



## Lloyd C. Martin

September 14, 1932 - September 24, 2019

Lloyd C. Martin was born September 14, 1932, to Lee Alvin and Alice Ann Martin at their home in the George Community located in the western part of Madison County, Texas. He was named after his daddy's oldest brother whose name was Lloyd Charlie Martin, except he was given only a "C" as his middle name. In his youth and until he enlisted in the United States Air Force, he was called simply "L.C." Once he had an office of his own, the person answering the telephone knew that if the caller asked for "L.C." that the person had grown up with him.

He attended school in Normangee from the first through the twelfth grade, graduating in 1949. Upon graduation from high school, he enrolled in Sam Houston State Teachers College. He served in the Air Force from December 29, 1950, until December 29, 1954. He was trained as a gunner on B-29 bombers. In 1952, he was sent to Japan where he served for 6 months as a Tail Gunner on B-29s. He flew 39 bombing missions over North Korea. Upon returning to the United States, he served the rest of his enlistment as a gunner on a B-50 combat ready crew stationed at Roswell, New Mexico.

Upon his discharge from the Air Force, he returned to school at Sam Houston State Teacher College. In 1955, he married Marilyn Sue Hatch of Roswell, New Mexico. He graduated with a BBA Degree in 1956. He then moved to Odessa, Texas where he worked for the City of Odessa.

While in Odessa, he and an Assistant City Attorney stopped at a truck stop café while on a business trip. To Lloyd's surprise, the Assistant City Attorney ordered a shrimp cocktail. The waitress did not know what he was talking about and neither did the cook. He gave up and ordered what Lloyd had chosen. When they walked out of the truck stop café, Lloyd looked back over his shoulder and thought, "I thought you had to be extra smart to be an attorney." Lloyd determined that if this attorney can't tell by looking at this truck stop café that it does not serve shrimp cocktails, maybe I should look into going to law school. Consequently, he applied to the University of Texas Law School and was subsequently accepted.

He entered the University of Texas Law School in the fall of 1957, and studied diligently. On the Monday of final exams, he woke up with the mumps. He was taken to the University Hospital where he had a 102 fever that lasted for ten days. The Dean of the Law School was advised of his hospitalization, and sent his secretary to deliver his final exams to the nurses who supervised his taking of the final exams. This saved his law school career, as he could not afford to start over. As a consequence of this, he has contributed financially to the University of Texas Law School each year since his graduation.

While attending law school, he ran for and was elected as State Representative for Madison, Leon, and Freestone Counties. He served two terms as State Representative and did not seek reelection. During his first term he was appointed as a member to the House of Representatives General Investigation Committee. This committee conducted an investigation into crime and payoffs to local officials in Beaumont and Jefferson Counties. This investigation was concluded with a televised hearing in which numerous officials were subpoenaed to attend and testify.

After his graduation from the University of Texas, he began his law practice in

Madisonville that lasted about one year. He then returned to Austin to accept a position as Assistant Attorney General of Texas. He served on the staff of the Attorney General of Texas for three and one-half years. During the last six month of his tenure he was assigned to represent the Texas Department of Corrections.

In September 1966, he and his family moved to Huntsville. On October 23, 1966, he and his wife joined the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, where they remained as members until their deaths.

In January 1967, he accepted a position as Senior Project Attorney for the construction of the Livingston Reservoir by the Trinity River Authority of Texas. He was employed full time from 1967 through 1969, where he was assigned to file condemnation suits in order to obtain title to the land to be covered by the Livingston reservoir.

In January 1970, he joined Mr. Robert B. Smither in the practice of law and the operation of the Walker County Title Company. He remained in private law practice and in the operation of Walker County Title Company from January 1, 1970, until his death.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, the Walker County Bar Association, The Texas Bar Association and the College of the State Bar of Texas. He was a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a Keeton Fellow of the University of Texas School of Law. He was board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Commercial Real Estate Law, Residential Real Estate Law, and Farm and Ranch Real Estate Law.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Ann Martin, his father, Lee Alvin Martin, his sons, David Scott Martin and Larry Alvin Martin, his wife,

Marilyn Sue Martin, and his brother Gary Lee Martin. He is survived by his son and his wife, Bruce A. Martin and wife, Sonya Martin of Frisco and their two children David Bailey Martin and Alice Ann Martin, his grandson Alvin Lloyd Martin and wife, Malori C. Martin of Huntsville, his granddaughter Magen Nichole Hamrick and husband, Don Hamrick of Lovelady and their two children Colby Taylor and Cort Hamrick, his sister Vida Jean Stover of Missouri City; and his companion and special friend, Gisela K. Allen of Huntsville.

#### PALLBEARERS

The pallbearers are Alvin Lloyd Martin, David Bailey Martin, Brent Lee Martin, Bobby Dean Privette, Ricky Gene Karonka and Mark Steven Karonka.

#### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

The officers and employees of Smither, Martin and Henderson, P.C. and Walker County Title Company.

In lieu of flowers a memorial contribution may be made to George Cemetery Association or a charity of your choice.

George Cemetery Association  
P.O. Box 832  
Normangee, Texas 77871

A Visitation will be held on Friday, September 27th between 5:30pm-7:30pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday September 28th at First Baptist Church in Huntsville at 1:00pm. There will be a Graveside Service on September 28th at 4:00pm at Sand Prairie Baptist Church located at 12652 FM 1452, Noramngee, Texas

77871

# Cemetery Details

## George Cemetery

12652 FM 1452  
Normangee, TX 77871

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 27. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

SEP 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Huntsville  
1229 Ave J  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lloyd C. Martin*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *A gentleman whose life was well lived. He and his family were so much a part of my life and he will be missed. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*With love, Sallie Martin Frogge*

Sallie Martin Frogge - October 09, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ *Peace and comfort to Lloyd's family. Smart and kind, he was a fine man and a good friend to my late father. May he rest in peace.*



Susan Eastman - October 04, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!*  
*Cheryl and Joyce McLaughlin*

Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - September 29, 2019 at 01:55 PM

DS

“ We are sharing in your sadness of your dad and grandfather and more a friend to many and a mentor and teacher as well to many of us. We are sorry that we were out of town for his memorial service. We are keeping you all close to our hearts and praying for comfort in the days ahead.

Donna & Dale Story - September 29, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.



September 27, 2019 at 05:51 PM

VH

“ Lloyd Martin was a true gentleman. I will miss his warm smile & genuine kindness.

Vicki Hogan

vicki d hogan - September 27, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.



September 27, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.*



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September 27, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the Loss of Mr. Martin. My deepest sympathy is with all the family in this difficult time. Please know that the family is in my prayers.*

*I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Martin for quiet a few years as his employee at the Walker County Title Company, he taught me so much which helped me in my job.*

*Over the years, our relationship developed from Boss and employee to mentor and mentee I will miss him so much, there is so much to more to learn from him, so many more questions and guidance.*

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

*Kathy Vanderheydt*

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**Kathy Vanderheydt** - September 27, 2019 at 09:38 AM

SS

“ *Mr. Martin you were a Godsend to me and your legal expertise. You were my attorney in Huntsville for over 20 years. I'm glad we finally met. I appreciated your knowledge and will miss you. There was none other like you. God bless and keep your family.*  
*Sue Collins Simons, Los Angeles, CA*



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**Sue Collins Simons** - September 27, 2019 at 04:40 AM

DE

“ *I had the wonderful experience of working for Mr. Martin, Robert Smither, Jim Haggard and Mark Ward at Smither Martin and Haggard. Jim was my boss but Lloyd was the managing partner and I dearly loved Mr. Smither. That office was the hub of Walker County real estate developers and leaders and his family that I forged a bond never broken. My heart goes out to his family and forever work family in particular Hurlene Savage who stood right by his side faithfully. He was so larger than life. Goodbye my friend.*

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**Dana Eckles** - September 26, 2019 at 11:41 PM

BC

“ *Bridgette Neeley Clay lit a candle in memory of Lloyd C. Martin*



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**Bridgette Neeley Clay** - September 26, 2019 at 09:21 PM

SE

“ *Lloyd was a good friend and customer for many years and we grieve with his family. He is free of his pain and is rejoicing now with his beloved family. Our sympathy - we will miss his big smile and happy attitude.*

*Sunny and Bob Ernst*

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**sunny snd bob ernst** - September 26, 2019 at 05:15 PM

LT

“ *Laurie Teston purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.*



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**Laurie Teston** - September 26, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.*



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September 26, 2019 at 12:05 PM

MH

“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Lloyd C. Martin*



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**M. Hyvl** - September 26, 2019 at 10:55 AM

KF

“ *Mr. Martin touched my life starting in early adulthood. As an insecure, not sure I was smart enough, banker moving up the ranks, Mr. Martin always treated me with respect & confidence. I feel so privileged to be one of those he believed in. I will treasure his kindness and trust always. To his family, I am so very sorry for your loss, as I understand it is a big one. Prayers being sent up for all of you now & in the months to come.*

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**Kay Nabors Fountain** - September 26, 2019 at 10:30 AM

JG

“ *Me Martin was my first legal boss and was the greatest. My biggest regret was leaving with so much to learn from him. Over subsequent years he did many things to help me advance my legal career. As the smartest man on real estate law and the only one that ran a title company they still actually helped cure title issues he will greatly missed.*

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**John Goehrs** - September 25, 2019 at 11:24 PM

SS

“ *Stanley & Berba Scott purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.*



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**Stanley & Berba Scott** - September 25, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.*



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September 25, 2019 at 09:30 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.*



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September 25, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ *Debbie and Jimmy Lebel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.*



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**Debbie and Jimmy Lebel** - September 25, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.*



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September 25, 2019 at 03:29 PM

PK

“ One of Huntsville 's best, our thoughts and prayers are with Lloyd's family at this time 🙏🙏🙏

peggy Kroesche - September 25, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.



September 25, 2019 at 11:02 AM

KG

“ Kimberly Gammill purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.



Kimberly Gammill - September 25, 2019 at 09:09 AM

TC

“ Was an outstanding man, always had a good word for me , just was glad I knew him . Tom, Lisa & Delanie Cauthen.

tom cauthen - September 25, 2019 at 09:06 AM

MC

“ All I said was a great man and a friend.

Mark Chalker - September 25, 2019 at 08:44 AM

MW

“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Martin’s passing. Praying for his family & co-workers. I got to know him when I worked at Huntsville Savings & Loan.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - September 25, 2019 at 08:34 AM

CM

“ Chip and Melissa Martin purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.



Chip and Melissa Martin - September 25, 2019 at 07:28 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Lloyd C. Martin.



September 25, 2019 at 12:42 AM

LH

“ We are so sorry to hear that Mr. Martin passed away. He and his family lived across the street from us growing up and all the neighborhood kids enjoyed playing games together. We have fun memories of that time together. Our prayers and thoughts are with all his family.

Lynda Lanier Henry

Lynda Henry - September 24, 2019 at 11:07 PM