



Bobby Wayne Martin

May 21, 1940 - January 10, 2025

Bobby Wayne Martin, affectionately known as "Coach," passed away peacefully at his home on January 10, 2025. Born May 21, 1940, in Albertville, Alabama, he was the beloved son of Eunice C. Martin and Robert Lyman Martin.

A proud member and athlete of the Albertville High School's Class of 1958, Bobby began his journey of service and dedication early in life. From 1958 to 1964, he served his country with honor in the United States Army. Following his military service, Bobby pursued higher education at Sneed State Community College and Jacksonville State University, earning his degree in 1968. During his college years, he continued playing baseball and began what would become a lifelong passion for coaching by mentoring Little League teams.

Bobby devoted his professional career to education and mentorship as a high school teacher and coach in Cobb County and Fulton County Schools in Georgia. His commitment to shaping young minds and fostering athletic talent left an indelible mark on countless students and athletes. Whether in the classroom or on the field, Bobby's enthusiasm for teaching and coaching was unmatched, and he took great pride in helping others reach their potential. Among his many roles, he was especially fond of teaching Driver's Education, where his vibrant spirit shone brightly.

After retiring from Fulton County Schools, Bobby embraced a fulfilling retirement that reflected his industrious nature and love for learning. He taught

himself how to install lawn sprinklers—a pursuit he enjoyed until his "old knees" encouraged him to explore other hobbies. He developed a passion for old Dodge Trucks and began collecting and restoring them. His final restoration, The Lil Red Express, sits proudly in his basement garage. He then turned to woodworking and carving, crafting beautiful pieces that he shared with family and friends. Ever the teacher, Bobby passed along his woodworking skills to his grandson Jordan, ensuring that his love for the craft would continue through future generations.

Later in life, Bobby developed a passion for genealogy and social media. Through Facebook, he delighted in reconnecting with former friends and students, cherishing the opportunity to stay connected with those whose lives he had touched over the years.

Bobby was a Christian, a somewhat quiet man, who "Walked the Walk of God" every day.

Bobby will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his wife and home, his boundless energy, and the positive influence he had on so many lives. His legacy as a dedicated husband, mentor, coach, and friend will live on through the countless individuals who were fortunate enough to know him.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Eunice C. Martin and Robert Lyman Martin and a sister Belinda Martin Brennan.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years, Sue; children Debby (Greg) Smith of Powder Springs, Georgia; Sheila (Larry) Hinderliter of Dunnellon, Florida; and Scott L. Martin of Senoia, Georgia; sister Beverly (Mike) Edwards; nephew Sid (Cindy) Theus; nieces Dawn (Barry) Peeples and Shannon Theus; cousins Connie Baird Jenkins (Charles), Kathy Baird Bearden, and Jatavia (Terry) Taylor; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nine great-nieces and nephews; and the many former students and athletes who held a very special place in his heart.

May Bobby's memory bring comfort to all who knew him and serve as an enduring reminder of a life well lived.

The family will receive friends at Flanigan Funeral Home, Buford, GA on

Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Flowers are appreciated or donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Bobby Wayne Martin.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Tribute Wall

WT

“ I recall a time during a B-team game at Feldwood High School, when I was tackled from behind fell on the ball, and knocked the wind out of my lungs. I don't know if any of you have ever experienced that but I thought I was going to die. Coach Martin came onto the field and pulled me up by my pants while I laid on my back and told me to breathe. I finished that game with multiple TDs .

Thanks Coach, RIP

WAYNE b TATE - January 18, 2025 at 10:00 PM

WT

“ WAYNE b TATE lit a candle in memory of Bobby Martin



WAYNE b TATE - January 18, 2025 at 08:15 PM

HB

“ Rest in Paradise coach you will be missed❤️

Haven Brady - January 16, 2025 at 10:03 PM

RT

“ Coach Martin was special to our family, from the time we moved to East Point and my older brother Angelo "Chuck" Price began his Buccaneer football journey. He embraced us, and even allowed me and Franchot to become "Managers" (Waterboys). He was a good teacher and coach, but most of all Coach Martin was a Good Person! He was truly loved and appreciated by all of his students. Rest well Coach, we'll see you over there. Prayers of grace, peace and comfort to Mrs. Theus the family. Rev. Fleetwood Price, II, Th.D

Rev. Fleetwood Price, II, Th.D - January 15, 2025 at 11:51 AM

KM

“ My condolences to you and the family! Coach Martin was a great man!!! I really loved taking Drivers Ed with Coach. He would have us driving all around East Point! 🙏🙏🙏💔💔💔💔

Kimberly McDowell - January 14, 2025 at 10:49 PM

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“ Coach Martin taught me how to drive like I might get a secret service job someday. I still can hear his voice “accelerate in the curves and always look 3 cars in front of you “ 🤔

Cathy rivera - January 14, 2025 at 05:22 PM

JH

“ I spent alot of Time with Coach Martin when I was at Briarwood. From Driving Class, where he would go to sleep sometimes while i was driving. 😞. They he was my Wide receiver Coach, my defensive back coach and my Baseball coach, then on top of all of that, he lived up the street from me. I really Loved this guy, He was a Great father, husband and Grand Father. He will definitely be missed. Love you my Brother and God Willing, I'll see you on the other side. God bless

Johnathan Houston - January 14, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Bobby Wayne Martin.



January 14, 2025 at 03:31 PM