



Rudolph Martin

October 30, 1932 - July 19, 2015

Rudolph Martin was born in Richland County in October 1932 to James and Clotell Geiger Martin. He was the oldest of seven children: Nathan (deceased), Betty Jean, Bobbie Ann, Johnny, Allen (deceased) and Albert, and he died at age 82.

Rudolph graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1953 and earned a B.A. degree in Physical Education in 1961. He served active duty in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955 in Ft. Eustis, Virginia, and after being honorably discharged, he served in the Army National Guard for 20 years, rising to the rank of Sergeant Major. He also served in the South Carolina State Guard where he was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2, then Captain of Vehicle Maintenance, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

A committed educator, Rudolph taught auto mechanics in Edgefield and Union before joining the faculty in Richland School District One in 1967. He taught for 19 years and retired from Columbia High School in 1986. Rudolph served as a Deacon at Gill Creek Baptist Church and was a dedicated member of the Omicron Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Greenview Men's Club.

Rudolph was married to the late Lillian Holley for 49 years, and he is survived

by his children Vincient and Michelle, grandchildren Taneshia, Domonique and Amelia, and great-grandchildren DaMonté, DeAndré, Rheayanna, and Dai'jon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Rudolph Martin to the Lillian Holley Martin Travel Endowment with the Girl Scouts South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands, an endowment that helps to fund Girl Scout travel. Send donations to: GSSC-MM Columbia Service Center, 130 Pinnacle Point Court, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29223.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 am Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Gill Creek Baptist Church, 2116 Cushman Drive, burial to follow in Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation and Omega Service will be held 6:00 pm Friday, July 24, 2014 at Palmer Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens

Columbia, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Rudolph Martin*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *OGRETTA PEEPLES lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Martin*



OGRETTA PEEPLES - July 26, 2015 at 02:17 PM



“ *Karyn Fain-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Martin*



Karyn Fain-Johnson - July 25, 2015 at 08:47 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Martin family. May God continue to keep you in his care. I too will continue to pray with you and for you. Mr. Martin was great influence in so many lives.*

Harriett (Harrell) Roach - July 24, 2015 at 09:24 PM

SJ

“ Dear Michelle and Family,
Rudy was my favorite Disaster volunteer at the American Red Cross. Rudy was the first on the front line always willing to help others in need and gave so much. Rudy was such a sweet, gentle Man and I adored him. I'll never forget him.
My sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Sharon James-Hilyer
American Red Cross (1980-2011)
(Health & Safety Services)

Sharon James-Hilyer - July 24, 2015 at 07:32 PM

TB

“ You will be deeply missed...Pastor T.d.Brown

thomas brown - July 24, 2015 at 02:26 PM

MS

“ Martha Suber-Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Martin



Martha Suber-Eubanks - July 22, 2015 at 12:06 PM

FD

“ Frederick And Tonian Davis lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Martin



Frederick and Tonian Davis - July 22, 2015 at 11:57 AM

FD

Prayers are with your family!

Frederick and Tonian Davis - July 22, 2015 at 11:57 AM

RS

“ ROOSEVELT SAMUEL *lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Martin*



ROOSEVELT SAMUEL - July 21, 2015 at 11:55 PM

RS

“ MAY GOD *Continue To Bless Your Family*



ROOSEVELT SAMUEL - July 21, 2015 at 11:49 PM