



## James Andrew Martin

October 17, 1942 - November 5, 2025

James Andrew Martin passed away on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at the age of 83. Jim, as most knew him, was born on October 17, 1942 in Dunn Loring, Virginia. He was an active boy and in his early years jumped on and off trains to shorten his walk to school. He hiked with his buddies to Purcellville and had a lifelong memory of a trip to the Shenandoah River where he floated on the water and cooked by a fire. In his teens, Jim lived in Midland working on his dear Uncle Lloyd Martin's farm. In 1960, Jim joined the National Guard serving his country for three years.

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>> Jim lived with many painful memories of the severe abuse he suffered at the hands of a drunken father. At age 19, Jim's life was changed when he gave his heart to God at a Manassas Church of God campmeeting service in July 1962. Jim was ever thankful that through God he could forgive his father and break the family cycle of alcoholism. In September 1962, Jim married the love of his life, Lynette. Together they raised a family in a house Jim built with his own hands at the age of 26.

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>> Jim was a carpenter working for many years with his brother (Bob Martin) on high-end homes throughout Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. Jim and Bob completed restoration work on the pews in historic Christ Church in Old Town Alexandria. Jim completed custom furniture projects in Manhattan, New York and Lima, Peru. Jim's greatest joy was using his talents

for the Lord. He spent many days working on the Church of God campgrounds in Stewartville, Alabama as well as a building project in Grand Cayman. Every summer, Jim enjoyed fixing and repairing the old Manassas Church of God campground buildings and his greatest accomplishment was building the pulpit, choir pews, and altars. He loved working on his home church, building beautiful bookcases for the library and customizing a corbel for the front porch. Jim had no formal training in carpentry and gave all glory to God for his talents.

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>> Jim loved the outdoors and hiked 700 miles on the Appalachian Trail through Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and part of Pennsylvania. He was known on the Trail as "Old Jim." Because of how Jim was raised, his greatest burden was to help boys with similar difficulties love the great outdoors and eventually become strong men of God. For years, Jim took countless individuals on unforgettable camping trips throughout central and western Virginia. He was in charge of cooking and made legendary meals on his oversized cast-iron skillet. On each trip, he led in-depth devotions around the campfire and it was evident that his knowledge of the Bible was extensive. Jim enjoyed road trips and crossed the United States numerous times as he traveled to 47 states attending campmeetings and visiting National Parks along the way.

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>> Throughout his life, Jim enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, woodworking, eating seafood or a good steak, and bicycling on Sunday mornings, but his greatest passion was his love for God. Jim spent time every day studying his Bible and praying for the needs of his family, friends, and those suffering around the world. He loved attending church services and getting others to go with him. For many years, Jim filled up the old church van and drove to church meetings in central Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. Over the years, Jim and his wife were moved with compassion and invited many individuals needing a place to stay into their home. Jim's main goal was to make Heaven

his eternal home and would often request his congregation to sing number 467 in the hymnal, "When We All Get to Heaven." He especially loved the third verse, "just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay." Jim believed in the power of prayer and took courage in singing the lyrics that prayer "moveth the arm that moveth the worlds."

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>> Jim was a living miracle. After surviving numerous heart attacks at the age of 81, Jim was sent home to be made comfortable. In God's goodness, Jim lived another 14 months. He lived out his purpose of helping, encouraging, and influencing many to walk with God. Jim is now in his heavenly home, where he "sent up much material." Jim had many favorite scriptures that gave him strength on the hardest of days. Two of these favorites were Hebrews 13:5, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" and Matthew 24:13, "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Through life's ups and downs, Jim remained faithful, steadfast, honest, and humble.

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>> Jim leaves behind his lovely wife, Lynette Martin; children, Becky Martin of Fredericksburg; Debbie Martin of Bealeton; Jimmy Martin and wife, Joyce of Warrenton; Lori Seeley and husband, Matthew of Manassas. Jim leaves behind six grandchildren, Chris Aurelio and wife, Mabel of Fredericksburg; Lonigan Martin and wife, Tara of Warrenton; Sage Martin of Warrenton; Taegan Seeley, Tanner Seeley, and Tallon Seeley of Manassas; as well as one great-granddaughter, Camilla Aurelio of Fairfax. Jim also leaves behind nieces, a special nephew, numerous cousins, and many, many friends across the United States. Jim is honored to have had a lifelong friendship with Bernie Langhorne of Haymarket. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Roland and Mary Martin of Fairfax; brothers, Hubert Martin of Cape Coral, Florida and Bob Martin of Bealeton.

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>> The family will receive friends on Monday, November 10, 2025, from 6:00

p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Manassas Church of God, 8823 Rixlew Lane, Manassas, VA 20109. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Manassas Church of God. Interment will follow at Midland Church of the Brethren, 10434 Old Carolina Road, Midland, VA 22728.

# Cemetery Details

**Midland Church of the Brethren Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV **10**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Manassas Church of God  
8823 Rixlew Lane  
Manassas, VA

### Funeral Service

NOV **11**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Manassas Church of God  
8823 Rixlew Ln  
Manassas, VA 20109

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ Bro. Jim was another one in a long line of strong Church of God saints who left an impression on our lives. A very special memory for me is a brief conversation we had when Bro. Jim reminded me of something I had said years before that had meant a lot to him; it meant a whole lot to me to hear him repeat it back. That’s just how he was - encouraging and helping others along the way. We will miss him very much!

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**Ginger Pugliese** - November 11, 2025 at 07:05 PM

KP

“ To the Martin Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about Jim. While we feel the deep grief of his loss here, I know he has reached his ultimate goal — to be with God eternally. I have so many wonderful memories from my childhood, living on the campgrounds and sharing so many special days with all of you. I love you all and want you to know that my heart is with you during this time.*

*Debbie, thank you for spending time with me at campmeeting this past summer — I will never forget it. You all hold such a special place in my heart.*

*With love, Katrina (Payne) Phillips*

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**Katrina Phillips** - November 11, 2025 at 11:26 AM

MM

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the news. We will lift you up in prayer. My brother Kevin and I are proud to say that 22 of those 700 Appalachian Trail miles were with us. Good memories!

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**Matthew Maher** - November 11, 2025 at 10:05 AM

LW

“ Dear Sis Lynette, Sis Debbie, Bro Jimmy, Sis Lori, Becky and families,  
We could all write volumes - where do you start? You all are dear to our heart and in our prayers. Bro Jim and Elder Bro Wilcoxon were good friends and when my husband got down with his affliction, Bro Jim would come and take care of our trash and anything else that was needed. We all know, he never wanted paid for helping out because he was sending "material" up to heaven for his mansion! In the 80's and 90's Bro Jim drove the church van faithfully to the local revivals, Greencastle and Waynesboro on Friday nights and us young marrieds, kids and young people would load up! One time he forgot to check the gas gauge and we were on empty heading down the highway. He told us to pray that we would make it to the gas station. (he lived that way!). We prayed and we made it but not quite to the pump so we all learned a lesson to be more detailed in our prayers but we all thanked God. Bro Jim lived his faith and left us a legacy of trusting God - he had MANY miraculous healings during his lifetime which has inspired us all. His favorite song, O what a day when we get over yonder .....has finally become reality! He has his crown and no regrets! Love you all,

Sis Linda Wilcoxon

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Linda Wilcoxon - November 11, 2025 at 07:55 AM

FF

“ Fils-Aime Family purchased the Enchanted Cotta  
ge for the family of James Andrew Martin.



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Fils-Aime Family - November 10, 2025 at 03:05 PM

TG

“ *The Harmons Branch Church of God purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Andrew Martin.*



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**The Harmons Branch Church of God** - November 10, 2025 at 12:45 PM

JP

“ *My deepest heartfelt condolences to Lynette, Becky, Debbie, Jimmy and Lori from Janet Pittman. Growing up next door to you and your family, I remember Jim has a nice man with an big smile and even offered compliments to hearing my not so good piano playing in the summer when doors and windows were open. Sending love to you all.*



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**Janet Pittman** - November 10, 2025 at 12:41 PM

FT

“ *From the Seeleys. Mike Jeanny and Tamik purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Andrew Martin.*



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**From the Seeleys. Mike Jeanny and Tamik** - November 10, 2025 at 11:06 AM

GF

“ This is from his first cousin Mike funkhouser. The thing I remember most about James Martin is his smile. You could see his dimples the entire time he was talking. I use the present tense is in the first sentence because I’m sure he’s doing a lot of that now. I can never think of James without thinking of his mother. Aunt Mary was a saint and every sense of the word. She was a devoted Christian and she raised three fine men even given the condition she lived under. Not to be too hard on uncle Roland, though; the devil has triumph over many millions of men down through history . My mother Sylvia always a little. She would say, there’s so much bad and the best of us and so much good and the worst of us that it hooves any of us to talk about the rest of us. The Bible clearly says that our righteousness is as filthy rags to the Lord. I’m a firm believer in that. It is the blood of Christ. Nothing that allows us into heaven. I’ve never been a very sociable person myself, but James was one of the few cousins I had that I was always happy to shake hands with at the reunions and could speak to easily . I’ll definitely miss his smile and talking to him at reunions and I’m hopeful that I will see him again one day.

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**Glenn M. Funkhouser** - November 10, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Andrew Martin.



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November 10, 2025 at 10:03 AM

DB

“ *Sister Lynette and family,  
Praying for you during your grief and loss. Brother Jim was like a dad to my at times. He would remind me that our spiritual birthdays were the same month and day July 4th. He reminded one time that I needed to trust God more and better after I had some back pain, which later turned out to be one of my episodes of 7 vertebrae fractured in 8 months. Even so, the admonishment was taken to heart. He was a great encourager and a wonderful example. He'll be missed greatly.*

*Your brother in Christ  
Dave Black*

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**David W Black** - November 10, 2025 at 02:55 AM

KR

“ *I Thank God for Bro. Jim. My husband Chester and the boys would go camping, hiking , hunting and fishing together. Bro. Jim was the Grandfather that our boys never had. He was a Great example to them and to some of our Grandchildren. He taught them to be men. No matter how cold the weather was, they had Devotions around the camp fire. After my husband passed, Bro. Jim was there for Justin. The Tradition for the Love of the outdoors will be carried on. I know that there will be a Great void in Justin's life. Sis.Lynette I feel your loss and pain. I'm so very, very, very sorry for your loss.. Dwell on the good times that you and Bro. Jim shared. You had many, many years together. Bro. Jim died Saved, what a Great memory, He made Heaven his home. Love and Prayers, Sis. Karen Reed*

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**Karen J Reed** - November 09, 2025 at 01:17 PM

PD

“ Philip Davies purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Andrew Martin.



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**Philip Davies** - November 09, 2025 at 09:57 AM

CM

“ Dear sister Lynette, we were so saddened to hear the news about our dear brother Jim, he has made it home where he is now enjoying a big mansion that was prepared specially for him, where there is no more pain, or sickness to endure. He left behind a wonderful legacy for all of us that knew him, just by the life that he lived, by his testimony, his manner of speech and words of wisdom, he has touched so many lives around us, he was a father figure for us, an extraordinary example of a Christian to follow, just by the way he was, very compassionate and always ready to help out anyone in need. We have so many wonderful memories with him, and his family, we were blessed with their love and kindness for over 10 years when they shared their house with us, we will forever be grateful for having such a great example and influence in our life's. Heaven definitely gain a wonderful man though we feel a great loss. We will be praying for the family and know that he will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

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**Cesar and Alejandra Martinez** - November 09, 2025 at 12:49 AM

BW

“ Bro. David and Sis. Jessica Willoby purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Andrew Martin.



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**Bro. David and Sis. Jessica Willoby** - November 08, 2025 at 07:31 PM

SK

“ Sister Wilma & Joe Korzendorfer purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of James Andrew Martin.



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**Sister Wilma & Joe Korzendorfer** - November 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of James Andrew Martin.



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November 08, 2025 at 05:14 PM

LK

“ My heart is heavy, but I am so thankful that Bro. Jim has reached his goal and is healthy and well up in heaven, meeting his Heavenly Father, checking out the new hiking paths and reacquainting himself with some of his very best friends! We will truly miss him! In reading his obituary, I can say I was one of those that benefited of his and his wife’s very generous hospitality! They welcomed me in their home for a couple of years to live with them and their family. They treated me as a daughter and showed so much love and way more grace than I was due in my teenage years! I was able to directly witness such a fine example in brother Jim... He was such a hard worker, lived a godly life, a loving husband of his dear ‘baby doll’, taking her on their Friday night dates without fail, studying his Bible every day, rushing to church to get there soo early for every service (I think sometimes we’d just be starting to get ready when he was heading out the door), and just being the sweetest, loving man to anyone he talked to. While I lived there, there were several individuals that they brought into their home at the same time. Such love and compassion I will never forget!

I don’t think any of us young people will forget the times we’d be playing games in the living room, and he was trying to sleep and instead of telling us to be quiet we would hear him down the hall saying “Looooori”. Then the times Lori and I might forget and leave the door open when it was a little chilly outside, and he would say, “do you think we’re trying to heat the whole town of Manassas?”

So many good memories that I will always cherish of a fine man who was a wonderful example of faith, love, compassion, generosity and stability. Thank you Bro. Jim for making me feel such a welcome part of your family!

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**Lisa Karns** - November 08, 2025 at 04:07 PM

SF

“ Sis Kay French purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Andrew Martin.



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**Sis Kay French** - November 08, 2025 at 03:29 PM

MC

“ I was married to Vernard Crouch in November of 1963, and moved to Manassas, Virginia from the Stewartville, Alabama Church of God. Jim and Lynette were among the first couples our age that I met. One of my fond memories was eating dinner with them, and a large cherry pie cut in only four huge slices! They were a sweet and special couple, and I have fond memories of them. Jim was the kind of person who will surely be missed.

My condolences to the family, and especially Lynette.

Sincerely,

Martha Crouch

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**Martha Crouch** - November 08, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Andrew Martin.



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November 08, 2025 at 01:39 PM