



## Bill Martin

March 22, 1926 - December 7, 2020

Bill Martin made it home from the hospital for 3 days, was visited by 13 family and friends the day before his death on Monday, December 7, 2020 in Ellisville, MS. Now he's truly home!

Bill and his wife, Odell, were married for almost 36 years prior to her death four years ago. He lived in Ellisville for over 40 years, which was home for them for a long time. But Bill was and always will be a proud Texan! He was also proud to be a World War II survivor having served in the Navy.

Bill is survived by his two children, Ginger Sheldon married to Bob in West Chester, PA; Robert Martin in Jacksonville, FL; his two stepsons, David Tucker; Gary Tucker (wife Marlene); his grandchildren: Stephanie Spradley (husband Vince and children Cody, Brittany, Taylynn); Thomas Tucker (wife Janie); Latisha Johnson (husband Clay and children Caitlyn, Cody, Kyle); Jessica Tucker.

Some of Bill's family who preceded him in death were his parents Johnny & Goldie Bell Martin; his brothers E.J., Leroy, John B., Bobby; sister Jerry; Bonnie Hudson (first wife). Bill is also survived by many loving relatives including nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bill enjoyed being with people so much. After his retirement as a Train-Master for Illinois, Central Gulf Railroad, he was a regular fixture at Walmart and

McDonalds, where he loved to see people and make them smile. His favorite place was Mt. Vernon Church, where he enjoyed family, friends and the God who brought them all together. Bill loved going on vacations and seeing new sites all around the country, meeting new people and eating his favorite foods, especially breakfast and dessert. You almost always saw him with a cup of coffee in his hand! Any time he could, he visited his family wherever they were at the time but he especially loved going home to Texas which he called God's country! More recently he enjoyed meeting Rob in Gatlinburg for Christmas and seeing Christmas at The Smoky Mountain Opry show. Bill enjoyed sharing the latest joke he'd heard, anything to make people grace him with a smile.

To help celebrate Bill's life, in lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to the Building Fund at Mt. Vernon Church, 839 Hwy 15 South, Laurel, MS 39443.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 13, 2020, at 2:00 pm in the sanctuary of Mt. Vernon Church with the funeral service beginning at 3:00 pm. Burial will be at Mt. Vernon Church Cemetery. The funeral service will be recorded and available upon request by emailing the church at [mtvc@comcast.net](mailto:mtvc@comcast.net). Rev. Davy Fenton will officiate and Bill's son-in-law Rev. Bob Sheldon will speak via a recorded message. Please join us for this celebration of Bill's life and God's grace.

For the safety of all, we request that you please remember to wear your masks.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Vernon Church Cemetery

839 Hwy 15 South  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Vernon Church  
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## Service

DEC 13. 3:00 PM (CT)

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