



Mr. William (Bill) Martin

May 30, 1941 - April 20, 2025

Mr. William (Bill) Ray Martin, age 83, passed away early on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, at his home in Lexington. He was born May 30, 1941, in Henderson County to the late James Ray and Vera Mae Wylie Martin.

Bill attended Memphis State and became an attorney in 1966. He moved to Lexington to practice law with his wife Pennie and later welcomed his daughter Allison in 1976. Bill worked in private practice for many years and later worked for the 26th Judicial District as an Assistant District Attorney in Henderson County until his retirement. Bill considered many of his colleagues good friends, and he especially enjoyed attending local bar association gatherings and supported efforts to bring new and older members of the legal profession together. Bill also served as Chairman of the Henderson County Election Commission.

Bill always enjoyed traveling, and in retirement was able to spend more time with his wife Mary Jane and visiting many places around the world. Bill attended Grace Methodist Church in Lexington, and during his time with the District Attorney General's Office he worked closely with the Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and supported their efforts to help local children and families.

Bill was preceded in death by wife Pennie Martin in 2007; Survivors include

his wife Mary Jane Martin, his daughter, Allison P. Martin, his stepsons, Robert Johnson (Tina Johnson) and Reverend Ronald Johnson (Karen Johnson), 4 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Bill always enjoyed sharing whenever possible that when he married Mary Jane on July 7, 2012, he welcomed 22 new family members.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 am Wednesday April 23, 2025 at Grace Methodist Church in Lexington. Interment will follow in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday April 22 from 2-4 pm and 6-9 pm at Pafford Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Grace Methodist Church, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or to the Exchange Club Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse Henderson County.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Moriah Cemetery

Mt. Moriah Road
Reagan, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 22. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Visitation

APR 22. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Church Service

APR 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Methodist Church
175 Natchez Trace Dr.
Lexington, TN 38351

Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William (Bill) Martin



Pafford Funeral Home - April 22, 2025 at 10:57 AM

SW

“ So long darling, I'll miss your cash support.

S Wood - May 01, 2025 at 05:57 PM

HC

“ Our Prayers and Condolences go out to the entire family of Bill Martin. I had the opportunity to work directly with Bill directly, as the Assistant Public Defender in Henderson County, up until he retired. I always found Bill to be an honest and sincere person, and really enjoyed the many years that I worked with him. We did several Criminal Jury Trials together, and always remained friend regardless of the outcome of the trials. He was definitely a great and fair District to work with in Henderson County for several years. He was always kind and respectful toward me, even though we had many battles over the years. May God Bless his entire Family, and I know he will surely be missed. I also had the opportunity to be in court on many occasions against his daughter Allison as well, and she was always kind and respectable as well. May God Bless and Keep the entire family during this period of Bereavement . Attorney Hewitt Chatman, Retired, Plant City, FL.



Hewitt Chatman - April 23, 2025 at 04:12 PM

LE

“ Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Mr. William (Bill) Martin



Linda Elam - April 22, 2025 at 11:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William (Bill) Martin.

April 22, 2025 at 02:27 PM



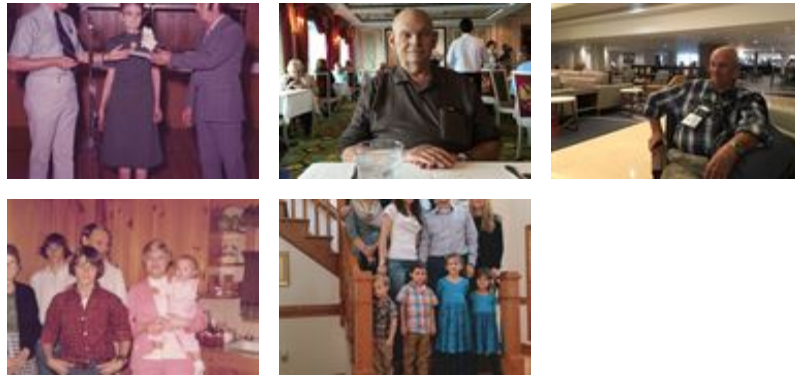
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William (Bill) Martin.



April 22, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pafford Funeral Home - April 22, 2025 at 10:56 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William (Bill) Martin.



April 22, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. William (Bill) Martin.

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LM

“ Love, Kensie and Paul McKernan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. William (Bill) Martin.



Love, Kensie and Paul McKernan - April 22, 2025 at 09:07 AM

FR

“ Bill Martin a great friend, family man, Christian soldier and legal scholar. You will be missed. Rest in peace my friend

Frankie - April 21, 2025 at 09:49 PM

BO

“ A better man, I never met than Attorney Bill Martin. For decades, he did various legal work, his fees were always reasonable, his legal understanding was superb, and the best way to summarize Bill, he was a man who kept his word. I enjoyed our many conversations and with sadness, I attempt to share my thoughts above my friend Bill Martin. Fly high over the Panama Canal, you earned it.

BobbyCogdell - April 21, 2025 at 12:15 PM



“ Amanda Henry lit a candle in memory of Mr. William (Bill) Martin



Amanda Henry - April 21, 2025 at 06:34 AM

BW

“ *Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William (Bill) Martin*



Barbara Willis - April 20, 2025 at 11:48 PM

PW

“ *Bill was a very good lawyer and friend!*



Peggy Wentworth - April 20, 2025 at 08:27 PM

DD

“ *Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of Mr. William (Bill) Martin*



Donna Darrough - April 20, 2025 at 08:05 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Akins lit a candle in memory of Mr. William (Bill) Martin*



Eddie Akins - April 20, 2025 at 06:39 PM