrimp salad sub and to Lexington Market to eat raw oysters. He loved to indulge in coconut custard pie, chocolate eclairs donuts and an ice-cold coke.

On October 7, 2023, at 12:30 pm, Joseph Jr., "Joe" heard his Heavenly father's voice saying, "Joseph, it is an honor to give you this reward for a job well done!" Happy and rejoicing, Joseph Martin, Sr., and Alice Patterson (Parents) smiled while watching their son make the transition from Franklin Square Hospital into the Kingdom of Eternal Life. His stepfather, Nine Patterson, is smiling with his wife, Alice Patterson, as Joe accepted the roll call. His sister, Arlene Wilkins, is smiling saying, "Finally, Well Done!"



He extends his legacy of love to: His children, Jada Markland, (Twins) Erik and Enger Martin, Darrin Martin, Jamal Martin, James Smith, Tyrone "Maurice" Gore and Zachary Gore; sixteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins are also charged to carry out his legacy. His many friends will continue to tell great stories of their many memories. Now remember... "Whatever you do, do it well!"

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

"You've Made Us Who We Are"

*Life has had its ups and downs, it's ebbs and flows,
But your strength and wisdom always guided us through.
Your laughter and joy always helped us take one more step.
Your hard work and kindness inspired us to be who we are today.
As your children, we can never thank you enough*

*for living a life of honor and respect.
We love you and miss you, Dad.*

Lovingly Submitted, Your Children



"My Best Friend"

*"I remember we used laugh it up all the time every time,
I'm going to miss you. Life won't be the same."*

Always In My Heart, Your Grandson

ORDER OF SERVICE

"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

-Nehemiah 8:10

THE FAMILY PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN.....*"Pass Me Not"*

SCRIPTURE READING.....*Shelia Goodlett*

The Old Testament.....Psalm 23

The New Testament.....St. John 14: 1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTION.....*Kimberly Short*

REMARKS AND REFLECTIONS (*Two Minutes Please*)

OBITUARY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....*Gwendolyn Brice*

MUSICAL SELECTION.....*Michael Lewis*

EULOGY.....*Pastor Walter L. Parrish, III*

FUNERAL DIRECTORS REMARKS

BENEDICTION.....*Pastor Walter L. Parrish, III*

RECESSIONAL



*The family will continue to take solace in (Romans 12: 12)
"Rejoice in the Hope, Endure under Tribulation, Persevere in Prayer."
We hope that this scripture may be a source of comfort for all of you.*



"Safely Home"



Although things have changed
 Over the many years;
 I just wanted the world to know
 I have happy tears.
 The pain and suffering you endured
 is now no more;
 I will see you one day
 at that golden door.
 SEE YOU IN HEAVEN...
 LOVE, JERRI

PALL BEARERS
 Family and Friends

FLORAL BEARERS
 Family and Friends

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

The family acknowledges with grateful appreciation your prayers, visits, phone calls, e-messages, flowers and other acts of kindness extended during our beloved "Joe" illness and in our time of bereavement. May God bless and forever keep you all in His perfect peace.

INTERMENT

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery
 11501 Garrison Forest Road
 Owings Mills, Maryland 21117
Immediately following the Service

REPAST

Fellowship Hall of Northside Baptist Church
 1100 East Northern Parkway
 Baltimore, Maryland 21239



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