



Jerry Martin, II

September 15, 1976 - January 4, 2026

Jerry “Doughboy” Martin II, beloved son, father, brother, and friend, was born on September 15, 1976, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to Jerry and Veneria Martin. He departed this life on January 4, 2026, leaving behind cherished memories and a legacy of love.

At just eight years old, Jerry accepted the Lord as his Savior and became a member of Greater Second Missionary Baptist Church.

Jerry attended Tyner High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee and furthered his education through Job Corps. He was known for his big smile and joyful spirit. A very happy person, Jerry loved working on his cars and had a strong passion for electronics and technology. A true sports fan, his favorite team was the Georgia Bulldogs. Jerry also worked in several restaurants over the years and found great joy in cooking.

Above all, nothing brought him greater happiness than spending time with his beloved family and friends, especially his daughters, Rekiaya and Gabrielle Martin, who were the light of his life.

Following a tragic accident, Jerry faced physical challenges but continued to shine with remarkable strength, resilience, and grace. He was lovingly cared for by his devoted mother, Veneria Martin, and his grandmother, Doris Paris.

He was also supported and cared for by his stepdad, James “Buster” Gamble, Jr. and friend of the family, Thomas Walker.

Jerry was preceded in death by his brother, Antwane Martin; his grandparents, Lindberg and Melinda Martin, and Willie D. Grier; uncles, Robert Ballard and Johnny Wayne Martin; and great grandparents, Charlie and Marie Hall.

He leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughters, Rekiaya Martin and Gabrielle Martin; his mother, Veneria Martin; his father, Jerry (Veronica) Martin; his grandmother, Doris Paris; his sister, Lisa Martin; his brother, Tyrus (Alicia) Martin of Louisville, Kentucky; his great uncles, Bill Hall and Steve Grier; his aunts, Catrina (Robert) Rice and Renee Ballard of Huntsville, Alabama; his nieces, Tearra (Jeremy) Bell, Chiquita Martin, Aaliyah Martin of Atlanta, Georgia, and Tyuana Martin of Louisville, Kentucky; his great-nephews, Jeremy Bell Jr. and Azarayah Martin; his great-niece, Jur’nee Martin; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Jerry “Doughboy” Martin II will forever be remembered for his warm heart, infectious smile, and the love he shared with all who knew him.

Jerry will lie-in-state on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Greater Second Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor Steve Caudle as the Eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Greater Second Missionary Baptist Church
810 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1533

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Greater Second Missionary Baptist Church
810 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411-1533

Burial

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
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Tribute Wall



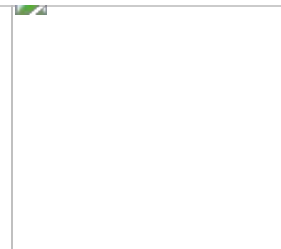
“ *Beverly Sales lit a candle in memory of Jerry Martin, II*



Beverly Sales - January 28 at 05:53 PM



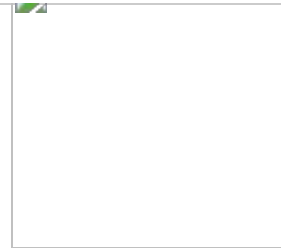
“ *Condolences to the Martin family. Jerry was like a little brother. He will truly be missed. REST IN PARADISE*



Shinocka Whisnant - January 17 at 01:16 PM



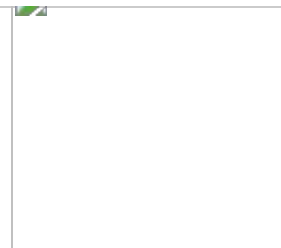
“ *Condolences to the family and friends may he RIP 🙏 Diane and Walter Jones*



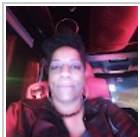
Diane Jones - January 17 at 05:48 AM



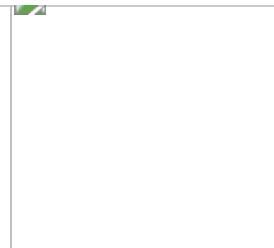
“ *I'm truly Blessed to have had you as one of the truest friends! You are already missed!*



Angi Rudder - January 16 at 11:04 PM



“ *Aundra Clay lit a candle in memory of Jerry Martin, II*



Aundra Clay - January 16 at 01:19 PM



“ *Uniquely Profound Home Health planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Martin, II.*

Uniquely Profound Home Health - January 15 at 01:17 PM



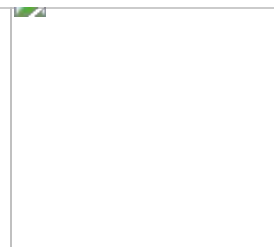
“ *Uniquely Profound Home Health purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jerry Martin, II.*



Uniquely Profound Home Health - January 15 at 01:17 PM



“ *Rest peacefully cousin. You fought a good fight. Remembering you always. Prayers for Jean, Dot, and entire family.*



Remon McGee - January 12 at 10:36 PM

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“ A truly remarkable man ! You fought a tough battle but you never gave up and never let that smile leave your face but now it's time for you to get your rest. You got your wings so fly baby 💕💕 you will be missed!

Alexis Ware - January 07 at 01:45 PM

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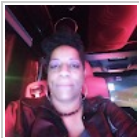
“ Condolences to the parents and the entire Martin family during this season of bereavement of our dear cousin. May God continue to strengthen and keep everyone in his ever loving care. ❤️ THE ERSKINE family❤️

Rev. Henrietta Erskine -SMBC - January 07 at 12:22 PM

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“ RIP Jerry, you're going to be missed

Preshinda Crawford - January 06 at 06:10 PM



“ Rip Jerry God called you and you answered until we meet again
Continue to Rest

Aundra Clay - January 05 at 02:16 PM

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RIP lil Jerry you will be missed

Sharon - January 05 at 07:45 PM