



Carl Martin

June 9, 1955 - May 6, 2011

Bluefield, WV Carl A. Martin 55 of 2211 Fairfield Avenue Bluefield, WV died Friday May 6, 2011 at his residence. Born June 9, 1955 in Bluefield he was a son of the late Carl V. Martin, Jr. and Ann Horn Martin. A lifelong resident of Bluefield, Carl was a Deacon of Westminster Presbyterian Church and was a Field Sales Manager for the Beauty Systems Group. Carl attended West Virginia University, was former president of the Bluefield Jaycee's, a former member of Fincastle Country Club, and was an avid golfer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an aunt, Virginia Martin Wygal. Carl is survived by his wife Linda Saxton Martin, a daughter Elizabeth Allison Martin of Huntington, WV, sons: Cameron Hunter Martin of Myrtle Beach, SC and Austin Douglas Martin and his wife DeAnn of Pittsburgh, PA, a sister Suzanne Bovenizer and her husband Jerry of Bluefield, grandchildren; Patrick Martin and Baileigh Ann Martin. He is also survived by an Aunt Mattie Sue Shrewsbury of Bluefield, nieces; Michelle B. Clarkson and her husband Mark and Kimberly B. Taylor and her husband Curt, a nephew Todd S. Bovenizer and his wife Megan and several great nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends Tuesday May 10, 2011 at Mercer Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. ?" 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday May 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church with Rev. Tom Musselman officiating. In keeping with Carl's wishes, he will be cremated and interment in Monte Vista Park Cemetery will be at a later date. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to either Westminster

Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 1258 Bluefield, WV 24701 or to Bluefield Union Mission 2203 Bluefield Avenue Bluefield, WV 24701 Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Carl A. Martin.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Martin*

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“ *Hello, I am one of the manufacturerers Carl represented. I saw him on May 2nd and expressed my gratitude for how well he and his team were doing. He shook my hand and gave me that smile that made you feel at home, and said how much he appreciated me saying that. My condolences to his family and friends.*

Stuart Feldshon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Caneron, So Sorry for you loss we will keep your Family in Our prays. If you need anything you know where we are Be careful comming home. Your Dad Will be greatly missed.*

Gne & Tammy Stanton - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Our entire family will miss Carl forever. He was and has always been a great friend. Carl was there for us when we needed him and he never left. He was such a great person with his laughter, friendship and a singing voice of angels. He sang the Lords Prayer at our parents 50th wedding anniversary which was such a blessing. We will and have always loved Carl and we will miss him forever. May Carl have peace now and always. Keith, Earnestine, Terry, Ardena, Heather, Michael, Logan and Brayden*

The Keith Parker Family - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RU

“ Dear Cameron, Betsy, and Austin, I am so very sorry you are having to go through this. I wish I had the answers you need, but I do know that your father adored each one of you very much. Keep your eyes turned toward heaven and not on all this confusion, the answers will come, maybe not tomorrow or next month but they will come. In the meantime I am praying for you all, and so are lots of other people. Your father was a very special person, I will never forget his amazing personality!! lots of love and prayers, Ruth

Ruth - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JK

“ My thoughts go out to your family during this difficult time. I knew Carl through BSG and he was always friendly, funny and very professional. He will be missed by his BSG family.

Jan Krouse - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AM

“ We are saddened by the loss of such a kind and warm hearted man. He was friend to so many of us. Our thoughts and prayers go out your family.

Anna Troxler~Paul Mitchell - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JH

“ My sincere sympathy for the loss in your family and all my heart and love to Betsy and her siblings. Love James

James Hurst - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with Carl's family during this difficult time.

Joe and Karen Simon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MC

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Martin family. You are all in our prayers.*

Mike and Maura Cash - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BW

“ *Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers.*

Barbara Worrell - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JH

“ *We don't have words to express our feelings tonight. Carl was a wonderful person, so happy and caring for others. He was so good to Travis, Crystal and Abby. They loved him so much. Jim and I always looked forward to talking to you guys when we came over. He will be missed by so very many people. I pray that God will comfort you Linda, and all of Car's kids. Our prayers are with you at this very difficult time.*

Jim & Marsha Houchins - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JF

“ *I was very sorry to hear that Carl has passed away. I went to High School with Carl at BHS. I'll always remember his wonderful sense of humor and some hilarious impressions (especially of a certain teacher). I had the privilege of getting to know Carl quite well when we each had roles in a play called "A Happy Journey from Trenton to Camden" where Carl played my father. We won several drama contests performing it. My deepest condolences to his family and other friends.*

Joe Flannery - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Nothing we can say will lessen your pain, but know that Carl touched many lives in a special way, ours included! Jay has fond memories of many fun hours playing golf with Carl at Fincastle. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you during this time of sorrow.

Jay & Mary Kay McClees - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BE

“ We will never forget his energy and his constant desire to help others. Carl's door was always open us and to many others. Delana and I will always remember that he was there for us in the beginning of our life together and we have never forgotten the advice, time, and guidance that Carl always gave us. We love and miss him dearly. Thank you Carl for helping our life get started on the right foot. Delana and I will never forget about you.

Brandon and Delana Elmore - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CC

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time and in the days to come.

Cathy and John Payne, and Betty Corte - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Carl. He was always so positive and appeared to enjoy everyday. I pray your family remembers all the great things about Carl and his zest for live.

Ted Jones - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DC

“ Suzanne, I was heartbroken to hear of "Little" Carl's passing. I know God will give you the strength to get through this. My prayers and thoughts are with you now and always. I love you, Dottie Lou

Dottie Lou Cooper - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SJ

“ Carl was an amazing man that will be greatly missed.

Sherri Jessee - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ I am sorry for your loss. I have not seen, heard, or thought about Carl for 35 years. Carl and I are fraternity brothers and pledged Sigma Chi together in the 1970s in Morgantown. I think I was a year ahead of Carl. Even then, he had boundless energy, extraordinary leadership, and an a wonderful smile. We had a tradition in the fraternity in which when you became pinned to a girl (i.e. gave her your fraternity pin), the pledges were responsible for seeing that you were summarily thrown into Cheat Lake. As the leader of his pledge class, Carl organized a 2 am raid on the fraternity house to kidnap me, pick up my girlfriend, and toss me in Cheat Lake in the middle of December. He executed it brilliantly. I was always thankful that he brought a blanket and avoided the rocks when he threw me. Carl is one of the many true friends that I lost complete touch with after I left college. From reading the comments here, I wish I had stayed in touch with him over the years.

Jim Sutherland - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CF

“ WE ARE SO VERY SORRY IN YOUR LOSS.WORDS ARE NEVER ENOUGH. CLING TO YOUR MEMORIES OF THE HAPPY AND FUN TIMES. ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHT AND PRAYERS. CLIFF,DONNITA,NICHOLAS AND KRYSTA LAWRENCE

CLIFF LAWRENCE FAMILY - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

IS

“ We are very sadden to here of Carl`s passing. He was a wonderful man always full of energy. Carl will be greatly missed not only by his family but all that he touched in the beauty industry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Innovations Salon & Day Spa - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BL

“ Linda, We were so saddened with the news of your husbands sudden death. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go thru this trying time. Bob and Nancy Lane

Bob and Nancy Lane - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

WF

“ So sorry for your loss! Will be thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Wanda and Jack

Wanda and Jack Freeland - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

L(

“ Carl brought so many smiles to my face and everyone he was near. If you needed a positive thought of the day, then all you needed to do was call Carl. You will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Lindsay Rumpel (Joico) - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CS

“ We were saddened to hear of Carl's passing. Suzanne, Jerry, Linda, and family, we send our prayers at this difficult time and will hold you close in our heart. Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Charlie & Charlotte Sacre - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CT

“ Carl always had a way to make me smile! I will remember his kind and uplifting words and all of the wonderful moments I was able to share with him. His spirit will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Christine Tirpak - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DH

“ Linda, Betsy, Cameron, and Austin, I am sooooo sorry for your loss. May your grief lessen, and your hearts lighten as you recall all the special moments and events that you shared with your father/husband. You are in my prayers!

Dana Hurst - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DC

“ Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. You will certainly be in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Church - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CN

“ So sorry to hear of Carls passing. I have know Carl for years in the beauty industry and he was always such a joy to be around and always had a smile on his face. Our sincere condolences to his family.

Creative Images Salon Asheville NC - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

HD

“ My sincere condolences to Carl's family for such a huge loss.He was a star of positive light, around all those that knew him and he will be missed .He was a good friend and a good man.God bless you ,Carl.

Hugh Dillon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Carl. I just saw him on Monday of last week in Charlotte and told him how proud I was of him for working on his health. I know how happy he was with his new bride, and I was thrilled for him. What a precious man, always laughing and kidding me about something. He lived his faith and loved his family. God bless all of the family and friends, you are in my prayers..Carl will truly be missed but know that we will see him again one day.

Norma Sproles - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CB

“ Linda Even if I had the words to express my deepest sorrow it would not come close to being what I feel and how I feel, Cameron, Betsy and Austin, you had a wonderful Dad and always remember that. Susan and Jerry, Hopefully you and Linda can help each other grieve and eventually heal. I'm glad I met you all, especially Carl. Linda loved him so much. Respectively, Linda's cousin, Carolyn Booth

Carolyn Booth - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TK

“ Carl will be in our hearts and memories. Our deepest sympathies during your time of loss. May your memories give you strength. May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead.

Tina Rossi KPSS/BSG - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LH

“ We always enjoyed seeing Carl at hair shows, classes, or when he came and visited our salon. He would always greet us with a smile and a hug and the whole time we were around him it was non stop laughter!!! Heaven will definately have fun with Carl. He will truly be missed!!!

Lori Cooper and Lauren Hartley - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LG

“ My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Carl Martin. He was a true gentleman and always brought a smile to everyones face. Rest peacefully Mr. Carl Martin~ In Sympathy, Linda Gilbride

Linda Gilbride - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

Jl

“Gone too soon. We have all lost a truly extraordinary man. His outlook on life was inspirational. I am so glad I got to see him one last time and get one of his great big hugs! Carl, this is one of my favorite Irish Blessings~ May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand~ God speed Carl

Jennifer Stone- KPSS, Inc - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DH

“I am praying for all of you, that you can feel God's loving arms around you. Love to all, Donna Higgins Galax, Va.

donna higgins - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TC

“Words cannot express the sadness in our hearts. Carl's warm, genuine smile and gentle soul will be sadly missed. We are all a better person for knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tammy Jackson American Crew - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

ST

“To a wonderful person who lit up the world with his smile and everlasting grace. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Carl Martin Family and to our BSG colleagues who have lost such a great leader. May his guiding spirit live on through all of us.

Sharon Host-& The Denton A/R Team - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CM

“ Though I haven't seen Carl in a few years, I worked with him at Davidson Bty Supply for many years. He was always kind and a good person to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Christina Mueller - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LS

“ Dear Martin Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. I work for the same company as your loved one and understand how important his work was to touch lives and improve thier success. God Bless. My prayers are for you and Carl.

Louise Supulski - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AV

“ What an inspiration to me! What a blessing to have known such a wonderful man.A true friend that i will greatly miss. I know so many hearts are broken with this loss.I pray God will help comfort and heal the pain this has caused so many. Please look towards Christ for peace. with love and blessing, Amy

amy shaffer Hair Classics Inc. galax, va - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GH

“ Linda Sue and the entire Martin Family, you must be feeling terrible sadness and loss - please remember the bible tells us the Lord has a plan for each of us, a plan for good not for disaster, and if we look for Him in earnest we will find Him. With love and prayers, Guy and Marilyn

Guy and Marilyn Holcomb - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

FU

“ Carl touched, brought sunshine & laughter to so many people. Our hearts have a hole in them. Such a thoughtful and generous man. I remember him singing "take me out to the ball game" at the Indians game in Cleveland...we laughed and had such a wonderful time. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you.

Frances Unger-Aquage - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TM

“ I'd like to extend my deep felt condolences to the Martin family. Carl was a pleasure and joy to work with. I've only had a few encounters with Carl, but they were memorable. That's a true testament to his love of people and his love of God. May God's peace and comfort keep you during this difficult time. God bless.

Terri Metcalf - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Carl was my sales manager but most of all he was a great friend. Every time I talked to him he would always end conversation with " I appreciate you". We would always talk about our kids and especially our grandkids. I will greatly miss his smiling face and most of I will deeply miss a very good friend.

MIKE PAGE - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DM

“ If you had ever met Carl, he had a gift in making you smile. If you knew him he kept you smiling. I am blessed to have known him. Linda and family, know that you are being prayed for. DM

Doug McDaniel - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SK

“ My deepest sympathy to the Martin Family, Carl's colleagues and friends. As Carl entered a room the celebration began. Carl's smile was most contagious. I will miss Carl but think of him often as the sun shines each day. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Sheila Klein - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

HL

“ Words cannot express how my heart hurts at the loss of this incredible, animated, good hearted man. Through 11 tears of working together, I have so many great memories. Carl had a contagious smile & spirit and a genuine enthusiasm for life. I am honored & thankful that I was able to spend time with him through working together. I know I am a better person because of Carl as well many lives he touched in his lifetime. Carl, I love you man! Linda, I regret I never got the opportunity to meet you, we did speak on the phone once during planning for the Kentucky Derby Party last year. I'm so sorry for your loss, I have never seen a man so in love as Carl was with you. You are in my thoughts & prayers.

Holly Lewis - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DP

“ I am so glad I had the pleasure to know Carl and be on his Team. He was a great friend and manager. His bright personality and smile will be missed by all. Praying for his family. I miss you Carl.

Debbie Prince - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PP

“ Carl, You will be missed very much by all. I did not have the chance to get as close to you as I would have liked as I was drawn to your approachability and ever present kindness. All of the P&G Salon Professional team had a tremendous amount of respect for you and will remember you as a great person and great business partner. God bless you Carl.

Paul Shannon (P&G Salon Professional) - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EB

“ One of the most engaging human beings I have ever known. My Friend, My roomie for all business functions, and a sound true spirit. Carl, I will always think of your chuckle and all our years of great times together. I love you.

Elliot Bloom - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TM

“ Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. If there is ANYTHING you need, please do not hesitate to call us! I will be sending up lots of prayers for you during this difficult time. Love and prayers, Tabby, Joey, Jordan, & Braden Farley

Tabbatha Farley (Jordan's Mom) - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CK

“ Carl attended our management class in Texas and brought joy, good humor and a sincere interest in his development and the development of his team. I'm sure it would surprise no one that while here, he broke into song. Suffice it to say that Carl brought a song to all our hearts and we will miss him dearly.

Carol Kanter - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AM

“ I worked with Carl for many years - he had an incredible way of bringing joy and energy to every meeting. My prayers to his friends and family in this time of loss of a wonderful ma.

Angie Magruder - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

EW

“ Linda & family, Words cannot adequately express my deepest sympathy. Carl made a huge impact in the lives of those he worked with and will be missed by all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Edie Williams - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JO

“ Carl was a pleasure to work with and a true gentlemen. He will be missed by all. He and his family will be in my prayers.

Jeff Owen - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MD

“ Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Carl was a wonderful man and will be missed. Michelli Drish

Michelli Drish - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BR

“ I Know Carl Knows the Lord and his Graciousness I will Miss him , He was very Special. He always made My Heart Smile. My Prayers to the Family and God's Blessing

Bruce Rose - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DS

“ I am sending kind thoughts for you Mrs. Martin and your family. I never had the chance to meet Mr. Masrtin face to face, but had the joy of speaking with him often when i was in customer service here at Beauty Systems. He always spoke so pleasantly. As your family grieves your loss, know that there is great comfort in knowing that Carl is in Heaven where he will have everlasting life. God Bless you and your family. Delores Stewart (Inside Sales @ BSG)

Delores Stewart - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DG

“ We'll miss you, Carl. Great guy, lots of fun, true friend. Your energy lifted us all!

Don Groom - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DR

“ His smile and vibrant ways always lit up our lives. We are going to miss him. Our prayers are with the family.

Danielle, Rob, Ian, and Parker Roberts - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GM

“ So sorry to learn of your loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Glenn Murray - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM