



## Mr. Leon Martin

November 7, 1924 - June 10, 2021

In Loving Memory Of:

Leon Martin was born in Jenkinsville, South Carolina, on November 7, 1924, to the late Leroy and Nellie Ray Holmes Martin; he was the oldest of eleven children.

In 1928, the Martin family relocated to Detroit, Michigan, where Leon grew from a small child to an honorable man, where he built his life.

Leon was educated in the Detroit Public Schools system, and at the age of 18, he joined the Coast Guard, where he served in the Mediterranean, North Atlantic, and Pacific areas of war.

After an honorable discharge, Leon enrolled in trade school, where he became certified as an engineer in heating and cooling systems. Leon worked at the City of Detroit Receiving Hospital until he retired in 1982. During his time at the City of Detroit Receiving Hospital, Leon earned many awards and acknowledgments.

Leon was the father of three children, Celestine (Pat) Farrican, Linda Martin, and Wesley Martin, who have all preceded him in death. Leon had four grandchildren, Kenneth (Chip) Glenn, Lesley Glenn (who preceded him in death), Frederick Riley, and Leon W. Martin. Leon joined the Episcopal Church in the early 1950s.

In 1979, Leon married Merlyn Martin where they created an extraordinary life together. Leon and Merlyn often traveled throughout the United States and Canada in their motor-home. They toured with members of the Roll-N-Wheels, where he was the president for ten years, and with the Michigan Knights, where he was the Vice-President for four years, both under the Family Motor Coach Association. In the winter months, they shut down their motor-home and went cruising throughout the Caribbean area.

Leon was a man who thrived on family and friends; he was active with Boy Scouts of America, he loved fishing and boating. Leon played an instrumental role in providing family history to those who came after him. During his life would frequent the Martin Family Reunions and was an active member of the Michigan Chapter.

Leon leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Merlyn Martin; two stepsons (Terry and Vaughn Smith); three grandsons, Kenneth Glenn, Frederick Riley, and Leon W.

Martin; three sisters (Alma Martin-Walker, Joyce Martin-Allay, and Shirley Ann Martin); one sister-in-love (Elizabeth Martin); great-grandchildren, great-great-children, and host of

nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery

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## United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road  
Plymouth, MI, 48170

# Events

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**JUN 18** **Strolling Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM  
O. H. Pye III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Rd., Detroit, MI, US, 48227

**JUN 19** **Family Hour** 09:30AM - 10:00AM  
Detroit World Outreach  
23800 W Chicago, Redford Charter Twp, MI, US, 48239

**JUN 19** **Funeral Service** 10:00AM  
Detroit World Outreach  
23800 W Chicago, Redford Charter Twp, MI, US, 48239

# Comments

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“ You will be greatly missed, R.I.P. Papa Leon

Teria, Corey & Kellie

Teria, Corey & Kellie - June 18 at 12:52 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of dear cousin Leon Martin. He was a beloved and well respected African American man and proud Martin. He would often come to visit Ben and Viola on Bryden street. My mom and dad loved and respected him as do I.

Sending condolences to his wife Marlyn and pray God strengthen you in this sad hour. On this Juneteenth weekend of our proud African American warriors has gone to see the King.

Well done cousin Leon  
Rest in God's loving arms

David Martin - June 18 at 12:26 PM

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To his beloved wife, Marlyn may God bless and strengthen you in these sad hours.

May he rest in Gods loving arms.

David Martin

David L. Martin - June 18 at 12:11 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Martin.



June 17 at 03:46 PM

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“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - June 17 at 05:30 AM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Leon Martin.



June 15 at 10:06 AM

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“ Leon will be remembered for his love and dedication to his Martin family, his commitment and leadership with the Detroit Chapter of the United Martin Family Reunion, the twinkle in his eyes, his infectious laughter, and his impeccable memory of details and events! Leon will truly be missed and always loved!

Romona Baker Sipes, President  
Detroit Chapter  
United Martin Families, Inc.

Romona Sipes - June 12 at 05:17 PM