

Order of Service
Elder Curtis Squirewell, Presiding

Prelude -----Ms. Calanda Squirewell

Processional ----- Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Selection -----Bible Light Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament -----Deacon Billie Henderson

New Testament ----- Deacon Neco Green

Solo-----Mrs. Chandra R. Squirewell

Prayer of Comfort ----- Minister Bennie Mozie

Selection-----Bible Light Choir

Reflections -----

Fairfield High Alumni Class of 1967 Representative

Mr. Mike Belton

Mr. William Martin, Sr.

Deacon Vernon Kennedy, Sr.

Selection-----Bible Light Choir

Words of Comfort ----- Elder Curtis Squirewell

Selection-----Bible Light Choir

Recessional ----- Funeral Directors

Committal Rites and Presentation
Bible Light Holiness Church Cemetery

Repast and Fellowship
Carolina Event Center
1126 US Highway 321 Business South
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180
Immediately Following the Committal Rites

Floral Bearers

Class of 1967 and Nieces

Pall Bearers

Fairfield High School Alumni and Nephews

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Martin Family, we would like to thank everyone who consoled us during our bereavement. A special thank you for the flowers, food, cards, and acts of kindness you bestowed upon us. Your kindness will always be remembered with warm thoughts of gratitude. We ask that you continue to keep us in prayer. The Martin family would also like to extend special thanks to Elder Curtis Squirewell, Minister Bennie Mozie, and the entire Bible Light Holiness Church Family, Faculty and Staff of Fairfield Elementary School, Palmetto Baptist Hospital 2nd Floor ICU as well as the 8th Floor, Fairfield High School of 1967 and the Fairfield High School Alumni Association. We also extend as special thanks to Dr. Charles McElmurray and his staff of Martin Primary Health. We truly appreciate everyone who came out to help us celebrate the life of our loved one, Mr. Marion W. Martin Jr. May God bless you all.

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the Martin Family Tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me."
Remember the best times, the laughter, and the stories
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my legacy, I am depending on you.
Keep pressing on and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest, and the pain is gone.
Remembering all, how God has blessed me over the years.
Through it all, continue to follow the path, you will find the way.
Go on with your life, don't worry about me.
I miss you all dearly, so shine your light and hold up your head.
Until the day that we meet again.



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HOMEGOING
Celebration



Mr. Marion Wesley Martin, Jr.

August 17, 1949 – December 5, 2018

Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 1:00 P.M.
Bible Light Holiness Church
9590 State Highway 34 East
Ridgeway, SC 29130

Elder Curtis Squirewell, Pastor

Obituary

Mr. Marion Wesley Martin, Jr. departed his earthly life on December 5, 2018 at 8:48 p.m. at Palmetto Baptist Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina surrounded by his family. He was born August 17, 1949 and was the eldest son of the late Marion and Hattie Bell Squirewell Martin of the Simpson community.

Marion attended Fairfield High School and graduated in 1967. He began working in the landscaping business after graduating from high school. He was drafted to the United States Army in 1969. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and shortly thereafter completed his military service in Mannheim, Germany returning back home in 1971.

Marion was a charter member of Bible Light Holiness Church where he accepted the plan of salvation according to Acts 2:38 and Acts 2:4 and was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Ghost as a young man. He serves as a trustee and over the course of the years, Marion was known to be on time for Sunday school, served as a greeter at the door, took up the collection during Sunday school and back in the day rang the bell to dismiss the Sunday school classes back into the sanctuary. He also helped with baptisms by collecting the wet clothes and mopping up the water. Marion had a humble spirit and would do anything to help anyone.

While attending church before being stationed in Germany, he met the love of his life, Geraldine Edger Martin. They would write letters to one another and he mailed her engagement rings from Germany with her not knowing he had already asked for her hand in marriage from her father. They were married on April 27, 1973 in their living room in the house that he had built for her. To this union, a daughter Tammy Faith Martin and two sons, Jermain Wesley Martin and Blake Justin Martin were born.

Marion has worked in various occupations over the years and acquired many trades. In his early career, he worked with Nichol Brothers Inc. and traveled throughout the southeast installing tile in office buildings, industries and schools. He was a skilled ceramic tile installer and some of his work still exists in the greater Columbia area today. He also worked at several apartment complexes and Allen University as a maintenance technician between the years of 1980 and 1992. Most recently, Marion retired from Richland School District 2 after 25 years of service on June 30, 2018. He worked at Summit Parkway Middle School as a custodian and later became the second shift supervisor. One of the last highlights of his life was a surprise retirement party which “surprisingly” he knew nothing about.

He gave an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay. For this reason, Marion was known as “The Handy Man” and could fix almost anything. If anyone needed something done, they would call Mr. Martin. He was valuable to the school as well as local citizens because he had many trades. He also was a carpenter who was very good at math which he learned from his

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late father. He worked for himself part-time and completed various jobs to include hanging sheetrock, building room additions, replacing locks, etc. He also served as the handy man of the former Willow Springs Residential Care Facility.

His hobbies included hauling scrap metal, visiting the elderly, and just relaxing in his recliner spending quality time with his wife.

Marion was well known by many and never met a stranger. He had a witty sense of humor and was a historian. He had a daily fact about something and he could tell you almost anything that had happened in history or notable events in his everyday living. He would ask, “Do you know what happened today five years ago? And most would not, but Marion always had a fact to share. His memory was very keen and vivid. He always had some saying such as “You got everything”, “Slow that Mustang Down”, “Watch out for those Deer” and the most common “Stay out of Trouble”. He was a meek and humble person that believed in being on time, doing it right, and following the rules. His work ethic was strong and he was a unique person with a unique personality that made him the person he was.

Marion was a member of the South Carolina Foster Parent Association for many years and welcomed many children into his home who were in need. He was an avid supporter of the Fairfield High School Alumni Association Class of 1967 and attended his meetings faithfully. Recently, he was recognized at the Fairfield High Reunion for volunteering to put down the carpet in the newly renovated school. He was also a member of the American Legion.

He leaves to cherish his memories, wife of 45 years, Mrs. Geraldine Edger Martin; one daughter, Dr. Tammy Faith Martin of Blythewood, SC, two sons, Mr. Jermain Wesley Martin of Ridgeway, SC and Mr. Blake (Brittany) Justin Martin of Winnsboro, SC; three brothers, Mr. William (Linda) Martin, Sr. of Ridgeway, SC; Mr. David (Yvonne) Martin of Ridgeway, SC; Mr. Louis Martin of Winnsboro, SC; two sisters, Lillian (James) Boykin of Winnsboro, SC; and Brenda Hennie of Ridgeway, SC, two sisters-in-law, Margaret (Dale) Ulmer of Columbia, SC and Amanda Edger of Ridgeway, SC; one brother-in-law, James Squirewell of Ridgeway, SC; one aunt, Dorothy Squirewell of Washington, D.C.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, classmates, colleagues and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Amelia Prioleau Edger, brothers-in-law, Herman Edger and Andre Hennie, Sr., sisters-in-law, Gertrude Squirewell and Shirley Bowman as well a host of maternal and paternal aunts and uncles.

Memories

