



## Thomas Emery Martin

May 14, 1942 - February 2, 2023

Thomas Emery Martin, age 80, went on to his reward on February 2, 2023. He was born on May 14, 1942 in Tyler, TX to Floyd and June Martin.

Tom served our country for 4 years in the United States Air Force. After his tour was up, he studied at Sam Houston State University, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Tom was employed at TDCJ and retired after 20 years of service. He was a member of the re-start of Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) in late 2004. Tom and other members offered their services to Walker County Emergency Management around January of 2005. Numerous courses were needed through the state to ready them for emergencies. ARES first hurricane disaster work with Walker County was for Katrina and Rita in August/September of 2005. He was a huge part of the communications efforts ongoing at that time.

Tom graduated from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in October of 2008. From that moment forward, he was a great and dedicated participant in all CERT activities. This included; communications, searches, wild land fire checks and logistical support. One of CERT's big events was the Rocky Raccoon 100 mile and 50 mile race held at the Huntsville State Park and Tom was always there to lend a hand. He was also Butch Davis's eyes on flood prone areas within Walker County. He will be greatly missed.

Tom is survived by his wife Violeta (Abril) Martin, sister Molly Terrell, niece June Hutson, grand-nephew Kegan Pruessner, grand-niece Katie Pruessner and numerous in-laws from the Abril family. He was preceded in death by his

parents, his father-in-law and two brothers-in-law from his wife's family.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday February 18, 2023 at 11:00am at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr  
Huntsville

## Graveside Service

FEB 18. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Brooke Cemetery  
672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Tribute Wall

EC

“ Tom Martin has done so many things for so many (mostly unknown to them) that it would be impossible to account for them all. He's going to be sorely missed!

*Rest in peace my friend, you've certainly earned it!*

*Earl Carter*

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**Earl A Carter** - February 17, 2023 at 07:55 PM

CM

“ So sorry for your loss. Tom was such a huge gift to us with our Rocky Raccoon Trail Run each February. He will sincerely be missed and we'll think of him every year of the run! Praying for peaceful hearts for all you family and friends. - Chris McWatters, Tejas Trails

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**Chris McWatters** - February 14, 2023 at 11:43 AM

SS

“ Violet, I am so sorry. Tommy was such a sweetheart, even though he almost got you fired from ICU! He will be missed but what a reunion that will be one day in Heaven. God bless...Sherry Sparks

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**Sherry Sparks** - February 09, 2023 at 03:51 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Emery Martin



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**M. Hyvl** - February 09, 2023 at 10:35 AM