



# Mr. Gerald Martin

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**F**uneral service for Mr. Gerald Curtis Martin, 88, of Hackneyville, AL, will be Sunday, June 29, 2025, at 2:00 pm at the Chapel of Radney Funeral Home. Randy Anderson and the Rev. Ray Weaver will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hackneyville Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Radney Funeral Home.

Mr. Martin, a beacon of kindness and a man of deep faith, passed away peacefully on June 25, 2025. Born on January 11, 1937, Mr. Martin lived a life characterized by love, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to his Christian values. His warm presence and generous spirit left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew him.

His journey through life was shared with his devoted wife and best friend of 66 years, Martha Lessley Martin, of Hackneyville. Together, they nurtured a family that includes their son, Gerad Martin and his wife, Stacey, of Alexander City; their daughters, Lisa Miller and her husband, Mike, of Prattville; and Robin Schwab and her husband, Richard, of Fort Myers, FL. Mr. Martin's legacy of love continues through his five cherished grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, who will carry forward the wisdom and joy he imparted.

Mr. Martin was a beloved brother to Charles Lynn Martin of Hackneyville. He was preceded in death by his father, George Curtis Martin, his mother, Mildred Inez Martin, his brother Billy Wayne Martin, and his sister Carol Jean Martin. Each family member played a significant role in his life, providing him with moments of laughter, support, and shared memories that formed the tapestry of his rich family life.

Throughout his life, Mr. Martin was an embodiment of loving kindness. His actions, guided by his faith, were a testament to his character. A man who led by example, Mr. Martin's approach to life's challenges was always with a gentle grace and unwavering positivity. His faith-filled nature was evident in his everyday interactions and his commitment to his church, Liberty Methodist Church, where he actively served with humility and joy.



Mr. Martin's professional life was marked by the same level of dedication and excellence that he brought to his personal endeavors. His colleagues and former students respected him for his integrity and fairness.

He earned his B.S. degree in Education from Auburn University, and a Masters of Education and a Specialist in Education degree from West Georgia College in Carrollton, GA. Mr. Martin served successively as a social studies teacher with the Cobb County Board of Education at Kennesaw School in Kennesaw, GA, and Bernard Awtrey Junior High (1960-70) in Acworth, GA. While at Awtrey, he was the head coach for the girls' basketball team. He was an assistant principal at East Cobb Middle School in Marietta, GA (1970-75), followed by service as a social studies teacher at Goodwater High School in Goodwater (1975-77), and Hackneyville High School in Hackneyville (1977-1992). In 1992, he joined the faculty at Horseshoe Bend High School in New Site. He retired from Horseshoe Bend High School in 1998, following a distinguished career in education, which spanned 38 years.

As an educator, Mr. Martin positively impacted thousands of young minds, and that influence is still evident today. Education and knowledge were very important to Mr. Martin. He worked very hard throughout his life, demonstrating determination and perseverance in the face of challenges, while making significant sacrifices for himself and his family.

His retirement years were spent enjoying the simple pleasures of life: traveling with his wife, the company of his family, the beauty of nature, and the quiet moments that allow for reflection and gratitude.

As we bid farewell to Mr. Gerald Martin, we are reminded of the impact one life can have on so many. His was a life well-lived, full of purpose and imbued with a sense of service to others. Mr. Martin's memory will be treasured, his lessons will remain with us, and his spirit will continue to guide us. We take solace in the knowledge that his was a life that truly made a difference.

The Martin family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all who have shared in Mr. Martin's life. His story does not end with his passing, for his influence will continue to be felt, and his love will forever be a guiding light for his family and friends. Mr. Martin's journey on earth was a testament to the beauty of a life grounded in love and faith.



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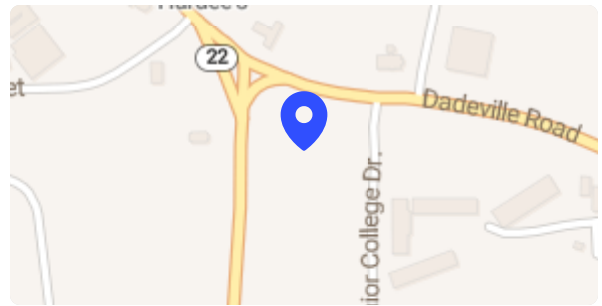
The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the management and staff of Chapman Healthcare Center in Alexander City for the compassionate care for their loved one, as well as the devotion and support they showed to the Martin family.

Radney Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gerald Curtis Martin.



Visitation

- Saturday**, June 28, 2025
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- Radney Funeral Home**  
1326 Dadeville Rd, Alexander City AL 35010



Funeral Service

- Sunday**, June 29, 2025
- 2:00 PM CT
- Chapel of Radney Funeral Home**  
1326 Dadeville Rd, Alexander City AL 35010



Cemetery Details

- Hackneyville Cemetery**  
Alexander City AL





**Jill Gamble** posted:

Mr.Martin taught me history for many years at Hackneyville and Horseshoe Bend High School. He was an excellent teacher and always made an impression on me. Your family is in my prayers.

July 1 at 5:19 PM



**G Martin** lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

Rest in peace dad love you

June 29 at 7:25 PM



**Melinda Barnett** lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

June 29 at 3:34 PM



**Angela Busby** lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

June 29 at 10:36 AM



**Linda May** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Martin family.

June 29 at 5:28 AM



**Victor Wyatt** posted:

Lisa Miller,Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and friends at this time! It is never easy to lose a loved one regardless of the circumstances. May you have peace and comfort at this time!Victor and Kathy Wyatt

June 28 at 5:21 PM



**Terry Yates** lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

June 28 at 12:53 PM



**Jan And Johnny Campbell** lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of Mr.Gerald. Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. May God turn your time of darkness into light again, and may He stay by your side during this difficult time. We are lifting you all up in prayer. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted". Matthew 5:4 Jan and Johnny Campbell

June 27 at 10:05 PM



**Anna Bradford Machen** posted:

I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Martin. He was a remarkable teacher who had a lasting impact on so many students. Mr. Martin was a truly inspiring teacher who made a real difference in my life, and who personally fostered my life long love of History, especially American History. To his family, my heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

June 27 at 6:01 PM



**Patty Vanderwal** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Martin family.

June 27 at 10:41 AM



**Barnes, Schawb, Eubanks, Pekas Families** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Martin family.

June 27 at 8:36 AM





RF

**Rodriguez Family** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Martin family.

June 27 at 7:41 AM



MD

**Michael & Karon Dugger** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Martin family.

June 27 at 7:35 AM



LU

**Love, Riviera Utilities** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gerald.

June 27 at 5:50 AM



LU

**Love, Riviera Utilities** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Martin family.

June 27 at 5:50 AM



YF

**Your Edaa Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gerald.

June 27 at 2:55 AM



YF

**Your Edaa Family** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Martin family.

June 27 at 2:55 AM





**Lyman Miller** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Martin family.

June 26 at 4:25 PM



**Lyman Miller** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gerald.

June 26 at 4:25 PM



**Joe Neighbors** lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

June 26 at 1:25 PM



**Enda Catrett** posted:

So sorry for your loss.

June 26 at 12:27 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gerald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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