



Maggie Louise Martin

April 26, 1932 - March 24, 2021

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MAGGIE LOUISE MARTIN

Maggie Louise Evans was born in Screven County, Georgia on April 26, 1932 to her late parents Jessie Bell Evans Brooks and Mack Evans. At the tender age of five, her family relocated to Plant City Florida and later to Lakeland, Florida. Maggie attended the Washington Park Elementary School and Rochelle High School in Florida. At a young age, Maggie developed a bright and outgoing personality. She enjoyed being a cheerleader during her High School years. While residing in Florida, Maggie and her family attended the Methodist Church.

In 1948, Maggie and her family moved to Middlesex, New Jersey to stay with her maternal Aunt, Willie Heard. At the age of 18, Maggie began working for Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, NJ in the maternity ward. This position further cultivated her love for babies and children. Maggie became very active at the Third Street Church of God in Plainfield, NJ. Maggie was appointed Secretary of the Sunday School Department and attend the Young People's Ministry at the church.

Maggie attended a Youth Convention in Virginia and met Jean Eubanks Williams. Jean proceeded to tell Maggie about her charming and handsome Uncle Eddie. As time would have it, Eddie later came to sing at Maggie's

church in Plainfield and sang “Now I Belong To Jesus”. As a result, Maggie hummed and sang this song around the house continuously. This was the beginning of a wonderful relationship.

On August 14, 1954, Maggie and Eddie married; they resided in Brooklyn, NY and attended Tompkins Avenue Church of God. They relocated to Piscataway, NJ in 1959. As their family continued to grow, they later settled in Somerset, NJ where they have resided for over fifty years. Maggie and Eddie were the proud parents of four children: Harvey, Kenny, Greg and Joan. Maggie was a very devoted and nurturing mother to her children. Maggie and Eddie enjoyed 64 years of marriage before his demise in December 2018. They were true examples of the love two people can give to each other. They were dedicated Christians all of their married life. The Martins had a beautiful life together, raised their children in the fear of the Lord and traveled extensively domestically and internationally – Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, Africa, to name a few. They attended the Church of God Youth Convention every December, taking not only their children, but nieces and friends of their children – youngsters who would not otherwise have experienced travel and staying at a hotel. Maggie and Eddie were blessed to attend all of the Royal-Evans-Brooks Family Reunions.

Maggie was employed by Ethicon, a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary and retired after giving them years of faithful service. Maggie was a lover of life always admiring God’s beauty - her favorite color was yellow, and she had a passion for butterflies. Her hobbies included crocheting, gardening, photography and going to the beach – oh how she loved to float in the water! She was full of hospitality and thoroughly enjoyed hosting her family, church members and friends for dinner. Maggie was a cook par excellent. In short, Maggie was a people person and immensely loved her immediate and extended family.

Maggie was a true Missionary. For many years she visited the sick, fed the hungry, clothed the naked and visited those in prisons. Her ministry was within and outside of the church walls. Her ministry outreach and genuine love for people prompted her to spearhead a project raising money to finance the surgery needed for a young Kenyan girl, Ana, she met in her travels to Africa. Maggie shared Ana's story with her family, church family and friends; they were all involved with helping Maggie raise funds for the surgery. This surgery allowed Ana to walk which is something Ana's parents thought she would never be able to do.

Maggie was very active and served faithfully at the Community Church of God in Plainfield, NJ and later at the Elizabeth Church of God in Elizabeth, NJ. Maggie thoroughly enjoyed being a Sunday School Teacher at both congregations. She went door-to-door recruiting and picking up children for Sunday School and other related activities. Maggie performed extensive follow-up and communication with their parents. She later served as the local Sunday School Superintendent, as well as the NJ State Sunday School Superintendent of the Church of God.

In 1999, Maggie joined First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, NJ. Maggie was active in the Seniors Ministry and looked forward to attending the Seniors Fellowship every Tuesday. The summation of Maggie's' life is penned in the song, "Only What You Do For Christ Will Last"; it is only what you do for Him that will be counted in the end!

Maggie had two favorite scriptures: Matthew 25:40 which reads "And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'" The other one is Habakkuk 3:17-18, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be

no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”

Maggie enjoyed a full, sacrificial and exciting life which she gladly shared with her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her children; three sons; Harvey Martin (Marlene), Bishop. E. Kenneth Martin (Estelle), Gregory Martin (Cassandra) and one daughter, Joan Martin; five granddaughters, Nicole, Chalana, Tiara (Stanley), Marina, Brianna and one grandson, Joshua; four great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Norelle, Arian, Jonah; four sisters: Phyllis Franklin, Julia Purnell, Louvenia “Bebe” Major, Sandra Asanya; one brother, Curtis Robinson and two sisters-in-law Carol Evans and Shirley Brooks. Maggie was predeceased by her loving husband, Eddie B. Martin, two sisters, Jessie Evans Hamilton and Frances Kelly; six brothers; Eskew Evans, Lonnie Evans, Brooks Ziegler, Joseph Ziegler, Jesse Evans and Lawrence Brooks, and a loving host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Maggie’s beautiful life of service, love, devotion and steadfastness is best expressed with these words...

“And now abideth faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.”

To Family and Friends

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn’t tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love.

You can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love each have shown.

But now it’s time I travel on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grieve be comfort by trust.
It's only for awhile that we must part.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So, if you need me...just believe
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart,
You'll hear all of my love around you, soft and clear.
And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

Maggie: (Origin Greek) meaning Pearl

Her Style Combines Patience and Composure
Maggie is as beautiful as she is thoughtful
Kindness and thoughtfulness becomes her
She's captured her family's heart
Maggie believes true beauty comes from within
She's admired for her artistic ability
She enjoys excitement and new experiences
She possess keen powers of reason

Previous Events

Walk Through Viewing

APR 8. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Somerset Presbyterian Church
100 JFK Boulevard
Somerset, NJ 08873

Tribute Wall



“ *Maggie Louise Martin*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ *To the Martin family, sending my condolences and prayer to the family.*



JGray - April 09, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *To the Martin family, please accept our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Mother Martin. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this time. May the Lord keep you all close and surround you with all you need. We love you and are walking with you during this time.*

The Haynes Family

kelly Haynes - April 09, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ *Joan~ My sincerest condolences to you and your entire family in the loss of your beloved Mother~💔*
Robin Lueddeke

Robin Lueddeke - April 09, 2021 at 09:28 AM

KK

“ Please accept our sincere condolences family. Your mom was such a beautiful person. Love always Katrena Lockhart-King and the Lockhart family ❤️

Katrena King - April 08, 2021 at 05:10 PM

HM

“ Harvey,Kenny,Gregory and Joan.
Your mother was a truly remarkable woman. She loved her family and extended family unconditionally.

She supported me in many endeavors through the years. Though she will be missed, the many magical moments we shared live on.

May God be with you,

Honorable Larry D. Martin

Hon. Larry D. Martin - April 08, 2021 at 01:22 PM

SH

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Martin family. Suzan Atatimur-Hemstock

Suzan Hemstock - April 07, 2021 at 05:31 PM

SA

“ Suzan Atatimur-Hemstock purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



Suzan Atatimur-Hemstock - April 07, 2021 at 05:29 PM

VB

“ Valerie & Phillip Black purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



Valerie & Phillip Black - April 07, 2021 at 04:56 PM

JF

“ Judith Yearwood (Jenkins) & Yearwood Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



Judith Yearwood (Jenkins) & Yearwood Family - April 07, 2021 at 03:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



April 07, 2021 at 02:49 PM

NM

“ Nieces and Nephews of Thomas & Lucy Martin purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



Nieces and Nephews of Thomas & Lucy Martin - April 07, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



April 07, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



April 06, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ James & Caretha Evans Brown & Family purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



James & Caretha Evans Brown & Family - April 05, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.



April 05, 2021 at 08:30 PM

TN

“ *The Hamilton Nephews and Nieces purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.*



The Hamilton Nephews and Nieces - April 05, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.*



April 05, 2021 at 11:06 AM

JB

“ *James/Brinda Barnette lit a candle in memory of Maggie Louise Martin*



James/Brinda Barnette - April 04, 2021 at 09:28 PM

AP

“ *Andrea Patterson lit a candle in memory of Maggie Louise Martin*



andrea patterson - April 04, 2021 at 08:40 PM

JE

“ *Janice Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Maggie Louise Martin*



Janice Eubanks - April 03, 2021 at 08:10 AM

RE

“ *Ronald and Mary Kaye Evans-Aikens purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.*



Ronald and Mary Kaye Evans-Aikens - April 02, 2021 at 10:58 PM

BB

“ *Betty Ball lit a candle in memory of Maggie Louise Martin*



betty ball - April 02, 2021 at 09:21 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Newton, Linda & Carla Williams purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Maggie Louise Martin.*



Deborah Newton, Linda & Carla Williams - April 02, 2021 at 06:40 PM