

Mr. Michael Martin

January 21, 1948 - August 30, 2013

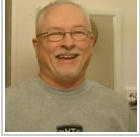
Memorial services for Mr. Michael Wheeler Martin, 65 of Beckville, Texas will be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Carthage, Texas with Mr. Jack Runnels officiating. Arrangements are being entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home.

Michael Wheeler Martin was born January 21, 1948 on the Osage Reservation in Fairfax, Oklahoma to Arnold and Inez Brock Martin and passed away August 30, 2013 in Tatum, Texas surrounded by family and friends.

Michael was raised in Houston, Texas and graduated from the Allen Military Academy in Bryan, Texas. He married Lois Brenda Crump on June 2, 1979 and they celebrated 34 years together. Mike had two children, a son, Michael Wheeler, Jr. and a daughter, Michelle Angelique. Mike was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and attended the Carthage Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. He enjoyed people and talking about Jehovah his Creator. For recreation and relaxation, his hobbies were body building, motorcycles, and making knives. He also loved going to the mountains and seeing the buffalo. Mike was also the former owner of Iron Master's Gym in Carthage.

Mr. Martin is survived by his loving wife, Lois Brenda Martin of Beckville; children, Michael Wheeler Martin, Jr. and fiancé Audrey Channel Stevens of Tatum, Michelle Angelique Martin Toon of Austin; grandchildren, Melody, Christopher and Nikalas Toon all of Austin; mother-in-law, Betty Crump of Beckville; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Tribute Wall



“ My name is Tom Bulman. Mike and I met in September 1960. We had been assigned as roommates at Allen Academy. We became instant buddies. We both had the same warped sense of humor. It made the regimented military life bearable. We were more than roommates, we were classmates as well. Our class was 10 students, the max permitted at Allen. So it was a 24/7 friendship. We both lived in Houston, so we frequently shared the bus ride on home leave. His mom and dad were so nice to me. I was always welcome at their home on leave or during the summer when we swapped back and forth between my home and his. We were tight. We always had places to go and things to do. We were together at Allen for two years, and as I was preparing to head for Allen for my third year, my dad got a transfer to Arizona. I knew some of the boys who lived out of state, and it was tough, so I sadly enrolled in public school in Phoenix. Two years later, I got my Arizona license, bought a car and when school was out, I headed to Houston to see Mike and some other friends. I could not believe how big he had gotten!! He said I did too, but it was astounding. Years went by, and I graduated, went to ASU and eventually off to the Air Force. We lost touch. Over the years I tried to get in touch with him, to no avail. There are plenty of Mike Martins around, but no Michael Wheeler Martins. Many years ago I remember that I got a hit on a Michael Wheeler Martin in an internet search. Something about an accident involving an electrician and a severe injury and a worker's comp claim. That was all I could find over all that time. I'm not even sure if that was him. So here I am reading his obituary, and it's the first time in all these years that I've finally made a connection. I'm saddened, but not devastated because for some reason, I somehow knew that he was no longer with us. If you're a family member and you're reading this I just want you to know that he had a close friend who loved him deeply, and am sorrowful that we couldn't have reconnected before he passed. If you're a friend reading this, then you know what a treasure he was. Thanks for taking the time to read this. I wish all his family and friends the best. If anyone cares to make contact with me, I can be reached at tmb85028@gmail.com.

Tom Bulman - August 04, 2024 at 05:50 AM

CH

“ I remember when we went to the track with your dad and we raced my car and your truck. He always had something funny to say and was a very sweet man who raised an amazing son. Stay strong, Martin family. You have tons of support and friends.

Charlotte - September 06, 2013 at 10:53 AM

BM

“ Mike, or "Tricep Mike", as he was known at Flex Gym, was an inspiration to me. His handicap never hindered his strong work ethic to provide for his family, or his training in the gym. He deeply loved his family, and was a dear friend to me. Bubba McCutcheon, Longview.

Bubba McCutcheon - September 05, 2013 at 01:38 PM

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Bubba McCutcheon - September 05, 2013 at 01:38 PM

BG

“ We are so saddened to hear of Michael passing. We are praying for the strength of the family during their time of bereavement. Bobby and Paulette Goree

Bobby & Paulette Goree - September 05, 2013 at 08:27 AM

TC

“ Michaels family is in our thoughts and prayers.



Tatum Medical Clinic - September 04, 2013 at 08:31 AM

SH

“ I remember when I met Mr. Martin in elementary school. His son Michael and I were in the same class and I thought he was the coolest dad ever! I am so very sorry to hear about this happening, but will always remember his smiling face. God has taken another Angel to watch over us. I am here for your Michael, if you need a ol' friend to talk to.

Shenia Hicks - September 03, 2013 at 03:36 PM

MM

Thank you ...I remember our elementary days!

michael martin - September 03, 2013 at 10:36 PM

VM

“ Mike was a client and a friend of mine here at Fairway. What an uplifting and positive man he was. My heart goes out to his family. He will be missed.

Vincent Mullins - September 03, 2013 at 02:42 PM

MM

Thank you very much

michael martin - September 03, 2013 at 10:33 PM



“ *I'm so happy I got to be apart of your life. You were an amazing man and father. I love you! <3 Ill take care of your son and wife :)* ”

Audrey Martin - September 03, 2013 at 01:47 PM



“ *Audrey Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Martin* ”



Audrey Martin - September 03, 2013 at 01:44 PM



“ *Shari And Dennis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Martin* ”



Shari and Dennis - September 03, 2013 at 12:59 PM



“ *Shayn Vandegriff Beason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Martin* ”



Shayn Vandegriff Beason - September 03, 2013 at 07:55 AM



“ *Elaine Ross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Martin*



Elaine Ross - September 03, 2013 at 06:27 AM

MM

“ *I love you dad and I'm going to miss you everyday. It's going to be lonely in that old ford going to work without you there beside me. I'm just glad your not suffering anymore. I hope I can just be half the man and husband you were to my mother one day. Your Lil buddy is gonna miss you.....*

michael martin - September 02, 2013 at 08:05 PM