



Mr. James Dennis Martin Sr.

December 17, 1948 - September 22, 2022

In Loving Memory Of

James Dennis Martin, Sr. was born December 17, 1948, to the late, John Wopes Martin and Mary Lois Martin in Detroit, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his brother, Leslie, and stepfather, Mendon White.

Dennis, as he was affectionately known by family and friends, was educated in the Detroit Public School System and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1966. Upon graduation he went to work at the Detroit Post Office, Michigan Bell, and then was drafted into the Army in 1968.

Dennis was stationed in Fort Bragg, North Carolina from May 1968 to May 1970. He was honorably discharged and received a Purple Heart for fighting in the Vietnam War and being wounded.

Dennis was joined in holy matrimony to Margaret Rose Pratt, November 13, 1968. To this union was born Patrice Michele and James Dennis Jr.

Dennis joined Macedonia Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Charles Twymon, October 3, 2004. He was a faithful and active member. He served on the Trustee Board, assisted with the media broadcast on Sundays, and was a church photographer.

He retired from Ameritech (formerly Michigan Bell) where he was an Engineer more than 15 years ago. He briefly did consulting and then started his true journey to live his best life.

He loved all genres of music - jazz, gospel, rhythm, and blues. He was especially fond of the Temptations. He played the guitar in his uncle's band named the Success Orchestra in his early years. Years later he picked the guitar back up and began to take lessons at Schoolcraft College and continued to take lessons until he became ill.

He participated in bowling leagues, fished, played basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and golf. He used to travel often to North Carolina to see his granddaughter, Karissa play basketball and softball and was always willing to offer encouragement and pointers, of course, to her. He was such an avid golfer that he traveled to play in tournaments with friends and stored golf clubs and shoes, in North Carolina and Georgia, where his children lived. He was an avid boater as well and had several boats over the years. The chosen name for them was Stolen Moments.

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Oct. **2**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour/Funeral

Monday, Oct. **3**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Macedonia Baptist Church
14221 Southfield Road
Detroit, MI 48223

Burial

Monday, Oct. **3** (ET)

Detroit Memorial Park West
25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Dennis Martin Sr.*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *To my wonderful cousin. Your laugh and smile filled the room. You brought Lions vs Redskins delight to our home. Keep smiling because now there are no more worries. Love you Diane*

Dee Dawes - October 03, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *Captain Martin, you will be missed! Thank you for your friendship! Rest well good and faithful servant! Until we meet again.... Kim*

KIM HUDSON - October 03, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Family, there are no words I can express to comfort you during this difficult time. Please know you ALL are in our, thoughts, hearts, and prayers. Please let God strengthen and comfort you. Love and prayers to you ALL!*

Love, DelRaye and Family

DelRaye - October 02, 2022 at 05:30 PM

JM

“ James L Martin,III lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Dennis Martin Sr.



James L Martin,III - October 02, 2022 at 04:06 PM

JS

“ A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and through our memories, they live on. My condolences to the family.

John Semien

John Semien - September 30, 2022 at 08:14 PM

EF

“ We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us share our heartfelt condolences. In times of distress we need comfort that soothes our hearts. May the peace of God guard your hearts. With caring thoughts.

Evans family - September 29, 2022 at 05:11 AM

RB

“ so many memories of our times together at Michigan Bell Telephone Co. and Ameritech, playing softball, bowling, golfing, going to Myrtle Beach, playing cards at each others houses. Really going to miss you Brother James.

Robert Byrd

Robert M Byrd - September 28, 2022 at 06:47 PM



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~ *Tyronda Swanigan Washington* ~

Tyronda Swanigan Washington - September 27, 2022 at 09:27 PM