



## Martha Durham Martin

January 12, 1941 - August 7, 2016

Martha Durham Martin, 75, passed away peacefully Sunday evening, August 7, 2016, with her husband at her bedside. The daughter of Elisha & Mary Durham, she was born on January 12th, 1941, in Morton, Pennsylvania.

Martha traveled extensively with her family to Chicago, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, New York, El Paso Texas. She lived in Germany for 4 years upon returning lived in California and then settled in Painesville.

Martha was employed as a supervisor at Gary Allens Sportswear in Painesville until they closed in 1976. After leaving Gary Allens, Martha was then employed at Fischer Body Euclid of General Motors until her retirement in 1993. She and her husband owned and operated several small businesses in Painesville and Mentor until her final retirement in 2006.

She was a proud supporter of Painesville City Schools and was a mother to those who were not her own. She was a firm believer in education. She loved to crochet, was a loyal Cleveland Cavaliers fan and an avid WWE fan. She was a lifetime member of the NAACP. She enjoyed traveling to Atlantic City and Las Vegas.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two children, son Ronald Martin Jr. and daughter Dawn Vazquez and siblings, William Durham, Sally

Ferguson, Elsie Thompson and Joan Derry.

Surviving family members include husband Ronald Martin Sr.; children Kenneth (Carla) Martin of Painesville, William Martin of Painesville, Malcolm (Camille) Martin of Houston, TX, and Cynthia Martin of Raleigh, NC; grandchildren Elijah Vazquez, Lashonda Martin Clark, Canela Vazquez, Jessica Martin, Angela Lynn, Ashley Martin, William Martin, Epiphany Compton, and Tyrell Compton; eight great-grandchildren and siblings Rose Moseley, Elisha Durham, James Durham, Barbara Ferguson, Betsy Jennifer and John Durham and numerous friends who will miss her dearly.

The family would like to send a special thank you to Jeanette Sanchez-Martin as well as Yvette Askew and The Hospice of the Western Reserve for the outstanding care and endless support that was given to Martha.

A celebration of life will be held 1 pm Saturday August 13, 2016 at St. James Episcopal Church, 131 N. State St., Painesville, OH 44077. Family will receive friends from 11 am until the time of the service. Interment will be at Riverside Cemetery.

In-lieu of flowers, family requests that donations be sent to Hospice of the Western Reserve. Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

385 Riverside Drive  
Painesville, OH 44077  
(440) 392-3727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church  
131 North State St.  
Painesville, OH 44077

## Celebration of Life

AUG 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

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131 North State St.  
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# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Setler/Simmons Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Martha Durham Martin.*



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**The Setler/Simmons Families** - August 12, 2016 at 01:18 PM

JV

“ *Jamie V. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Martha Durham Martin.*



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**Jamie V.** - August 12, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Martha Durham Martin.*



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August 12, 2016 at 06:10 AM

TR

“ Tracy lit a candle in memory of Martha Durham Martin



Tracy - August 12, 2016 at 06:09 AM

Cyndi Martin

“ Cyndi Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Durham Martin



Cyndi Martin - August 12, 2016 at 05:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martha Durham Martin.



August 11, 2016 at 10:57 PM

James Durham

“ James Durham lit a candle in memory of Martha Durham Martin



James Durham - August 11, 2016 at 05:03 PM

NL

“ My condolences to the Martin family. I shared many hours working with Martha on the Harvey High School PTA. She was a beautiful, caring person who was "Mother" to so many children. She will be missed by many. GOD Bless you and rest in heaven.  
Nancy LeBlanc

NANCY LEBLANC - August 11, 2016 at 12:55 PM

 Cyndi Martin

Thank you

Cyndi Martin - August 15, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha Durham Martin.



August 11, 2016 at 10:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martha Durham Martin.



August 11, 2016 at 08:36 AM



“ *Allisa Dyitt lit a candle in memory of Martha Durham Martin*



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**Allisa Dyitt** - August 11, 2016 at 06:23 AM

TN

“ *With Deepest Sorrow Sending Prayers TO MY Family.*

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**Tracy Johnson. Nice** - August 10, 2016 at 08:50 PM

TN

“ *Tracy Johnson. Nice lit a candle in memory of Martha Durham Martin*



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**Tracy Johnson. Nice** - August 10, 2016 at 08:46 PM

IM

*Sending condolences to the family of Mrs. Martin. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal." She will be missed but not forgotten.*

*Ina Marshall amd Family*

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**Ina J Marshall** - August 11, 2016 at 01:15 PM

 William Martin

“ *William Martin lit a candle in memory of Martha Durham Martin*



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**William Martin** - August 10, 2016 at 04:03 PM