



Joseph Perry Martin

September 22, 1949 - October 5, 2020

Joseph Perry Martin, known to those who loved him as Joe, passed away Monday, October 5, 2020. Joe was a life-long resident of the state of Alabama, spending his childhood in Inglenook and most of his adult life in Gardendale and Mt. Olive. Joe spent his entire working years as a switchman at L&N and CSX Railroads except while dutifully serving his country in the U.S. Navy. After retirement, Joe also worked at Simmons Sporting Goods doing one of the things he loved most, talking about guns. Joe loved to joke and was rarely known to be without a witty remark that always brought a smile to the faces of those he knew. Joe was preceded in death by his beloved parents, William and Patricia Martin and his beloved Aunt and Uncle, Dot and Dude Jones. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Debbie Martin and his son, Matt Martin. His family, friends, and others whose life he touched will dearly miss him.

Funeral Services for Mr. Martin will be held in the chapel at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm, with visitation two hours prior to the service, from 5 – 7 pm. A Graveside Service will be held at Oakwood Memorial Gardens on Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am Joe's sister, Janice Lynn Martin Fargason Bowlen. Joe and I were, sadly, estranged for the last 15 years of his life. However, from a young child, Joe was that older brother that a little sister idolizes. He was my hero for much of my adult life - strong, wise, and highly intelligent with a natural bent towards making right, honorable decisions. And he could make me laugh more quickly than anyone. I loved him dearly.

I thank God for His scripture that says, 'For now we see through a glass darkly, but then, face to face'. All the misunderstandings and painful things we do here add to that dark glass that hides us from each other.

But then, but there, the human nature with all it's sin has been shed - left behind - and we will see each other sin-free and incapable of unforgiveness. I long for the day Joe and I will laugh and love like we did as kids. Until then, my brother, I love you.

Janice Bowlen - April 16, 2022 at 02:06 PM