



Albert Martin

June 7, 1946 - June 29, 2018

Mr. Albert Martin was born in Columbia, SC on June 7, 1946 to the late James and Clotell Martin. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Rudolph, Nathan, and Allen. He is survived by two sisters, Jean and Bobbi, and one brother, Johnny who all reside in Columbia, SC. The next feast that “Al” Martin prepares will be at the table of his Lord and Savior. He was 72 years young when his Heavenly Father called him to glory on Friday morning May 29th 2018 after having battled with esophageal cancer since 2016.

“Al,” as he was lovingly called by his wife, Johnnie, family and friends, was educated in the Richland County Public School system in Columbia, SC. He graduated high school in 1963 and attended State College. He was a Trombone player in the college’s marching band. After one year, he transferred to Benedict College in 1967 and earned a degree in both Chemistry and Mathematics. After college, he taught Mathematics at Dent High School in Columbia, SC. Al left the classroom and went to Indiana University for his Post Graduate Studies. He was offered an opportunity to begin his career as a Chemist at Dow Chemicals in Atlanta, GA where he worked for two years before being offered an opportunity to join a Textile Company in Greenville, SC. While at this company, Al helped to developed/created what are considered his greatest accomplishments in his 40 plus year Chemical Career. Spray & Wash Fabric Spray as well Fantastik Cleaner were parts of his Great Works and Accomplishments.

While working in Greenville, Al met and married his soul-mate, Johnnie Mae who was also working at another Textile Company. Al and Johnnie Mae married in May of 1974 and were relocated to Louisville, KY in June of 1974 due to Al having been offered an opportunity to join another chemical company. They lived in Louisville, KY from 1973 to 1986 when they relocated with their two sons to Chesapeake, VA.

Al was an avid fisherman, gardener, and upon retiring from Chemistry in the early 2000s he took his love and passion for cooking to a new level, he was named the Virginian-Pilot's July 2010 Everyday Chef. He spent his retirement years doing cooking exhibits and hosting fine dining dinner parties. His bistro style meals were cherished by anyone he invited to his dining room or chef's table. His culinary talents have been featured in regional newspapers and magazines. He was a highly respected judge of cooking contests, and he was featured at cooking exhibits in North Carolina and Coastal Virginia. Al will be remembered as the Chemist who became a chef of the stars. A list that includes Gerald Albright, Jonathan Slocum, Karen White, Vivica Fox, Brian McKnight, and Peabo Bryson just to name a few.

Al leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife and partner of 44 years Johnnie Mae; his sons and their spouses, Doug "Burky" (Kimberly) and Tavon (Lisa); grandchildren: Shawn, Dougie, Shane, Donavon, Kaylee, Brooklyn two great-grandchildren: Lil Shawn, Isla, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church
5910 W Norfolk Rd
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-4149

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Albert Martin



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 05, 2018 at 01:28 PM

NE

“ Hi, family! My name is Neisha Elmore! My mom, Anna Elmore and Johnnie Mae are cousins. I truly enjoyed spending time, with Al and Johnnie Mae, when they visited us in Greenville, S.C. They were great people and entertainers! Johnnie Mae and me, used to call each other, several times throughout the year. However, a couple of years ago, I got a new phone and all of my contacts did not teleport over to the new phone. Unfortunately, Johnnie's number, was one of the numbers, that did not transfer over, to my new phone. I've unsuccessfully attempted to find her son Doug and her niece Patricia Poole on face book. Would someone please contact me, regarding this issue. My mom, sister, and I would really appreciate it. My number is: 864-356-2360.

Neisha Elmore - March 21, 2021 at 02:34 PM

BF

“ Al, as we remember him, always shared a smile, loved his family, enjoyed the reunions and was a great cook! We all knew that if Johnnie Mae was there, Al was not far behind. Remember, in times like these, you need a Savior, an anchor, be very sure, your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock, the Rock is Jesus . We love you all and will continue to send up prayers for the family in the days and months ahead.

FROM: THE BROCKMAN-KILGORE-SMITH-WHITE FAMILY.

BROCKMAN-KILGORE-SMITH-WHITE FAMILY - July 06, 2018 at 08:51 AM

PR

“ Johnnie Mae, you and your family have our condolences at this very difficult time. We love you and pray that God will keep you all in His care. “Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal”. Hold to God’s unchanging hand! He’s able and He will see you through. I’m sorry I can’t be with you all today but you are in my prayers. Your cousin, Patricia Brockman Reeves and Marion Reeves and Family

Patricia Brockman Reeves - July 06, 2018 at 07:46 AM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 05, 2018 at 10:26 AM

MW

“ So sorry for your loss...!

In the midst of our sorrow and sadness, rest assure that God does all things well! You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Continue to lean and depend on Him as you walk through this period of transition. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Gonna truly miss those delicious "dishes" prepared by Mr. Al. Until we all meet again...be comforted, kept, and richly blessed.

Michael Williams and Family

Michael Williams - July 03, 2018 at 02:23 PM

MH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May peace settle your souls over time.

With prayer and love,

Cousin Eugene Harrison, Cousin Michelle Harrison, and Cousin Jacori Owens

Michelle Harrison - July 02, 2018 at 11:25 PM

LB

“ Lorine Berry and Joe Berry was sorry for your loss .you have our deepest condolences to you and your family. We pray that God will keep you at this time .

Lorine Berry - June 30, 2018 at 09:04 PM