



## Pennie P. Martin

August 3, 1943 - June 12, 2007

Lexington, TN – Pennie P. Martin, age 63, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2007, after a long battle with cancer.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 15, 2007 from 4:00pm until 9:00pm. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 11:00am at Pafford Funeral Home in Lexington with interment to follow at Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Pennie was born August 3, 1943 in Ocilla, Georgia where she grew up with her sister, Anita. She graduated from the Women's College of Georgia and began her career as a social worker for the Georgia Department of Family and Children's Services. Pennie met her husband, Bill Martin, while he was teaching school in Sylvester, Georgia and they later married in 1968.

Following their marriage, Bill and Pennie moved to Tennessee, where she worked for the Tennessee Welfare Department as an advocate for abused and neglected children. Bill and Pennie settled in Lexington and although her professional career began with the state, she later opened her own businesses serving as a real estate agent, travel agent and most recently as an antique dealer.

If Pennie is to be remembered for two things it would be the love for her family and friends, and for the fighter that she was of her illness and to tell others to never give up. She held a special place in her heart for children, and as an

active member of the Jaycettes and later the Business and Professional Women's Association, she encouraged young people to pursue their education and realize their professional aspirations. Throughout her life she visited virtually every continent, and selflessly dedicated herself to her family and friends.

Pennie is preceded in death by her loving parents, S. A. and Ruby Purvis of Ocilla, Georgia. She is survived by her husband, Bill, her daughter Allison, and her sister Anita Mitcheltree and her husband Mitch of Athens, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made in her honor and memory to The Ovarian Cancer Research Fund ([www.ocrf.org](http://www.ocrf.org)) and the First United Methodist Church in Lexington. The family would also like to express their sincerest appreciation to Pennie's doctors and nurses at the Jackson Clinic and the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.  
71 Monroe Avenue  
Lexington, TN 38351  
(731) 968-2544  
info@paffordfuneralhome.com  
<http://www.paffordfuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.  
71 Monroe Avenue  
Lexington, TN 38351  
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## Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Chapel of Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN.  
71 Monroe Avenue  
Lexington, TN

# Tribute Wall



“ Bill and Allison, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We both thought alot of Pennie and truly enjoyed the time we spent with all of you in the Bahamas a few years ago. She was the true meaning of class in my book. We will continue to keep you and yours in our prayers.##imported-begin##Greg and Kim Williams##imported-end##

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June 15, 2007 at 06:23 PM



“ Bill and Allison, I am so sorry to hear about Ms. Penny. She was a very lovely lady and a pleasure to deal with at the bank. I have enjoyed knowing your family and will pray for you in the days to come. So sorry for your loss.  
Diane Tucker##imported-begin##Diane Tucker##imported-end##

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June 15, 2007 at 01:48 PM



“ Bill & Allison we are so sorry about the loss of your precious Wife and Mother. She was a very lovely lady and we thought a lot of her. Our prayers are with you today and in the days ahead. May God bless both of you. Anna & Glenn##imported-begin##Anna W. Kirk##imported-end##

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June 14, 2007 at 11:54 PM



“ I am sorry to here of Pennys passing She put up a great fight and as I understand continuied to the end.I feel I have missed a lot by not knowing her more. My prayers are with the family, and I greeve for your lose Your neighbor. James R Williams###imported-begin##James R Williams###imported-end##

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June 14, 2007 at 11:23 AM



“ Grieving with you in your time of loss, Bill.  
Travis and Kay###imported-begin##Travis and Kay  
Lewis###imported-end##

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June 14, 2007 at 06:05 AM



“ Pennie loved life and wore a shining smile which came from the wonderful spirit in her giving and loving heart. She was our next door neighbor, our friend, and she was like a member of our own family. She was an inspiration to all that knew her. She shall be missed and shall always be in our memories and in our hearts. Our love to Bill, Allison, and the rest of Pennies family. We are so sorry that we can not be at the service due to some family matters here in Kentucky. But we would like to say..... "Here's to you girl...you were (as Glyn put it) a firecracker!" "We will see you at home one day." Sent with lots of love. God's caring comfort be with you, Glyn & Judith###imported-begin##Glyn & Judith Webb###imported-end##

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June 13, 2007 at 10:00 PM