



Cyrus Griffin Martin, Jr.

June 17, 1932 - May 28, 2014

Cyrus Griffin Martin, Jr., age 81, passed away Wednesday May 28, 2014. He was born on June 17, 1932, son of the late, Rosalind Ewing Martin and Cyrus Griffin Martin, Sr., a very prominent family from Chattanooga, TN. He served in the U.S. Navy on board the aircraft carrier, The USS Yorktown during the Korean War. After serving on the Board of Directors for the USS Yorktown Association in Charleston, S.C. he was elected President and served over 23 years in that capacity. Mr. Martin, Jr. was presented the Award of Merit for his tireless work to insure that every sailor, regardless of rank, was assured his welcome aboard ship to find his name on the watch quarter of the association. He was a member of the American Legion Post 0148 of Chattanooga, TN for over 37 years. He was also a lifetime member of the NRA, because he believed every person has the right to bear arms against his enemy. For many years he worked tirelessly with the Boy Scouts of America as a troop leader, earning the prestigious Vigil of the Order of the Arrow, and helped form and shape many young men to become honest and dependable men of character. Mr. Martin, Jr. was of the Presbyterian faith. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Martha V. Martin and 3 sons, Jeffery A. Martin, Alexander Cuzzort III, Rus Martin, daughter, Nancy Haynes, sister, Mary Ewing Tucker, grandchildren, B.J. Cuzzort, Heather Cuzzort, Courtney Morgan, Zachary Cuzzort, 7 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Martin, Jr. was preceded in death by his son, Benjy Cuzzort, brother, Fred Wilson, sister, Doris Rath A Kind and Gentle man that was loved by all who knew him.

He will be greatly missed! Funeral services will be held 12:30 PM EDT Monday June 2, 2014 in the chapel with Rev. Robert Goff officiating. Interment will be in Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors. Family will receive friends from 2 PM until 8 PM Sunday and 11 AM until service time at Ryan Funeral Home, Trenton, GA.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cyrus Griffin Martin, Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Martha and Jeff, I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of Griff. I count it an honor to have gotten the chance to know Griff. As being a part of your extended family, I had many good times talking with Griff. I loved his sense of humor, even though at times I was part of the joke. Griff was always the same no matter where I saw him, or how long it had been since I saw him, and that speaks volumes for his character. I love you all, and will continue to support you in my prayers.... Love always, Fatso..*

Brian Holifield - June 02, 2014 at 08:42 AM



“ *I'm glad to have known Griff, and I do count it a honor also. Griff had a wonderful heart, he was a gentle and kind man. I loved his sense of humor, even though sometimes I was the one he was laughing at! Griff was always the same no matter where he was at, and that showed his character. Martha you Griff and Jeff have always been my extended family, I love yall, and I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of Griff. I will continue to keep yall in my prayers.....Love Always, Fatso*

Brian Holifield - May 31, 2014 at 10:21 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear about Griff's passing. I was one of his scouts back in the 60's and 70's and he had a tremendous impact on my life. Please accept my sincere condolences.*

George Knox - May 31, 2014 at 05:29 PM

SB

“ Dear Martin Family,
I'm so glad Uncle Griff found his brother and sister after 40 years. It was such a blessing to get to know my dad's brother that was adopted out at birth. Please know that he will be truly missed. Sending all our love and deepest sympathies to the family!
Steve, Sue and family

Sue and Steve Backhaus - May 31, 2014 at 03:04 PM

EW

“ So sorry to hear of Griff's passing. What a blessing to meet him after many years. We knew my husband had a brother who was adopted by a wonderful family. Our thoughts & prayer's are with Martha & all the family. So sorry we can't attend as we just buried his brother Fred May 22. Now the two brother's are together. God Bless ! Ellie

Ellie Wilson - May 31, 2014 at 01:59 PM

DH

“ I count it an honor to have know Grif in my life. I thank God for that. Please accept my sympathy for this loss. He has left a mark on all who have known him. he will be missed.

Danny Holt - May 30, 2014 at 09:12 PM