



## Ralph Delaine Martin

October 19, 1929 - July 28, 2024

To join the livestream broadcast of Mr. Martin's funeral service, please select the link below. The broadcast will begin at 12:55 P.M. Thursday, August 1, 2024. The video of the service will be available for viewing for 90 days following the date of the funeral.

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Ralph Delaine Martin, age 94 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Sunday morning, July 28, 2024, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Marion, Illinois.

He was born October 19, 1929 in Cypress, Illinois to John Clinton Martin and Bessie (Toler) Martin.

On October 22, 1950, Ralph was united in marriage to Ruby H. Porter in Paragould, Arkansas. She survives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters – Susan Diane (Ed) Annable and Kathy Marie (Doug) Smith; 5 grandchildren – Kacey (Jeremy) Minton, Troy Annable, Korey (Sherry) Campbell, Ashley (Paul) Jefferys and Heather Carrel; 6 great grandchildren – Jonathan Moore, Kyle Campbell, Seth Campbell, Vincent Carrel, Jameson Minton and Aria Smith; sisters – Iola

Baker, Patricia (Jim) Harrison and Sue Bresett; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ralph was preceded in death by: his father – John Clinton Martin; his mother and beloved stepfather – Bessie and Herb Mathis; a daughter – Tami Annette (Garry) Adams; 2 brothers – Robert and Leroy Martin; and 2 step-brothers – Robert and Donald Mathis.

After graduating from Anna-Jonesboro High School in Anna, Illinois, Ralph served from October 1950 until February 1953 in the United States Army. He later worked as a butcher at Daniels as well as U & H grocery stores both located in Vienna until joining the U.S. Postal Service. He worked as a rural carrier out of the Vienna and Murphysboro, Illinois post offices from 1958 – 1986. He is remembered by many as “the best mailman we ever had.”

Ralph served as a Sunday School teacher and Deacon of Fellowship Baptist Church in Vienna. He was a fine Christian example for family and friends.

Ralph was known around Vienna for his beautiful vegetable garden that he enjoyed working in daily. He was also a lifetime St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother by his family.

A funeral service honoring the life of Ralph Martin will be conducted Thursday afternoon, August 1, 2024, at 1 P.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Tommy Gray will officiate.

Burial will be in the Cypress Cemetery

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 1, 2024, from 11 A.M. until the service time at 1 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Fellowship Baptist Church (Building Fund), 890 Senior Drive, Vienna, Illinois 62995 or to the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, 949 County Road 1300 North, Carmi, Illinois 62821.

# Cemetery Details

## Cypress Cemetery

5847 State Route 37 South  
Cypress, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

AUG 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



Bobby Rentfro - August 11, 2024 at 06:52 PM

JP

“ Javan & Linda Parsons lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



Javan & Linda Parsons - August 01, 2024 at 11:03 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Delaine Martin.



July 31, 2024 at 10:06 AM

TM

“ Yes he was the best mailman we ever had. A good man and friend. Prayers for all the family.



Tom and Carmen Murrrie - July 30, 2024 at 09:32 PM

PF

“ Pat & Jim Harrison & Smith family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ralph Delaine Martin.



Pat & Jim Harrison & Smith family - July 30, 2024 at 04:37 PM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



Margaret Mathis - July 30, 2024 at 12:26 PM

PA

“ Paul And Diana Annable lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



Paul And Diana Annable - July 29, 2024 at 09:19 PM

CW

“ Cathy Warmack lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



Cathy Warmack - July 29, 2024 at 08:43 PM

TB

“ *Uncle Ralph was a calm and loving presence after our father died when we were children. His quiet strength helped us feel safe and protected. Thank you Martin family for sharing him with us. We love you. Tina Baker Bollinger, Brad Baker, Lisa Baker Freeman*

Tina Bollinger - July 29, 2024 at 08:38 PM

IF

“ *Iola Baker and Family. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ralph Delaine Martin.*



Iola Baker and Family. - July 29, 2024 at 07:50 PM

LT

“ *Lowell And Susie Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin*



Lowell and Susie Trovillion - July 29, 2024 at 04:50 PM

JB

“ *Rest easy Uncle Ralph  
Julie (Hudgens) Blankenship and family*



Julie Blankenship - July 29, 2024 at 11:42 AM

CW

“ Clearon&Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



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**Clearon&Jane Ross Wright** - July 29, 2024 at 11:10 AM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



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**Dorothy Bacon** - July 29, 2024 at 10:46 AM

CH

“ Curtis Huckelberry lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



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**Curtis Huckelberry** - July 29, 2024 at 07:35 AM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin



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**John Slack** - July 28, 2024 at 11:24 PM

BC

“ *Bob And Kim Collins lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin*



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**Bob and Kim Collins** - July 28, 2024 at 10:42 PM



“ *Teresa Heffernan lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin*



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**Teresa Heffernan** - July 28, 2024 at 10:33 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin*



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**Linda Koehler** - July 28, 2024 at 08:00 PM

NB

“ *Nancy Breeden lit a candle in memory of Ralph Delaine Martin*



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**Nancy Breeden** - July 28, 2024 at 06:45 PM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of  
Ralph Delaine Martin*



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**Barbara jeffress** - July 28, 2024 at 06:23 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in  
memory of Ralph Delaine Martin*



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**Larry and Carolyn McGill** - July 28, 2024 at 05:56 PM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of  
Ralph Delaine Martin*



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**Karen Brumley** - July 28, 2024 at 04:42 PM