



Rodney C Martin

September 4, 1968 - January 28, 2013

Rodney Cordell Martin was born in Greenville, Kentucky the son of Velma and Howitt Martin. He attended Muhlenberg County Schools through 1981 when the family moved to Georgetown, Kentucky where he completed his primary and secondary education in Scott County Schools. He was a member of Wesley Chapel AME Zion Church (Greenville) and Great Crossing Missionary Baptist Church (Georgetown) where he was baptized.

He was preceded in death by his mother (Velma Hodge Martin), paternal Grandmother (Beatrice Martin), paternal Grandfather (Herbert Martin), and maternal Grandfather (James Hodge) as well as several Aunts and Uncles. Rodney is survived by father Howitt C. Martin of Bowling Green, Kentucky, brother Brian (Marchale) of Fishers, Indiana, and sister Dana (Dedric) McGhee of Bartlett, Tennessee and their families, maternal Grandmother Dorothy Hodge (Louisville), and a host of loving Uncles, Aunts, and cousins. He was a fun loving Uncle to Brian James and John Mitchell Martin as well as Morgan, Madelyn, and Makenna McGhee. Rodney was a special cousin and friend to a host of relatives including Melody McIntosh (Springfield, OH), Van Hodge, Jr. (Louisville), Tracie Hines Steele (Louisville) and numerous other cousins and friends made through his scholastic and career endeavors. In High School, Rodney was a member of the track team, played the trumpet and baritone, and was an officer in Student Government Association. After High School, Rodney followed his interest and love of clothing to work for retail clothiers after his graduation from Scott County in 1986 including

Structure, Warner Brothers Studio Store, and Pottery Barn in Atlanta, GA and Miami, FL from 1991 to 2000.

At the urging of his Mother, Rodney returned to Kentucky and enrolled at the University of Kentucky where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 2008. During this time he worked at Banana Republic and LexArts in Lexington, Ky. He completed an internship in his field with Elder Outreach in Lexington in 2007 and he worked for the Bluegrass Regional Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board through 2008.

In August 2008, Rodney moved to Bowling Green to begin his Masters program in Psychology. Given the family's Western Kentucky University tradition and his Father residing in Bowling Green, WKU was the perfect location for Rodney to begin his graduate studies. Rodney completed his degree in 2010. While in Bowling Green, Rodney worked for WKU Career Services, WKU Psychology Clinic, and WKU Counseling/Testing Center. He also worked for Pier One and Bowling Green/Warren County Community Education where he served the after school needs of many children.

Quick to come to the assistance of someone in need, Rodney's smile and laughter brightened the lives of friends and admirers alike. His love for people greatly impacted the lives of all of his friends and family members. We miss you dearly, Rodney!

Cemetery Details

Reynolds Cemetery

Highway 1473
Greenville, KY 42345

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc.
201 Center Street
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rodney, we had so much fun in high school. I'm sorry that you're gone. Until we meet again my sweet friend. Love, Lisa L Long*

Lisa L I - December 31, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ *Patrick And Constance Certion lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Patrick and Constance Certion - February 09, 2013 at 12:58 PM

MM

“Rodney what an awesome journey we had together. I felt like I was in the twilight zone but now in the outer limits. You know I will always love you and will always miss you. Our relationship was so awesome and I was truly honored to be in your life. I will never forget Tuesday January 22, 2013 when I rubbed the side of your face with all your facial hair whispered to you saying, "have I told you I love you today" and you said, "mmm um." I said, "well I'm going to tell you again, I love you." You responded and said, "I love you to". I will never forget that because those were the last words we would ever speak to one another. You spoke those four words to me so clearly. What a journey this has been. There was no other like you and there never will be. You gave me as well as others joy, smiles, love, and happiness inspite of what you were going through. I love you Rodney and I will forever hold all that joy and love inside of me.

Melody



Melody McIntosh - February 08, 2013 at 05:57 AM

MR

“Marilyn Bailey Ramey lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin



Marilyn Bailey Ramey - February 02, 2013 at 10:07 PM

TT

“ *Teresa Taylor lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Teresa Taylor - February 02, 2013 at 02:48 PM



“ *Rev. King lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Rev. King - February 02, 2013 at 11:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney C Martin.*



February 02, 2013 at 09:16 AM

TK

“ *The Owens Family, Louisville, KY purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rodney C Martin.*



The Owens Family, Louisville, KY - February 02, 2013 at 09:12 AM

TV

“ *Tour sisters, Teresa, Valerie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney C Martin.*



Tour sisters, Teresa, Valerie - February 02, 2013 at 09:12 AM

CH

“ *To The Family of Rodney Martin; We were so sorry to hear of you loss. May God comfort and strengthen you in your time of grief. Love The Hogan Family From Saginaw, Mich.*



Carmen Hogan - February 01, 2013 at 10:49 PM

JM

“ *Rodney it is still hard to believe that you are gone, but I trust that God embraced you with open arms alongside with Aunt Velma the moment you left us here on earth. I will always remember our conversations and how you helped me accept life as it was following the death of my grandfather. I'll never forget how you helped me and I will cherish that for the rest of my life. I love you and miss you!*

Jeannine Milligan - February 01, 2013 at 12:29 PM

BB

“ *May God give the Martin's Family, Divine Strength during the time of their love one; Amen !!!*

The Bard's Family of Beaver Dam, KY



Benzell Bard - February 01, 2013 at 10:34 AM

SD

“ *Stephanie Drake lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Stephanie Drake - February 01, 2013 at 09:48 AM

AB

“ *Ashley Burt lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Ashley Burt - February 01, 2013 at 09:42 AM

TG

“ *Tammy Gabbard lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Tammy Gabbard - February 01, 2013 at 09:34 AM

CR

“ *There are no words that seem adequate at this time. My love and prayers are with the family. I consider the martin family my extended family. Tears will fall and hearts will be sad but I can say that the peace and joy of the Lord will carry you through this difficult time. As time goes by, beautiful memories of Rodney will replace the tears but in the meantime know that every tear is precious to the Lord.*



Christi Lynn Rozzell

Christi Lynn Rozzell - January 31, 2013 at 11:11 PM

VB

“ *The Browning family mourns with the Martin family and we extend our sincere condolences for the loss of our beloved Mr. Rodney.*

My granddaughter Asiah told us in tears of his passing. He was her after school caregiver and mentor for several years. We know how proud you must be of the person he was but I just wanted to say, as a grandmother, what an excellent and special man he was. I have seen Rodney care, and love, and guide these children in such a special way.

He helped them with homework, he taught them to be kind, he disciplined them when necessary. I've heard him counsel them on everything from respect to bullying. He was a father to the fatherless. Our hearts are broken for the loss of this wonderful man. Asiah and I were worried that he hadn't been feeling good lately and she was so happy to bake him a homemade pumpkin by herself over the holidays.

Thank you for raising such an honorable human being and gifting us with a person we trusted with our children. May God be with all of you and give you strength during your time of grief. He was ours too and we loved him. Sincerely, Virginia Browning



Virginia Browning - January 31, 2013 at 09:24 PM

CC

“ *Cedrico, Bethany And Mallori Crocker lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Cedrico, Bethany and Mallori Crocker - January 31, 2013 at 08:32 PM

MD

“ *Mr. And Mrs. John Drake lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Mr. and Mrs. John Drake - January 31, 2013 at 08:10 PM



“ *To the Martin Family: Extending sincere prayers and strength to each of you. Rodney was a very special person. I will always remember his days here in Georgetown and at Scott County High School. He was so energetic and his smile would light up a room. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with each of you. Love - Ann and Charles M. Graves, Georgetown, KY*

Charles and Ann E. Graves - January 31, 2013 at 07:48 PM

VS

“ *Rodney, you were always a special and cherished friend. I love you and I thank you far all the amazing times we shared. I'll always remember your support, your laughter and your dancing!*

Now you can have your Oprah talk shows in heaven. You'll have them screaming with laughter, like I did. And you can tell the like you told me... "I'm fine!. I'm Rodney!"

Vanessa Seda

Vanessa Seda - January 31, 2013 at 07:36 PM

MS

“ *Howitt Martin and Family,
So sorry to hear about the lost of your Son Rodney.
With special thoughts and deepest sympathy to you and your family
at this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love Always,
Martyne Tutt Sayres
Windsor, Conneticut*

Martyne Tutt Sayres - January 31, 2013 at 04:59 PM

LC

“ *It's been years since I've seen Rodney at WKU, but it's so easy to
remember him and the way he always made you feel valued. Such
a rare trait in today's world! What a special guy-- and a blessing to
all of who knew him.*

Lauren Clark - January 31, 2013 at 02:05 PM

LC

“ *Lauren Clark lit a candle in memory of
Rodney C Martin*



Lauren Clark - January 31, 2013 at 02:03 PM

MC

“ Just wanted to take a few minutes to say thank you to Mr. Rodney for showing my son so much kindness and care while he was his teacher in the after school program. He really meant alot to Leon, he would always have the best things to say about Mr. Rodney. I just want to say to his family that I am so sorry for your loss.
Maurice Clayton

Maurice D Clayton - January 31, 2013 at 11:50 AM

CS

“ *Crystal Shadd lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Crystal Shadd - January 31, 2013 at 09:47 AM

JN

“ *Jennifer Newton lit a candle in memory of Rodney C Martin*



Jennifer Newton - January 31, 2013 at 08:20 AM



“ *Dear Martin Family,*

There are few things more difficult than dealing with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our staff, are honored and humbled that you have chosen our family to care for your family during this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way, to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived. Please let us know if we can be of further service.



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners
info@burnamandersonmortuary.com*

Cedric Burnam - January 28, 2013 at 08:49 PM