



James David Martin

September 17, 1956 - December 12, 2022

James "Dave" David Martin, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, died on Monday, December 12, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. Dave, 66, of Charlotte was born September 17, 1956, in Pontiac, Michigan, the son of Charles and Marie (Barnes) Martin. Dave grew up in a military family so they were on the move often. He always referred to Tennessee as his stomping grounds. On November 10, 1979, Dave married the love of his life Betty Tate. Dave worked as a Body Repairman for General Motors, he started out in Pontiac, was then transferred to Grand Rapids, and lastly was transferred to Lansing where the family would call Charlotte home. Dave retired from GM in 2008 after 30 years. He was a very smart man that enjoyed tinkering on his 48 Ford, anything outdoors, telling a good story, and sharing a good joke. His life motto was "If I can't fix it, it's broke." Dave was blessed that he was able to pass his knowledge and passions down to his children. His biggest enjoyment in life was when he was blessed with grandchildren, they were his absolute pride and joy.

Dave is survived by his wife of 43 years, Betty; children, Charles Martin, and Katy (Kyle) Howard; grandchildren, Mara Arnold, Dane Martin, Macy Howard, and Kyle Howard Jr.; siblings, Marlon (Sheila) Hyatt, and Rita Shelton; lifelong friend, Harley Hopp from Alabama; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Kenneth and Johnny Martin; grandparents, Mom Ollie, and Daddy Harry.

Friends are encouraged to support Dave's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Royston officiating. Visitation will be held just prior to the Memorial from 3-4:00 p.m. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Dave's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the New Hope Community Church in Charlotte. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of James David Martin*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM

NI

Beautiful words and a beautiful song! Rest in paradise Uncle David 🕊️
❤️

Nikki - December 28, 2022 at 04:36 PM

DA

Great service, I wish I could have been there. I'll miss you Dave. R.I.P

David. A - December 28, 2022 at 10:40 PM



Thank you everyone who commented, watching, and who came ❤️

Katy Jean - December 29, 2022 at 05:46 AM

BH

Beautiful video ❤️ 🙏

Beth H. - December 29, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of James David Martin



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 26, 2022 at 01:34 PM

SS

David was definitely one of a kind!! Rest easy David!! 🙏❤️🙏

Shirley Wilcox spoelman - December 27, 2022 at 12:21 AM

DJ

I called him my David. A very sweet man who was willing to give anyone a helping hand. Rest now my David in God's Kingdom.

Denise Jackson - December 27, 2022 at 12:50 AM

JK

Thought and prayers, Uncle David was an incredible man that I will always remember.

Jonathan Kellar - December 27, 2022 at 08:50 AM

KJ

Prayers for you and your family, 🙏 Such a Wonderful Man 💜

Kimberly Jones - December 28, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James David Martin.*



December 29, 2022 at 03:03 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for the Martin family...*

Thomas Winters - December 27, 2022 at 07:55 PM



“ *34 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 26, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James David Martin.*



December 16, 2022 at 01:03 PM

LT

“ *Lester Tate purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James David Martin.*



Lester Tate - December 15, 2022 at 07:16 PM