



## David Martin

November 13, 1952 - March 30, 2020

Rev. David Jerome Martin was born on November 13, 1952 to the late Jessie Gerald and Annie Clara Martin. He departed this life on March 30, 2020 following a brief illness. He was a graduate of Gainesville High School, Class of 1972. He also graduated from Lanier Technical College with an Associate's Degree. David was a staunch believer in continuing education. He attended Toccoa Falls College, Gwinnett-Hall Baptist Bible College, and Beulah Heights Bible College where he attained his Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 2001. On June 10, 1972, David married Cornelia Hill of Elberton, Georgia. From this union came four children, one son and three daughters. David worked as a millwright in the maintenance department of SKF Bearings for 38 years. David accepted Christ at an early age at St. Paul United Methodist Church. He united with Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church under the pastorate of Rev. B.S Robinson. There he served with great attentiveness in several church departments including the Sunday School Superintendent, Steward Board Pro-Tem as well as Associate Minister.

With a willing and humble heart, David accepted the call to ministry and was licensed to preach on May 10, 1984. During his tenure, Rev. Martin served as the pastor for St. Paul AME Church in Siloam, GA, Salem AME Church in Farmington GA, St. James AME Church in Athens GA, St. Mark AME Church in Athens, GA, and New Hope AME Church in Hoschton, GA.

Rev. Martin's final call to ministry was the Harper-Smith House, Incorporated where he served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. He served the Harper-Smith House faithfully and enthusiastically, leading the effort to establish it as a historical site, and a non-profit organization. Following a devastating fire, he led the members of the board to restore the Harper-Smith House building to what it is today. He was also instrumental in the start of educational classes and initiated a Men's Bible Study on Tuesday nights. Rev. Martin, a quiet and humble man, was always willing and ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Rev. Martin was preceded in death by his son, David MaShun Martin and his Aunt Thelma Thornton. Those who are left to cherish his memory include a devoted wife of 48 years, Mrs. Cornelia Hill Martin of Gainesville, GA; three daughters, Mrs. Angela (Darrell) Howard of Helena, AL; Ms. Tiffanie Martin and Ms. Clarissa Martin of Gainesville, GA; two

grandchildren, Jaden and Joshua Howard of Helena AL; one sister, Mrs. Geraldine Wells of Gainesville, GA; one sister in law, Mrs. Earnestine Bonds of Gainesville, GA; one brother in law Mr. Robert (Betty Jo) Hill of Gainesville, GA; a devoted niece, Mrs. Brenda Hill-Gilmore of Grayson, GA; nephews Mr. Kevin (Sonya) Wells of Charleston, SC, Mr. Bryan Wells, Mr. Eric Wells, and Mr. Corey Wells all of Gainesville; a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends, and his special fur baby, Chance The Barker.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that you make a donation to the Harper Smith House:  
Harper Smith House Inc.

900 Mill Street SE

Gainesville, Ga 30501

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

2030 Memorial Park Dr.  
Gainesville, GA 30504

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wimberly Funeral Home  
325 Summitt St SE  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
(770) 536-3251  
info@wimberlyjackson.com  
<https://www.wimberlyjacksonfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Martin*

October 22, 2023 at 04:48 PM

RM

“ *Member of Gents Club*

**Rev Earnest Mason** - April 06, 2020 at 04:05 AM

LC

“ *To the Family of David J. Martin, I love you all unconditionally. I thank God that I had a chance to know him and love him as my Family. He was a very Great and Loving man just as his son was. My heart hurts because I can't be there with you all through this crisis right now, but please know that each and every one of you, are in my heart. I love my Family.*

**Lottie M Carter** - April 06, 2020 at 01:27 AM

RM

“ *Gents Club*

**Rev Earnest Mason** - April 05, 2020 at 08:01 AM

TS

“ *To Mrs. Martin*

*Our prayers are for you and your family. Your husband was a great man. He was a leader in school. He was a quiet person but when he spoke it was with wisdom beyond some of our thinking. As a GENT brother he was always there. As a man of God, like me our prayers are that we would decrease that God would increase. Be bless and keep the FAITH.*

*Servant of God well done rest from your labor and get your reward.*

*Dr. Terrell M. Shields  
Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
Rome, Ga.*

**Terrell Shields** - April 03, 2020 at 09:02 PM

JS

*Our prayers goes up for you and your family sweet Cornelia.*

**Jeraldine Sewell** - April 05, 2020 at 08:35 AM

SS

“ I remember David at very young age , maybe at E.E. Butler quite but friendly a good football player. One of the first to play GHS. May his love and memories keep you Cornelius always . My sympathy and condolences .



Sylvester Storey - April 03, 2020 at 01:32 PM

SR

“ Cornelia, praying for you and your family..Love You! Sandra Reed

Sandra Reed - April 03, 2020 at 10:54 AM

EB

“ My condolences to the family of Rev. David Martin. May God continue to strengthen and comfort you all during this sorrowful time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take care and be safe!! Love you all!!



Elisa Bonds-Ratliff - April 03, 2020 at 09:00 AM

RM

“ David was a member of the Gents Club, among the first generation Gents...we know many family and friends...as you take your rest we pray for family and friends..."Earth hath no sorrow that heaven can't heal"

Rev Earnest Mason - April 03, 2020 at 04:33 AM

MS

In behalf of the STEPHENS family we are sooo sorry for your loss we have known your family a long time we feel pain for you and your family 💔💔💔 we continue to pray for your family Love you FOREVER FOREVER the doors of HEAVEN has opened up their doors for another godly Man.....stay safe.. LOVE U!!!!

Mary Stephens - April 03, 2020 at 12:38 PM

RW

“ Reggie Wilburn lit a candle in memory of David Martin



Reggie Wilburn - April 03, 2020 at 01:33 AM

VM

“ Virginia Young Morrison lit a candle in memory of David Martin



Virginia Young Morrison - April 02, 2020 at 09:45 PM

VM

Cornelia, my prayers are with you and your family. God grant you all peace, strength and comfort. 🙏🙏🙏🙏❤️

Virginia Young Morrison - April 02, 2020 at 09:49 PM

WM

“ Willie And Joyce Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of David Martin



willie and Joyce Mitchell - April 02, 2020 at 08:33 PM

DJ

“ Domethia Jackson lit a candle in memory of David Martin



Domethia Jackson - April 02, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Isis Stringer lit a candle in memory of David Martin



Isis Stringer - April 02, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ *IN LOVING MEMORY OF REV. DAVID MARTIN*



Tanjanika Gordon - April 02, 2020 at 11:59 AM

GT

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Cornelia & the entire Martin family during this time of bereavement. May God comfort & keep you as you take this journey of loss. Much love to each of you* 🙏💜🖤💜



Gail S Randall - Tennessee - April 01, 2020 at 11:11 PM

DR

“ *Dana Ramsey lit a candle in memory of David Martin*



Dana Ramsey - April 01, 2020 at 09:43 PM

KC

“ *Kim Carithers sent a virtual gift in memory of David Martin*



Kim Carithers - April 01, 2020 at 03:02 PM

GC

“ *Cornelia and family,  
You all are in our thoughts and prayers. You have the blessed assurance that David is at peace, resting in the loving arms of Jesus. What an intelligent and gentle soul! What a legacy he leaves! David was kind and always had a sensible, calming spirit about him, even when we teens in school. So well behaved and respectful. He was an example of a good man. Praying that the memory of his quiet strength carries you through these difficult times as he remains in your hearts.*

*Gary & Bobbie Cox*

Gary & Bobbie Cox - April 01, 2020 at 01:47 PM

GC

“ *Gary & Bobbie Cox lit a candle in memory of David Martin*



Gary & Bobbie Cox - April 01, 2020 at 01:30 PM

LS

“ *Lorraine Shields lit a candle in memory of David Martin*



Lorraine Shields - April 01, 2020 at 11:58 AM

LS

*To the Martin family I'm so sorry for your loss may God give you strength and embrace you with Love.*

Lorraine Shields - April 01, 2020 at 12:00 PM

JS

“ *Jeraldine Sewell sent a virtual gift in memory of David Martin*



Jeraldine Sewell - April 01, 2020 at 10:15 AM

VW

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of my cousin David. He was such a very humble and loving gentleman. Sending our condolences to Cornelius and family, from Maudine Williams and family. We love you much. ❤️❤️🙏🙏😭😭

---

**Valerie Williams** - March 31, 2020 at 06:04 PM