



## Mrs. Laverne Keeling Martin

July 7, 1946 - August 12, 2024

Funeral services for Mrs. Laverne Martin, 78, of Beckville, Texas will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jimmy Pierce officiating. Burial will follow in the Shiloh Cemetery in Mt. Enterprise, Texas. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Monday, August 19, 2024 at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Mrs. Laverne Keeling Martin was born July 27, 1946 in Devine, Texas. She passed this life August 12, 2024 peacefully at her Beckville, Texas home. Laverne was the oldest of three children born to the marriage of Elliott Gordon and Mildred Ozzella Barry Keeling. She was schooled and graduated from M.B. Smiley High School. Laverne graduated the Vocational Nursing Program at Panola General Hospital with their 7th graduating class. Laverne married James "Jim" Arol Martin, Jr. in November of 1964 and they celebrated 58 years of marriage and two sons before he preceded her in death May 2, 2022. Mrs. Martin served as a nurse and caregiver throughout her life in hospitals, nursing homes, home health and state schools until her retirement. Laverne was a talented seamstress, she crocheted and knitted. She was an avid gardener cultivating plants and flowers and could grow anything. Laverne is also preceded in death by her parents; brother, Graylan Keeling; and a grandchild, Wesley James Martin.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her loving children, sons, Charles "Chuck" Martin and wife Sharon of Carthage, Wayne Martin of Beckville; daughter-in-law, Nora Pacheco of Orlando, FL; brother, Gordon Keeling and wife Kathy of

Beckville; sister-in-law, Vivian Cecil of DeBerry; grandchildren, Stephany Martin, Chris Stevens, Samantha Ritter, Elliot Martin, Kevin Martin and Logan Martin; great grandchild, Brannon Stevens, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

The family requests memorials in the name of Jim and Laverne Martin to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. A guest register can be signed at: [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Old Shiloh Cemetery

FM 3131 and 3144  
Rusk County, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Laverne Keeling Martin



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**Hawthorn Funeral Home** - August 19, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ Laverne was one of the best nurses I knew. I worked with her at Texas Home Health. She was so sweet and would do anything for anyone with no questions asked. The world is a lesser place without her in it. May the Lord bless and keep her soul. Deepest condolences on your loss.

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**TERESA HAWKINS** - September 01, 2024 at 11:17 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Laverne's passing. I know she will be missed by all of you. My heart and prayers go out to Chuck and the rest of her family.  
Barbara jo Floyd

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**Barbara Williams Chambers** - August 20, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - August 19, 2024 at 11:33 AM

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“ With love, Lois & Jeff Barry purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Laverne Keeling Martin.



With love, Lois & Jeff Barry - August 18, 2024 at 10:23 AM

DS

“ Laverne and I have been friends since 5th grade. As teenagers we were in the band and had much fun going to dances. Wayne and Chuck, your Mom loved you boys with all she had in her heart. She was so proud of you both. God is holding her close to him. No doubt in my mind. God bless you both. Donna Schroeder Saylor

Donna Schroeder Saylor - August 14, 2024 at 10:25 AM

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“ Many of the beautiful vests that Laverne made around 1998 for The Coin Mint at IOA are still in use! Rick still treasures his! ❤️ ❤️ ☐

Barbara Heinen - August 14, 2024 at 01:39 AM