



Martha Green Ramsey

July 11, 1940 - October 28, 2025

Obituary for Martha Lillian Green Ramsey

In Loving Memory: July 11, 1940 – October 28, 2025

Martha Lillian Green Ramsey, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2025 of natural causes having reached age 85. Born on July 11, 1940, in Decatur, Georgia, Martha's life was a testament to unwavering compassion, strength of spirit, and perseverance under any conditions.

Martha, along with her sisters Patty and Aileen and parents, moved to Albany, Georgia. Martha later met the love of her life, Bobby J. Ramsey in Albany and they married on October 30, 1960 and remained married for almost 45 years until Bobby passed in 2006. Her strength of spirit and timing enabled her to join Bobby for their 65th wedding anniversary.

Martha and Bobby built warm and loving homes around the world while they introduced their children to the diplomatic world and international living. They raised their children in Liberia, Nepal, Brazil, and Switzerland before returning to the U.S. and later retiring. This international eye opening and formative experience for their children created a legacy of curiosity, adventure, and open-mindedness that will live on for generations.

Martha had three sons: Mike (spouse Joy), Mark, and Matt (spouse Heather). She had 10 grandchildren who are Grayson, Allison, Jacob, Andrew, Robert, Hazel, Caden, Malena, Spencer, and Audrey. Martha maintained strong and memorable relationships with all her grandchildren and her sons' blended

families – because once you're in the family, you're always in the family according to her.

Throughout her life, Martha exemplified selflessness and service. She devoted herself to her family, always placing their needs before her own and supporting them through every joy and challenge. Her home was a haven of mischief (what else do you get with three boys?), laughter, delicious southern meals, adaptability, and unconditional love. In addition to being the center of the family, she worked in the diplomatic community and as a staff officer in the CIA to help enable the family and the boys' education.

She was best known for her love of adventuring and storytelling (think boa constrictor snake skins after a surprise encounter with the losing party), mesmerizing international communities in the 1960's with flaming Drambuie and fire swallowing, doing the Hustle in 1975 at diplomatic parties in Switzerland (think the electric slide of a prior generation), cooking delicious meals anywhere in the world for a taste of Georgia (think cubed steak, fried chicken, and chicken and dumplings), and her love of games where she brought people together (think Bridge and Rummikub where she was the champion within the over 55 communities). She extolled the virtues that people are people so show some grace, life changes and is dynamic but we're always connected through our relationships, and you've got to have fun living and be just a little crazy to be memorable."Funeral services will be private; however, a celebration of life will be held on Friday, December 5th, 2025 from 5:30pm-8pm in the Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room. Please join us in honoring Martha and the joy she brought to others, telling stories, and carrying on her memory."

We encourage everyone who knew her to have ongoing celebrations of life by remembering her, telling stories, and carrying on her memory.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Martha's memory to a charity of your choice, celebrating her spirit of generosity and care for others.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 5. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room

9609 Center Street

Manassas, VA 20110

<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Dear Ramsey Family,

The Kerns family shared many good times with you all in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Fast forward twenty years and Dave and Marilyn (my mom and dad) stopped by Palm Coast, FL, to see Martha and Bobby

After that visit, they decided to retire to Palm Coast. We all spent quite a few occasions over the years visiting with Martha and Bobby, always reminiscing about the good old days. Mom, Dad and us kids treasured making new memories with Martha and Bobby. The Kerns family has much love for the Ramseys. We pray for comfort for you all.

Patty Kerns Hillman

Patty Hillman - November 12, 2025 at 11:00 AM

JG

“ *Martha!!! The fun our families had in Geneva!!! I remember fondly my dad getting ready for parties and the tapes he could put together, especially the one of you and Bobby arriving al in your "Ugly" with wheels squealing. Definitely treasure those 3 years*

Jackie Goldsworthy - November 11, 2025 at 06:58 PM

TR

“ *Though our friendship was too brief, I remember when I first met Martha. Somehow I knew that we were going to be good friends. You are dearly missed my Friend. Toody Reimers*

Toody Reimers - November 11, 2025 at 10:43 AM

ER

“ Well she was truly one of a kind! And she was KIND! Her children and grandchildren always inspired her. Watching she and Bobby Jo as they shashayed from country to country over the years was a lesson in the blossoming of a love story. A woman of faith, her refrains of "Oh Lord" and "Dear Lord" typically meant something was slightly akilter, requiring wifely, motherly or friendly concerns for others. RIP Martha and your rejoining Bobby Jo could not have been better timed. Ed & Bonnie Rohrbach

Ed Rohrbach - November 02, 2025 at 03:14 PM

JB

“ Martha & I were in a car pool together in VA. I was always cold in Martha's car. When I drove she complained how hot it was in my car. She said, "One of these days I will open the car door & my body will just pour me out “.

We had so many fun memories in Palm Coast. Some fishing on my paddle boat, some on LaMontagne's pontoon boat & the day trips we would go on. When I was with Martha, I always knew we would have a good time. She was a very special lady. RIP Martha.



Judy Baker - October 31, 2025 at 09:54 PM

ES

“ Which memory shall I share of the many we made in 50 years of friendship? The wine drinking, the day trips from Geneva to France and Italy; our trip and overnight in Lichtenstein; our French class- so very many. I will miss you Martha.

Elna Swofford - October 31, 2025 at 05:13 PM

SO

Ms Martha was one of my favorite 'other Mother's' of all I've had the privilege to have in my life. Oh my the stories!! Parties at our house in Switzerland, the 'Ugly', cookouts at Ramsey, Smith, Harris or Goldsworthy houses, watching these ladies play softball, going to Rugby games at the marine house, skiing, the memories go on and on..... Fast fwd to adulthood and our kids playing together and grand kids being born and I could go on forever. Our families have been melded together for decades. I love you ❤️

Stephanie Ollech - October 31, 2025 at 05:48 PM

MR

I will always remember meeting you in 1970 and how comforting and reassuring you were when I was so frazzled with my colicky baby and just putting her in your arms would console her..and me too. You were always there..ready to help. We feel so fortunate to have shared wonderful times with you and Bobby in Manassas then in Palm Coast. Thank you Martha for the fun, laughs, love and kindness. May you RIP ❤️

Mary Rhoads - November 03, 2025 at 08:36 AM