



John Harrison Martin, Jr.

May 1, 1930 - May 11, 2009

Graveside services for John Harrison Martin, Jr., 79, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Magnolia Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins will officiate and Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family. The family will receive friends Wednesday, May 13, 2009 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Martin died Monday, May 11, 2009. Born in Florence, SC, he was a son of the late John Harrison and Elizabeth Pressly Martin. He graduated from Hartsville High School Class in 1947, attended Clemson College and graduated from The University of South Carolina in 1952.

During his 38 year career with Sonoco, he served in plants in Lowell, MA, Akron, IN, Atlanta, GA, Longview, TX, and Covina, CA, returning to Hartsville, SC in 1968 until his retirement. He was a member of Sonoco's Old Timers Club. Prior to beginning his career with Sonoco, he served his country as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force stationed in Korea. He served his fellow man and community as a retired Rotarian (treasurer), retired member of the B & F Club in Hartsville and served on the South Carolina Board of Health for Darlington County for many years. Following in his father's footsteps, he was a devoted volunteer for the South Carolina Lung Association, serving as president from 1980 to 1982. He served as president of the Pee Dee branch from 1974 to 1978 and again from 1987 to 1988. He was awarded the distinguished John Martin Medal for distinguished volunteer service in the dedicated tradition set by his father John Martin Sr. In recognition for his many

years of distinguished service to the American Lung Association, he was made a life director.

Foremost and above all things in his life, he was a devoted husband to his wife Linda for 52 years and was a beloved father, grandfather, friend and a true southern gentleman. As was his main goal in life, together with his wife Linda, they raised four exemplary children who with six grandchildren filled his life with pride and joy. His strong belief that the family that “played” together stayed together was demonstrated by the many wonderful summers that were spent at the family’s summer home at Windy Point in Holden Beach, NC with parents, children, grandchildren and friends. For many years, Harrison’s and Linda’s families from South Carolina and Indiana enjoyed many summer family reunions in the mountains of Gatlinburg, TN, also the site of several of the family’s weddings. His love was family and to be with family. He took great pride in the accomplishments of all of his children and grandchildren and in the years following his retirement, while he showed no favorites, he was particularly blessed to be able to enjoy his two youngest grandchildren each and every day of his life. May his memory be eternal.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Study Martin of Hartsville, SC; sons and daughters-in-law, John Harrison (Susan) Martin, III of Florence, SC, Scott Allan (Pam) Martin of Windy Point, NC, Bryan Richard (Stacy) Martin of Hartsville, SC; daughter and son-in-law, Lori Martin (Craig) Morris of Hartsville, SC; grandchildren (spouse), Amanda Raines Martin of Florence, SC, Ellen Elizabeth Martin of Florence, SC, Pressly Hire Martin of Hartsville, SC, Emily Raines Martin of Hartsville, SC, Candace Morris (Jason) Brown of Hartsville, SC, Taylor Alexis Morris of Hartsville, SC; aunt, Frances Martin of Clinton, SC; cousins, Donald and Mary Tucker and Raymond Lynch. In addition to family, many lifelong friends and associates, and the memory of his many friends and family past, he leaves behind two special and devoted friends, his brother-in-law F. Allan Study and beloved friend and companion Donald E. Jones.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and caregivers of the ICU and

PCU departments of Carolina Pines for their caring service and support of over the past year.

Memorials may be made to The First Presbyterian Church of Hartsville Kindergarten, 213 W. Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC and the Darlington County Humane Society, Box 1655, Hartsville, SC. 29551. www.bpafuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Lori, I was sorry to hear of the death of your father. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Pat James##imported-end##*

May 16, 2009 at 04:59 PM



“ *Lori and family,*

Although no words can soothe your loss, know that you all are in my heart and prayers. God bless and comfort you now and in the days to come.##imported-begin##Vickie Wright##imported-end##

May 16, 2009 at 03:03 PM



“ Hi Linda,

I have been living in Las Vegas for 8 years. Bob Wilson sent me the sad news about Harrison.

I met you and Harrison in 1966 when I transferred from Hartsville to the City of Industry Plant. I remember my first day at the plant: when I was in the lobby of the plant and had just met Harrison, he, with much sincerity in his expression, said to Curtis Hearnberger, "I'll be very glad when Linda gets back home." You had gone for a visit-- maybe to Hartsville. You and Harrison soon transferred to Hartsville, so I did not get to know you two very well.

Several years ago, in the 1990s, I was sitting at a booth in Applebee's in Hartsville when this smiling, friendly person approached me and told me who he was--it was Harrison. I said to myself at the time, "I wish I had gotten to know Harrison better." However, from reading the information from BPA Funeral Home website, I saw that you and Harrison had a long, enviable life together. I am happy for that, but sad that he is gone.

Heyward Hawkins "Hank"###imported-begin###Heyward "Hank" Hawkins###imported-end###

May 15, 2009 at 05:36 AM



“ To all of you we are very sorry for your lost. Mr. Martain was a wonderful giving person and we know that he will be missed. If there is anything that we can do please just call. We love all of you###imported-begin###Brenda & Rick Davis###imported-end###

May 14, 2009 at 05:59 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear about Mr. Martin's passing...I use to work at Dr. Bell's office and he could always put a smile on my face when he came in...God Bless the entire family...Missy##imported-begin##Melissa Walters Frausto##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 05:23 PM



“ Dear Martin & Morris Families,
You are in our prayers throughout this grieving process. We have truly lost a true southern gentlemen. He will be missed. Jay & Julie##imported-begin##Jay & Julie Mahn##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 02:36 PM



“ Our prayers are with your family. My Dad (Earl Mullis) worked and was friends with Mr. Martin for many years through their jobs @ Sonoco and I know Dad thought a great deal of him. My brother, Michael Mullis, has been friends with his son, John since going to school @ Hartsville Jr. High. We lost our dad 6 years ago to kidney disease and understand the difficulties you have and will face. However, keep in mind that our Heavenly Father is with us always and carries us when we cannot stand by ourselves. Let Him carry your family now. Trust and believe in His Son, Jesus Christ and you will see Mr. Martin again in a most wonderful place!
God bless each of you and comfort you in your pain.##imported-begin##Nancy Mullis Shepard & John D. Shepard##imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 11:12 AM



“ John, I am sorry to hear about yor dad. Nancy just called me and let me know about his passing. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Michael###imported-begin###Michael E Mullis###imported-end##

May 14, 2009 at 11:05 AM



“ Linda,Lori and Martin Family, I was saddened to learn of Harrison's death. He was such a kind Southern gentleman. Hold his memories close to your heart, and he will always be near. I will continue to pray for your comfort and strength for the days ahead.

Love, Dell###imported-begin###Dell Gandy###imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 11:07 PM



“ LINDA, I WILL GRIEVE THE LOSS OF AN OLD HIGHSCHOOL BUDDY. I PRAY GOD'S COMFORT FOR YOU DURING YOUR GRIEVING.###imported-begin###winston mcelveen###imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 07:35 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. Our thoughts are with you.

Ron and Bev###imported-begin###Ron and Bev Veenker###imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 04:39 PM



“ I am saddened by the news of Harrison's death. May God hold you all even closer in his everlating arms during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Bob Kearns##imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 04:18 PM



“ Condolences from: Jack, Jack Jr. & family; David & family; Bryan & family; and Penny and family. Your in our thoughts and prayers.

Love across the miles...##imported-begin##The Jack E. Sausaman family##imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 03:29 PM



“ Linda and family. sorry to learn of your loss. We have many memories of Harrison that we will cherish. Our prayers are with you as you face the days ahead.##imported-begin##Wayne & Edna Sims##imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ The Martin family is in my prayers.. I cherish the memories of visiting Windy Point and the Martin home during my middle and high school years.##imported-begin##Robin Garrison##imported-end##

May 13, 2009 at 02:09 PM



“ Dear Linda & Family, We are so thankful that we were able to meet you & John through our friendship with Lori & Craig. Your husband was everything I had ever heard about a true "Southern Gentleman". We fondly remember your family at this very sad time. You are in our thoughts & prayers, Sincerely, Doris & Roy###imported-begin###Doris Ray###imported-end###

May 13, 2009 at 01:03 PM



“ Scott, Pam and John,

Elizabeth and I send our most sincere love and sympathy during this difficult time. Although I never met Mr. Martin (Harrison), I find it interesting we shared some commonalities...family names, Air Force, love of family and the NC coast, etc. Please know you are in our prayers.###imported-begin###Harrison and Elizabeth Smith###imported-end###

May 13, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ I was very saddened when Mom called me about Harrison's passing. You were the first family to accept me when I moved to Hartsville & always made me feel like I was part of yours. Thank you for all of the wonderful times at Windy Point. Those are memories that I will cherish forever. Harrison will be missed terribly. My love & prayers go out to all of you.###imported-begin###Cindy Snow###imported-end###

May 13, 2009 at 12:16 PM



“ *Lori and the Martin family,
I am very sorry for your loss. I know how much you loved him and cared for him during these past few months. I also know he is in a better place with no suffering. You all are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Dr. Andrew Jackson##imported-end##*

May 13, 2009 at 09:52 AM



“ *I was very saddened to hear of Harrison's passing. In the 30+ years I have known him he has always been as genuine as they come. Everytime I saw him whether it was at the ball field, at family gatherings or in town he always was glad to speak to me and always showed he cared for everyone he met. Heaven is a better place today and his family and friends are blessed to have known and shared his life. I am sorry I am unable to be with you during this time but my prayers and thoughts are with you all.##imported-begin##Russell Morris##imported-end##*

May 12, 2009 at 09:27 PM



“ *I was truly shocked to hear of Mr. Martin's passing. He was a wonderful man and always had a smile to greet you. Every time I saw him in town he always took time to speak and just have a chat. To the entire Martin family, I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord be with you all in this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Tonda Jacobs Bunch##imported-end##*

May 12, 2009 at 08:19 PM



“ Dear Martins-While Harrison and I were never able to spend as much time together as I would have liked, whenever we were able to get together it was so easy to pick up where we left off. We had history. It was comfortable. I cherish the memories, and I already miss him greatly. I know you miss him more. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers Thursday and in the weeks and months to come. I would be there, if I could.

Love, Raymond###imported-begin##Raymond Lynch###imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 05:56 PM



“ There are know words that can express the feelings that you have at this moment. If you can, please take comfort in knowing that there are those out there who care about your loss and what you all are going through now.###imported-begin##Gwyn and Dale Wright###imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 05:06 PM



“ Mrs. Martin and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. We lost my dad (Johnnie W. Hodges (J.W.)) about a month ago. He knew Mr. Martin and I went to school with your children, we are also neighbors (1318 Salem). I hope happy memories will help you during this sad time. You and your family are in our prayers. Lesa and Brendan Mulligan###imported-begin##Lesa Hodges Mulligan###imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 04:17 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Martin
My prayers are with you during this time of bereavement. I have a many happy memories of Mr. Martin and all that he meant to my dad
Warm Regards
Bert###imported-begin###Bert Herring jr###imported-end##

May 12, 2009 at 12:51 PM



“ Harrison will really be missed. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. If we can do anything for you, let us know.###imported-begin###David Trader and Lynn McElveen###imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 10:53 PM



“ Linda and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Harrison's passing. I will miss chatting with him in the bookstore. I just wanted all of you to know you will be in my thoughts and prayer. love, lynn###imported-begin###Lynn Woodham ###imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 10:28 PM



“ Linda and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. May God Bless and comfort you through the days ahead.###imported-begin###Edna Faye Warr###imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 09:00 PM



“ Linda and Family we are so sorry for your loss,we will keep your entire family in our prayers. we will see you the next trip to Hartsville.##imported-begin##Bud @ Ella Morrison##imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 08:15 PM



“ Mrs. Martin, I just wanted you and your family to know that my prayers and thoughts are with you. Lee##imported-begin##Lee Griggs Masoud##imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 07:40 PM



“ We are so sorry and you all are in our prayers. We loved Harrison so much and will miss him. We pray that the love of family and friends will comfort you and that the love of God will bring you peace. Many hugs and much love, Marjory, Bob, Katharine and Addison Walker##imported-begin##Marjory Lynch Walker##imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 05:23 PM



“ Linda and Family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. We just loved Harrison and will keep your entire family in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.##imported-begin##Johnny & Susan Goode##imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 04:45 PM



“ Dear Martin family,
I was so sad to hear of Mr. Martin's passing. I had several nice visits with him this past weekend, and enjoyed getting to talk to him. We talked about the high school days, Brian's pickup truck, and the CB radio. He had to remind me that Brian went by "Fish" because I couldn't remember. We chatted about the cats as well, and I know they will be missing him too! He told me he lost count of all of them. I remember going over to play pool at the house, and he was always so friendly and never minded the crowds. He will truly be missed. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Leslie Wilkes##imported-end##

May 11, 2009 at 03:43 PM