

## Thomas Mark Martin

June 3, 1951 - August 1, 2024

In loving memory of Thomas Mark Martin, 73, a devoted educator who dedicated 46 years to shaping the minds of Lubbock and surrounding communities. On June 3, 1951, Mark was born in Bryan, TX, and sadly departed from this world on August 1, 2024, at his residence in Lubbock, TX.

Mark was a man of many talents and passions. Throughout his life, he served as a lay minister and Sunday School teacher, touching the lives of many at Trinity Sunday School class. An accomplished artist, poet, and writer, Mark found solace in expressing himself through various creative outlets. His love for literature was evident in his role as an avid reader and his participation in community theatre as an actor.

Beyond his professional and artistic pursuits, Mark was a devoted family man, finding joy in spending time with his loved ones. His compassionate spirit extended to assisting the homeless and always being ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. A charter member of Lakeridge Methodist Church, Mark's faith was a guiding light throughout his life, shaping his values of kindness and generosity.

Mark leaves behind his beloved spouse Renee Martin, children Alan, Leslie, Eric, Courtney, and Kristyn, along with a host of grandchildren and great-grandchild who were his pride and joy.

The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 4, 2024 at Sanders Funeral Home. Graveside Service will be held 1:00 p.m. at the City of Lubbock Cemetery on August 5, 2024.

In his memory, let us reflect on the legacy Mark Martin has left behind and the profound impact he had on all who were fortunate to know him. May his kindness, creativity, and unwavering faith continue to inspire us all.

Mark was preceded in death by father Dan Martin and mother JoAnn Thomas Mock.

Loved ones include spouse Renee Martin; brother James Martin; sister-in-law Linda Martin; brother David Martin; sister-in-law Debi Martin; sister Dana Williams; son Alan Martin; daughter-in-law Deonne Martin; daughter Leslie Barry; son-in-law Rob Barry; son Eric Atchley; daughter Courtney Watt; daughter Kristyn Sieffert; son-in-law Jeremy Sieffert; grandchildren Emmerson Martin, Evynn Martin, Eden Martin, Jackson Barry, Bubba Barry, Caden Barry, Becca Barry, Trinity Atchley, Brennon Edwards, Haley Edwards, Tyler Sieffert, Blake Sieffert, Eli Sieffert; great-grandchild Lana Sieffert.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Backyard Mission, 8205 Quincy Ave. Lubbock, TX 79424, or Lakeridge Methodist Church Legacy Fund, 4701 82nd St. Lubbock, TX 79424.

Please celebrate the life of Thomas by visiting [www.sandersfuneralhome.com](http://www.sandersfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Sanders Funeral Home

## Graveside Service

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

City of Lubbock Cemetery  
2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Tribute Wall

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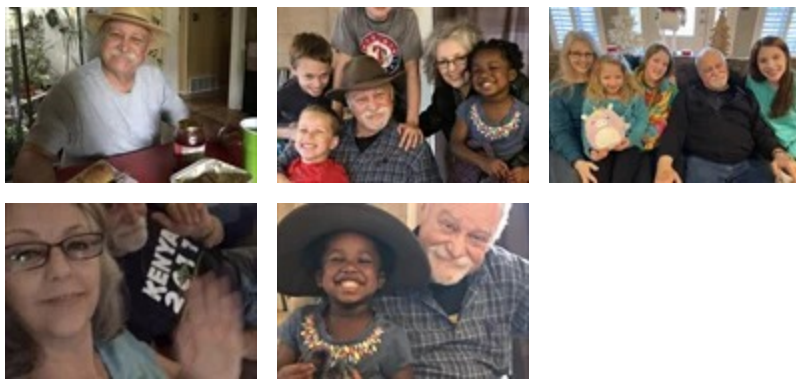
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Renee - September 20, 2024 at 12:33 PM

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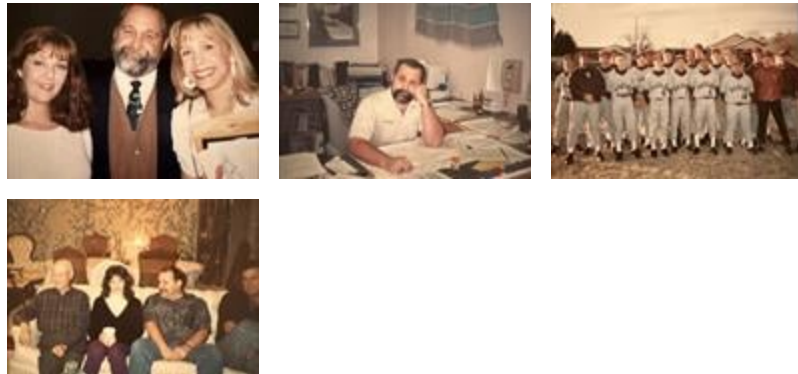
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Renee Martin - August 03, 2024 at 12:41 PM

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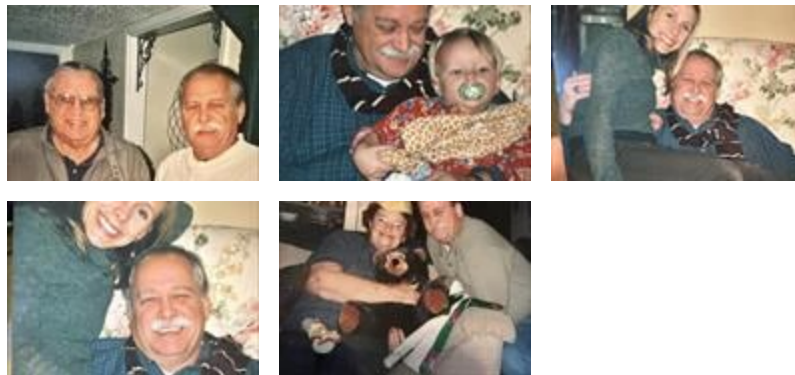
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Renee Martin - August 03, 2024 at 09:40 AM

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**Renee Martin** - August 03, 2024 at 09:33 AM

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**courtney** - August 02, 2024 at 09:22 PM

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**Haley Edwards** - August 02, 2024 at 08:55 PM

JM

“ James, Thank you so much for letting me know about Mark’s transition to the church triumphant. Unfortunately I will not be able to come to Lubbock for his celebration of life. I’m so glad I got to see him last time I was in Lubbock which was over a year ago! Mark has always had a special place in my heart since the time he shaved my arm while I was sleeping on the bus on the way back from California in 1968! Then we both arrived in Lubbock about the same time in 1979 when I started LRUMC. He was a vital part of the congregation and lead a Sunday school class that was larger than many Methodist churches! He had a gift for being able to teach people of all ages. A master at practical jokes and great sense of humor. I’m glad that we got to share many years of life’s joys and challenges together. I’m sad he is gone but glad that his suffering is over and that he is at peace in the place Jesus prepared for him. Please express my condolences to Renee and your family. In the words of the Apostle Paul: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

*Bill Couch, founding pastor of Lakeridge Methodist Church in Lubbock*

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**James Martin** - August 02, 2024 at 07:15 PM

JM

“ We have a deep gratitude for witnessing the depth of love and devotion of a loving wife who never left his side and was right there with him as he took his last breath. Thank you, Renee, for being an incarnational inspiration of unconditional love for my brother. We are also grateful for you and your family for being his family – he needed all of you. Needless to say, Mark’s loving children, Alan & Leslie, were also there to remind him of their devotion and love. Linda and I have many cherished memories of watching you both grow into the great adults that you are today. Mark was a very proud Dad and bragged incessantly on his kids and grandkids.

I need to say that Mark deeply loved all things old – which included his ‘old’ (yes, I said it – we are old!) siblings, Dana and David . We all lived in the same world, but undoubtedly have differing interpretations of those same events. Every conversation included stories of Dana’s caring heart and dedicated service to her family, students and friends. As well as her past adventures and antics with Mom. Also, David’s adventures ‘on the road’ ... not sure what he did on the road so much as he’s mostly been ‘on the road’ his entire life (yes, even as a little boy). Of course he’s the Dad, granddaddy and great granddaddy - deeply loved by his ever expanding family ... you go, David!!

*James & Linda Martin*

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**James Martin** - August 02, 2024 at 06:59 PM

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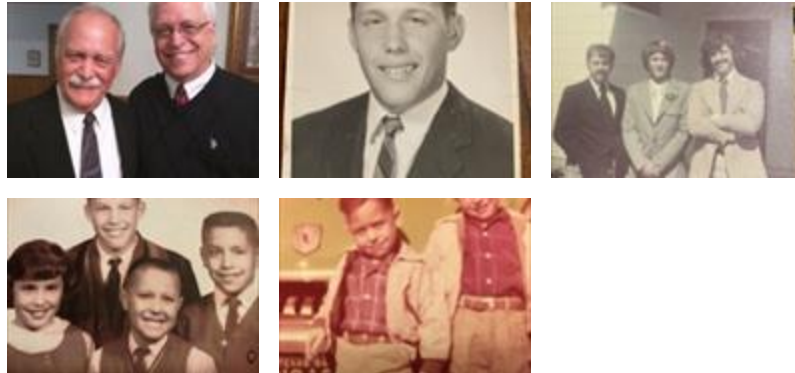
*Mark you were always in charge of James, David, and me (Dana). If we got in trouble so did you. You were given a lot of responsibility at a young age. You were a great example of our education by always making the highest grades with the least effort, and having a work effort that no one could keep up with. You liked pranks like cutting up a snake when I went off to find a bush for a bathroom and came back to find my hoe Next to a snake. You showed us how to be the best in academics and sports by getting on the football varsity as a freshman. We never could be as good as you. I was glad you were humble and didn't brag. I always looked up to you and so enjoyed your teaching Sunday school. You made it so interesting when you added the history of the times. I was always so proud to be your sister. So glad you went to our real home where there is no pain only rejoicing. I love you so much.*

*Sister Dana re*

Dana williams - August 02, 2024 at 08:31 PM

JM

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James Martin - August 02, 2024 at 06:50 PM

JM

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*My big brother, Mark, was always a source of strength to me. During our ‘growing up’ years he served as a type of crucible for me and had ‘taken it on the chin’ when he would share the blame for all my (many) mess ups. I used to resent all the ‘be like Mark’ admonishments from my parents, but I never resented him. I used to marvel at his tenacity and grounded logic during tumultuous times in our lives. His common sense wasn’t so ‘common’ in me. He would always laugh at my impulsivities and (oddly enough) seemed to admire my wayward inclinations. Although I seemed to be his main source of entertainment at times, he would often bemoan the ‘what ifs’ and the ‘could have been’ ... wondering why he was unable to flee the bounds of decorum and live a seemingly care free life (and get away with it) like his wild haired little brother did.*

*By nature Mark was a scavenger – the ultimate collector of past memorabilia. He love ‘old stuff’ (or should I say cheap, old stuff?). To enter his office was like stepping into his past life. The ‘good old days’ when his star was shining brightly. His paradise consisted of school days in Denver City, Texas. Most conversations would inevitably turn into a litany of memories indelibly imprinted in his heart of all things endearing and painful emanating from that little town of oil, cotton & football. From wild horse rides to farm follies to the ‘glory days’ of being a baseball ‘Giant’ and football ‘Mustang.’ He would often ponder the deep joys found in strong friendships and tragic losses which included the death of a childhood friend. To leave DC was a hard move for him.*

*Although adjusting was difficult, he soldiered on and made new friends in new places (Lubbock Monterey and Seminole), but would never forget the Mecca of his beloved childhood.*

*Mark has touched many lives through the years. In his adult years he weathered good times and bad times (don’t we all?). He would be the first to tell you that without Christ in his life, his story would*

*have been a sad tale of woe. His moorings were battered but the Holy Spirit stayed true and helped him stay afloat through turbulent times.*

*All I can account for is my experiences as his little brother. It seemed to me that Mark always excelled at handling difficult tasks. I guess to describe (at least in my mind's eye) our family would be ... like helium filled balloons tossed about by powerful winds with frayed strings dangling and sometimes entangled together ... dangerously drifting off into oblivion .... then suddenly Mark, with his feet firmly planted on solid ground would reach up and grab each string and bring us back to earth and set us firmly tied to reality. Honestly, I don't think he could have done that without the Lord's help. It seems to me that his ministry to others continued along these same lines during his adult years as a leader in schools, prisons and his beloved class at Lakeridge Methodist Church.*

*Although one could say the last years of my brother's life were tragic being addled by interlocking physical maladies playing havoc with all his sensibilities (eyes, bones, mind...) – the richness of his story will continue to thrive in my heart.*

*I was in my office when I received Renee's text which simply said, 'He passed.' As I instantly gasped from the gut punch of those words, I realized that Mark just took his first breath in the Presence of his loving Savior ! Heaven's air filled his glorified lungs with an everlasting flavor of joyful glee!*

*I guess I said all of this to simply say - I'll miss you, big brother. Thank you – I love you and can't wait for my heavenly greeting – “Hi James Doyle, how're you doing?”*

*Written by James D. Martin  
August 2, 2024*

WB

*I'm just a young cousin - but I always looked up to my wonderful and blessed Martin cousins - Mark, James, Dana and David - May GOD bless each of you and your families! And that includes Uncle Dan and Aunt Joann*

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**Wynn Charles Brookshire** - August 03, 2024 at 01:27 AM