



1SG (Ret) Jesse C. Martin

October 7, 1940 - December 24, 2019

Jesse C. Martin, son of the late Rev. George W. and Ida Mae (Fail) Martin, was born October 7, 1940 in Statesboro, Georgia.

In 1960, Jesse entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1980 after twenty years of service. He had attained the rank of First Sergeant and earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Six Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Four Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal – 6th Award and Expert Qualification Badge (M-16).

On June 8, 1971, Jesse was united in marriage to Patsy Darlene Fenton in Elizabethtown, New Jersey. They shared over 48 years of marriage together and were blessed with four children: Debra, Billy, Jesse and Jimmy.

After retiring from the military, Jesse was employed as a car salesman in various dealerships in Georgia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Missouri. His last position was as Sales Manager at M&S Motors in St. Robert, Missouri with owner Tom Bohrer.

In his spare time, he enjoyed reading, but most importantly, he loved spending

time with his family and friends. Due to his health beginning to decline in 2000, he was not able to get out much, but he always looked forward to being able to spend time with his family. He loved them dearly and treasured his time with them.

Jesse was a member of Grace Church in Rolla, Missouri. He went home to be with his Lord the morning of Tuesday, December 24, 2019 in his home having attained the age of 79 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

Jesse leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Patsy Martin of the home; four children: Debra Julian (Jim) of Lawton, OK, Billy Martin (Denise) of Niceville, FL, Jesse Martin, Jr. (Jennifer) of Broken Arrow, OK and Jimmy Martin (Rebekah) of Newburg, MO; seventeen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two sisters: Naomi Williams of Charleston, SC and Ann Waite of the state of South Dakota; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jesse was preceded in death by three brothers, one sister, and one grandson: Blake Martin.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 27, 2019 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, MO. Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. Friday, December 27, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of 1SG (Ret) Jesse Martin and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Graveside Service

DEC 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1SG (Ret) Jesse C. Martin

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ I served under Sgt Martin in the First Infantry Division RECON and must say that it was an Honor in Vietnam to be beside One Of The Bravest Men who walked the face of this earth! WE: The Brotherhood of the Big Red One will always remember him.
Bob Youngberg aka Turkey

Turkey - February 21, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Daddy is a mans man. He loved his family very much. His eyes would light up when he talked about his family. Daddy always taught us to give to God first and God will take care of you. So many memories of this wonderful man who is my mentor, my hero, my best friend who I call Daddy. Daddy taught us the finer things in life. Like catching a wheel in second gear, driving through the neighborhood at the ages of 11,12. You know the finer things. Daddy always asked me this question how far is eternity? He would simply answer with his hand over my heart one heart beat away. Daddy go rest high on that mountain. You will always be on my mind alive forever in my heart. I love and miss you very much. Until we meet again. Love your Hubus Bubus.

Jesse C. Martin, Jr - December 30, 2019 at 08:16 PM

DJ

“ I am Jesse Martin’s first great grand daughter. My PawPaw was a great man and he will be missed by many. He was so kind to me and everyone else. I love you PawPaw and won’t ever stop thinking about you. You will forever be in my heart.

Dallas Julian - December 29, 2019 at 05:07 PM

DJ

“ Theres so much I wish I could say to my pawpaw right now but I know he's watching from above and knows that I live my life by the phrase he'd always ask me..how far are you from eternity? Heart beat away PawPaw. I'll always remember the summers spent there and all the extra cookies he would sneak us before summer. Only one that has and will call me his Rusty. I love you PawPaw

Dustin Julian - December 26, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ Jesse is the reason that I'm married to my wife today. When he worked at M&S Motors, he knew that I really liked Jennifer. He ended up getting us together and match making for us. He was such a kind and gentle man. I bought 2 cars and 2 trucks from him as well. Great man that loved his family and the military. God bless and watch over this man! Until we meet again brother!! Army Strong! Steve and Jennifer Holden

Steven Holden - December 26, 2019 at 06:42 PM

DJ

“ Jesse C. Martin, Sr is my Daddy and I am his oldest daughter my Daddy will ALWAYS be my hero and I will miss him praying every morning with me. He and my Momma raised me and my three brothers and gave us a beautiful loving home. Daddy always called me his little girl and I still am and always will be, I am blessed having him for my Daddy and will miss him very much. Deb Julian

debra julian - December 26, 2019 at 11:39 AM

DJ

“ I am my Daddy, Jesse C. Martin Sr. oldest daughter and I have treasured being his little girl for many years, My Daddy and Momma both are very Precious to me and I SOOO appreciate and treasure the bringing up they gave to me and my brothers. I will DEEPLY miss him and love him and will see him one day. I love you ALWAYS Daddy. Love your little girl Deb



debra julian - December 26, 2019 at 11:25 AM

JJ

“ My Pawpaw. He'd always make sure we had whoppers to eat. The summers spent with him will always be cherished. I remember id be on the tractor and he'd be riding on the back , one of my favorite pictures. I'll always love you Pawpaw and you'll always be in my heart.

Jimmy Julian

Jimmy Julian - December 25, 2019 at 12:12 PM