



Clair G. Martin

November 11, 1961 - January 21, 2016

Clair Gerard Martin, 54, of Austin, Texas was called back home by the Lord on January 20, 2016. Clair Martin was born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 11, 1961 to parents William Dewey Martin and Thelma Duffey Martin.

Clair was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who spent his whole life providing the best possible for them. He always put the needs and wants of his family before his own. He was one of the most selfless individuals that most would encounter.

At the age 17, Clair enlisted in the Marine Corps, in which he rose to the rank of Sergeant Machine Gunner. He lived not only for his family, but his country as well and took great pride in his glory days. After leaving the military service he began a career in the car business to provide for his family. During this time he became a significant leader in the industry and brought on noteworthy success and growth to every organization he worked with.

Clair was a leader and man of God with a huge heart. One of his biggest dreams and passions was to help troubled teens. While living in Estes Park this desire grew larger and larger as he would look for land to start up his "Dewey Center", a nonprofit organization that aimed to help teens that were tied up in the system. He wanted to create an alternative to prison with a mission to help and educate these teens to turn their lives around and provide

them with the love and encouragement that they may have never gotten through their own friends and family. Although he never got to live out this dream, he never needed a building or an organization to change the lives of others. His compassion and wise words were all anyone needed and he impacted every life that he ever crossed paths with.

During his free time Clair loved to spend his days by the lake or ocean, fishing, camping, and most of all taking rides on his motorcycle through the mountains of Estes Park, Colorado or the hill country of Austin, Texas. He was such a free spirit who tried to make the most of every day spent on earth.

One of his main goals in life was to ensure that all three of his kids become more successful, loving, and kind hearted than himself. He went out of his way to spread all the love that his big heart held to everyone around him.

Clair was preceded in death by his father William Dewey Martin, mother Thelma Duffey Martin, mother-in-law Aurea Padua Hatlestad, and Bruce Hatlestad. Clair is survived by daughters Jessica Martin and Kristie Chong and only son Christopher Martin. He also leaves behind Elizabeth Martin, Ronald Hatlestad, daughter-in-law Charlotte Martin son-in-laws Andrew Chong and Alanmykal Jackson, as well as six grand children: Mason, Tyson, Brayden, Zane, Dekker and his only granddaughter Allie.

If you wish to pay your respects, visitation will be held Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 5:30pm-8pm at 13009 Dessau Road Austin, Texas 78754.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Clair G. Martin

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Clair G. Martin

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Clair G. Martin

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ Liz McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Clair G. Martin



Liz McCarthy - August 03, 2019 at 12:41 AM



I miss you! 💙😔

Liz McCarthy - August 03, 2019 at 12:42 AM

PB

I was best friends with Clair when we were in the USMC. We did everything together for almost 4 full years.

I used to call him bugsy.

I am very sorry to hear he passed.

I wish we would have stayed in touch but that was my fault.

If anyone can give me more information about what happened to him and how his life was after the marines, I'd love to know more.

My name is Pasquale Anthony Benedetto. I went by the name Tony back then.

My email is pasquale255@comcast.net

Thank you to anyone who can help. 🙏

Pasquale Benedetto - December 14, 2021 at 10:41 AM

TE

“ *Clair (Bumps) Martin, Respectfully..*

Growing up as kids we became family

I was shocked and very saddened to hear this! You did a great job Clair! A wonderful & beautiful (inside & outter) wife Liz. You hooked me up with another sister! And expanded the FAMILY! You both raised 3 children that you instilled to them to be compassionate and kindness in humanity. They, and the next generation; Grandchildren, will carry on the traditions and life-lessons that made FAMILY. The most important and most valuable TREASURE that solidified your heart and extended the caring to help others.

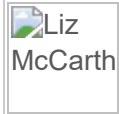
Now, you are in Heaven, a FAMILY REUNION there with your parents, our brothers and until The Lord calls upon each of us on Earth to join, we ALL shall think of you, the memories and CHERISH the family unit we shared together. Be proud of the children you raised to becoming the adults that have heart, you did good Clair!!

I WILL miss ya! I know how deeply the pain will forever be that Liz loved you SO MUCH, a love that will be forever. All hearts bounded together. Special.

Until we meet again, all my love brother!

XO, Terry

Theresa Evans - August 12, 2017 at 05:43 PM



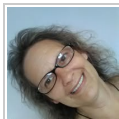
Thanks "T" for the beautiful words, Clair loved all of you. He talked a lot about his childhood with you, Mikey, Bobby and Ginger... and yes I loved him very much that will never change. I miss him everyday!! 😞

Liz McCarthy - August 12, 2017 at 06:06 PM



"Bumps" that's so funny I always teased him about that... 😊

Liz McCarthy - August 12, 2017 at 06:10 PM



Liz, it's Linda omg I hate seeing he had pass away, my sister also passed away two almost three years ago in October

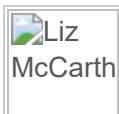
Linda Caldarelli - June 16, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ *Liz McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Clair G. Martin*



Liz McCarthy - August 12, 2017 at 09:03 AM



Missing you... 😞

Liz McCarthy - August 12, 2017 at 09:08 AM



“ *>> Will never forget what today is... JANUARY 25, 1983. YOUR ALWAYS IN MY HEART! ❤️ FOREVER!*



Liz McCarthy - January 25, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ I can't believe it's been a year. I miss you! I think of you often. I miss our phone calls. I remember you calling me late one night just to tell me how proud you were of yourself, because you cooked a piece of chicken...it was funny we both cracked up. You were being so silly and so happy! I could still hear your voice as though it just happened.



I've had candles lit almost this whole month for you, we'll actually tea candles, you know me I don't want to burn the house down...your always with me, I MISS YOU! ❤️ FOREVER!

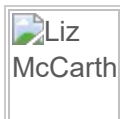
Liz McCarthy - January 20, 2017 at 02:52 PM



“ Liz McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Clair G. Martin

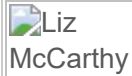


Liz McCarthy - November 11, 2016 at 02:03 AM



Happy Birthday up in Heaven. 📍

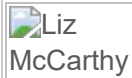
Liz McCarthy - November 11, 2016 at 03:30 AM



“ She is "Naya Rose Chong" she came into the world today grandpa...I wish you could see her she's absolutely beautiful...I know Kristie wishes you could meet her...both Mom and Baby are doing fine...I know you would be so proud of her and Andrew! We all miss you!!!



Liz McCarthy - September 02, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ Liz McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Clair G. Martin



Liz McCarthy - August 11, 2016 at 11:48 AM



“ My heart aches so much for you today and really this past week and I don't know why. I miss you so much. Life just isn't fair anymore. My birthday is next month and I'm not even excited about it because you aren't gonna call me. I don't know if I'm ready to handle that. I just want another day with you daddy. I wish I had more time for you. I regret everyday I didn't see or talk to you now. I just need you back in my life. Please.



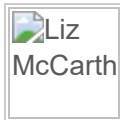
Jessica Martin - May 08, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ *Liz McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Clair G. Martin*



Liz McCarthy - April 15, 2016 at 05:31 PM



I miss you so much! I think about you all the time. I'm still going through all of the things we had together, it makes me sad. I catch myself crying for you, what we had, our family. How so much has changed since you've been gone. I worry about the kids, but Im hoping in time we can all begin to heal. I love them and their hurting, I'm hurting because your gone! We all loved you. I don't know why I'm writing like this, I just know I miss you!! We were married along time, good or bad I still love you. You knew that and I know you loved me too. That will never change no matter what my future holds. I'm glad you and Paul liked each other because he's about to be my future. You'll always be in my heart and some day we'll meet again until then Honey rest in peace!!! I love you, ALWAYS!!!

Liz McCarthy - April 15, 2016 at 05:50 PM



“ I miss you so much daddy. I been trying so hard to stay positive and live life but every time I start to it just hurts to much. It's gets worse instead of better. I love you more than anyone in the entire world. I wish you were still here so I can hug you. I watched the video of Alanmykal proposing to me the other day and you kept walking in front of whoever was recording it and when I first saw the video I was like this guy, move! Haha now i think it's funny cause that's how you always were. I miss that. The video ends with you yelling now, I don't know what that meant but I miss your voice. You sounded so happy for me. I love you pops. I always will. Please remember me when we get to meet again.



Jessica Martin - April 10, 2016 at 12:09 AM



“ I miss you! I think about you all the time... I miss talking to you.

Liz McCarthy - March 22, 2016 at 01:49 PM



“ I waited a long time to post because inside I struggled with this for so many reasons. I fall asleep and you are on my mind. I wake up and I think of you. I miss you Dad. It's real and it's tough without you. The words I write do not do a good job describing how I feel. I know you want so many good things for our family and we will all do our best to complete that hope. I wish you were here with us to take part in the next phase of our lives, but I can take solace knowing you are looking down and protecting all of us. I love you Papa and you will forever be in my heart.

Kristie Chong - March 14, 2016 at 08:19 PM

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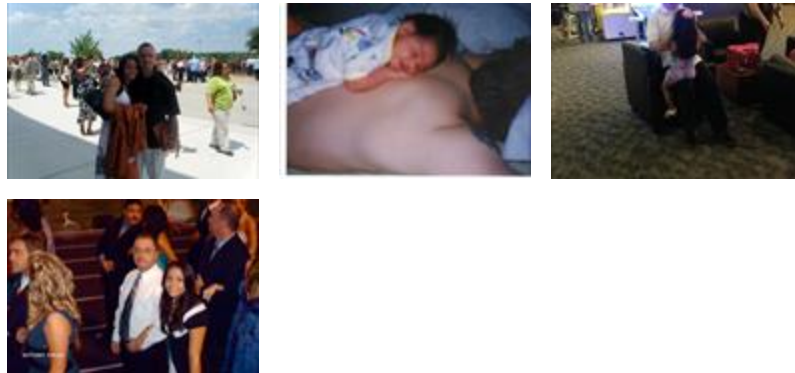
“ *It's never a good-bye between You and I. We'll see each other again someday until then Rest In Peace Sweetheart... You will Always be Forever in my Heart!!*



Liz Martin - February 04, 2016 at 09:19 AM



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Jessica Martin - February 03, 2016 at 08:58 PM



“ *Daddy, I still don't want to believe you are gone. I will never forget everything you taught. You were such a wonderful, wise man. I couldn't have asked for a better dad. You were there for every special event in my life. It just hurts you won't physically be here anymore for the rest of them. I love you so much. I hope you're enjoying your eternal happiness.*



It's not goodbye...just see ya later. 😞💙😇

Jessica Martin - February 03, 2016 at 08:55 PM

CN

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Martin Family.*

Jacob San Migel, Camille Nunez, Erik Nunez & Dolores Chavana



Camille Nunez - February 03, 2016 at 07:44 PM

RC

“ *Rest peacefully, my friend.*



randy cash - February 03, 2016 at 12:16 AM

LI

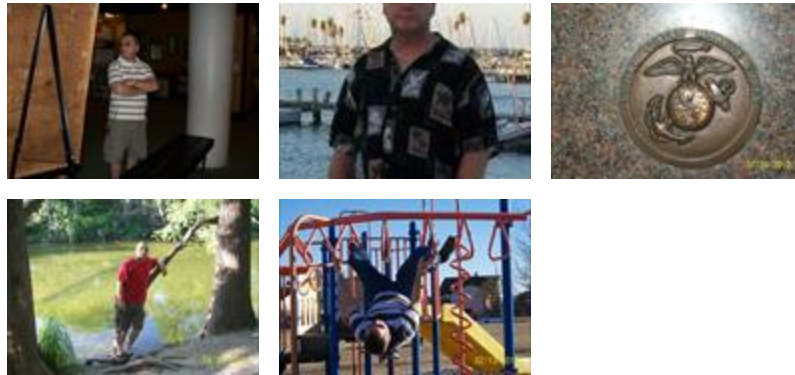
“ Liz lit a candle in memory of Clair G. Martin



Liz - February 02, 2016 at 11:06 PM

LM

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Liz Martin - February 02, 2016 at 09:40 PM

CM

“ Dad you are and always will be my role model. You taught me so much and I loved being able to figure out all of life's challenges with you. Every minute we ever spent together will never be forgotten. I love you so much dad!

chris martin - February 02, 2016 at 02:35 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



chris martin - February 02, 2016 at 02:32 PM

LJ

“ You will be missed so much. You were your daughters Hero. She speaks only with love when she talks about you. May you rest in peace. It was a honor to have met you.



Laura Jackson - February 01, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ Jessica Martin lit a candle in memory of Clair G. Martin



Jessica Martin - February 01, 2016 at 03:07 PM



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Jessica Martin - February 01, 2016 at 02:59 PM