

A Celebration of Life for

# Lawrence "Larry" Michael Martin



**Sunrise:**  
July 21, 1947

**Sunset:**  
November 24, 2025

**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

*Family Hour: 10:30 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.*

From the Heart Church Ministries®  
4949 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746  
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

# Obituary

**Lawrence “Larry” Michael Martin**, a devoted family man, proud veteran, and steadfast pillar of strength, passed away on November 24, 2025, in Washington, D.C. He was 78 years old.

Born on July 21, 1947, in Washington, D.C., to the late Paul and the late Mary Martin, Larry spent his life rooted in the community that shaped him. He pursued higher education at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and later earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Maryland in College Park. His academic journey laid the foundation for a diverse and dedicated professional life.

Larry was married to his beautiful wife, Ella Martin, for 54 years until her passing in 2023. From this union, they had two children, Camille and David. Together they built a loving family grounded in Christian values, mutual respect and unwavering support.

Larry served his country with honor during the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Army. His bravery and sacrifice were recognized with the awarding of a Purple Heart—an enduring testament to his courage and commitment.

Following his military service, Larry embarked on a career that spanned several respected institutions. He worked for the United States Postal Service before moving into roles with Marriott/Roy Rogers and later Capital Digestive Care. In each position, he brought diligence, a strong work ethic and quiet leadership—hallmarks of his character.

In 2007, Larry, a man of deep faith, joined From the Heart Church Ministries in Suitland, Maryland. Though he was saved at an early age, he rededicated his life to Christ during a marriage seminar he attended with his beloved wife Ella—a moment that reflected both his spiritual devotion and the profound bond they shared.

Outside of work and family life, Larry found joy in simple pleasures. He loved planting flowers and being outside with God’s natural world. He would often be seen tending to his yard, giving great care to the lawn and flowers he grew from tiny seeds. He was an avid tennis player and bowler who also enjoyed playing his saxophone—a soulful expression of his inner rhythm. Family vacations were treasured times for him, filled with laughter, connection and memories that now live on in those who shared them. A lifelong fan of Washington’s football team—first the Redskins, now the Commanders—he rarely missed a game. He also had a fondness for sudoku puzzles, relishing their quiet challenge and could often be seen carrying around a puzzle.

Larry’s presence was defined by quiet strength. Known as the strong, silent type, he had an uncanny ability to offer timely advice or teach meaningful lessons without fanfare. Those who knew him will remember how deeply he loved his family—his actions always speaking louder than words.

Lawrence “Larry” Michael Martin will be remembered not only for what he did but for who he was—a man whose love ran deep, whose wisdom guided many, and whose legacy lives on through those who knew him best. May his memory bring comfort to all who mourn his passing.

Lawrence leaves to cherish his memory, his daughter, Camille (Quincy) Roberts; son, David (Tyler) Martin; cherished grandchildren: Hannah, Quincy II, Marco, and Dominic; sister, Marilyn Person; sisters-in-law Carol (George) Green and Gloria (John) Barnes; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

He was predeceased by his sister, Paula Martin.

# Order of Service

## Invocation

Congregational Hymn .....“Lift Him Up”

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 1:1-6  
New Testament: John 14:1-6

## Prayer of Comfort

Selection ..... FTH Psalmist

## Acknowledgements

## Remarks

Mr. Aurelius Wilson - Friend  
Mr. Ed Wyatt - Friend  
Ms. Marilyn Person - Sister  
Mr. John Barnes - Brother-in-law

## Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation ..... Ms. Marilyn Person

Message of Hope ..... Reverend Justin K. Young

## Call to Christ

## Benediction

## Recessional

# Family Sentiments

I hope I am able to be as welcoming a father to my daughter's future husband as my father-in-law was to me. I was accepted by him in a way that I'm not sure I would be if in his shoes. It helped motivate me to show that I was worthy of his blessing. He was never mean, but always direct. I appreciated his directness and honesty and came to receive it in love. I came to know that's how it was intended and I realized that my early hesitation and nervousness around him was more because of what was going on in my head than anything he was doing.

There's a tradition among some of the soon to be married husbands to have what's called a "crossover" instead of a bachelor party. I'll never forget at mine, my father-in-law told me "there's no returns." Someone else may have thought he was being harsh but he was being real, and that was to help prepare me as much as to help protect his daughter. He would often drop one-liners of wisdom about things like finances, politics or gardening tips. I still haven't learned to be a better gardener but the way he would just drop these gems taught me to be on my toes because these moments could come and go in a moment and I had to be ready.

I wish I had felt comfortable enough to ask about his life. Seeing the progression of how he looks in pictures over the years made me want to ask about his high school years, time in the Army, life after service, etc. Still, I came to know so much by observation, conversation, joking, vacations, that I don't have to focus on what I didn't know because I can appreciate what I learned. One simple lesson was the value of patience and consistency. He showed this in how he approached work, marriage, family, even hobbies like tennis or gardening. Being married for over 50 years...I strive for that type of example and I appreciate being able to see it and experience it so I know what's possible, not just in theory, but truly tangible. Thank you for that.

## **Your son-in-love, Quincy**

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I loved my granddad sooooo much, but then as he got older and didn't talk as much, I started to lose that connection with him. But after seeing some pictures and videos that showed how much he loved Quincy and me, I just want to say, Granddad, I'll always love you in my heart.

## **Love your granddaughter, Hannah**

# Family Sentiments

## Our Father's Garden

Our Father kept a garden.  
A garden of the heart;  
He planted all the good things,  
That gave our lives their start.  
He turned us to the sunshine,  
And encouraged us to dream:  
Fostering and nurturing  
The seeds of self-esteem.  
And when the winds and rain came,  
He protected us enough;  
But not too much because he knew  
We would stand up strong and tough.  
His constant good example,  
Always taught us right from wrong;  
Markers for our pathway that will last  
a lifetime long.  
We are our Father's garden,  
We are his legacy.  
Thank you Dad we love you  
Rest in Jesus' victory

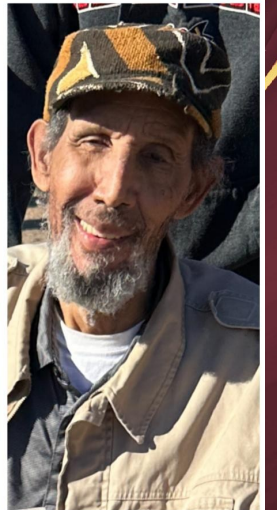
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## As We Look Back

by Clare Jones

As we look back over time  
We find ourselves wondering  
Did we remember to thank you enough  
For all you have done for us?  
For all the times you were by our sides  
To help and support us  
To celebrate our successes  
To understand our problems  
And accept our defeats?  
Or for teaching us by your example,  
The value of hard work, good judgement,  
Courage and integrity?  
We wonder if we ever thanked you  
For the sacrifices you made.  
To let us have the very best?  
And for the simple things  
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?  
If we have forgotten to show our  
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,  
We're thanking you now.  
And we are hoping you knew all along,  
How much you meant to us.





# Congregational Hymn

## “Lift Him Up”

How to reach the masses, men of ev'ry birth, For an answer Jesus gave the key,  
“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me.”

### *Chorus*

**Lift Him up, Lift Him up, Still He speaks from eternity, “And I, if I be lifted  
up from the earth, Will draw all men unto Me.”**

Oh! the world is hungry for the Living Bread, Lift the Savior up for them to see,  
Trust Him, and do not doubt the words that He said, “I'll draw all men unto Me.”

### *Chorus*

Lift Him up by living as a Christian ought, Let the world in you the Savior see;  
Then men will gladly follow Him who once taught, “I'll draw all men unto Me.”

### *Chorus*

## Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

## Acknowledgement

The family of Mr. Lawrence Michael Martin would like to sincerely thank everyone who has been a tremendous source of encouragement, love, and support. Your phone calls, food deliveries, cards, flowers, text messages, emails, and never-ending support have blessed us more than you know. We are grateful for every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during this time of bereavement. Words cannot truly convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

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