



## Benjamin "BAM" Martin

January 10, 2009

Funeral service will take place at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Greater Coleman Temple C.O.G.I.C., 2405 Bay Road. Supt. Hurley J. Coleman, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., on Friday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., where the family will be present at 6:00 p.m. for the family hour. Beloved husband, father and grandfather went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 4, 2009. Age 64 years. Ben loved going to church, reading his Bible, spending time with his grandkids, talking, cooking, music, watching TV, playing solitaire, laughing and making others laugh, tending to his plants and he took great pride in keeping up his yard. Ben was born on December 21, 1944 in Grady, AR to the late David Martin, Jr. and Maybelle (Bosley) Martin. He attended Coleman High School in Pine Bluff, AR and graduated in May of 1964. In 1965, he came to Saginaw, MI and was employed by General Motors Grey Iron Foundry until his retirement in 1991. He was a member of UAW Local 668. On August 28, 1971, he married Ernestine Montgomery. She survives him. To this union, three children were born: two sons, Andre' (Antoinette) and Antoine (Tiffany) Martin, and one daughter, Angel B. Martin, all of Saginaw, MI. Ben also leaves behind his four precious grandchildren, Jordan, Amber, Sanaa' and Andre', whom he truly adored and they loved their "Pa Pa." Besides his wife, children and grandchildren, he leaves behind his six brothers, David Martin III "Junior" of Bastroph, LA, Fred Martin (Carolyn), Willie Martin (Bobbie), Isaac Martin,

Joseph Martin and Sammie Martin, all of Pine Bluff, AR; five sisters, Mabel Scott "Day Day" of Saginaw, MI, Estella Brandon of Bastroph, LA, Annie Ray Thompson (Willie), Gertrude Martin and Gloria Martin, all of Pine Bluff, AR; one aunt, Annie Ray Jordan of Pine Bluff, AR; five brothers-in-law, Leonard "Sonny" Montgomery (Mildred), Clarence "Earl" Montgomery, Supt. Bobbie Price, all of Saginaw, MI, Bennie Gooden and Terrence Adams of Clarksdale, MS; three sisters-in-law, Geneva Martin and Pearlie Johnson of Saginaw, MI and Liz Brumfield of Grand Rapids, MI; a goddaughter, Angela Williams of Canton, MI; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many, many friends and was a father figure for many others. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Beatrice Martin-Crawford, Delilah Martin-Mitchell and Roberta Martin-Birden; three brothers, Ruben Martin, Charley "Billy" Martin and Leroy Martin; mother and father-in-law, Leonard and Lucille Montgomery; five sisters-in-law, Rose Martin, Lucille Smith, Thelma Jean Adams, Addie Lee Gooden and Rosie Mae Price; and four brothers-in-law, Bobby Lee "Buck" Scott, David Young, Robert Young and James Young.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ Angel - my heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family during this time. Know that I am only a phone call away if you need anything. Always remember if you call me and for whatever reason you don't get an answer, you can always call on Jesus and He will always answer. With Love - Mel

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**Melanye McGregor** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ To The Martin Family, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your love one. Ben, and I go back to the days of Coleman Temple Church Of God In Christ. Boy were those the days! We also share the same family member Doug Johnson, who was from Pine Bluff, Arkansas who live in Saginaw. Our heart's are sadden because of this loss on earth. We pray that God, will comfort the Martin Family. Its been a while sense I saw Ben, but would speak of him from time to time. I had some fund memories of Ben at Coleman Temple, we had some good times there. Special those good night services where God would have his way with Ben. Ben is now in the hands of a Powerful God. All this tell me that we never know when or the hour, so we have to be ready. So those who don't know Jesus, as savior get to know him, our days on this earth is number. I will keep the family lift up in prayer. Your in Christ.

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**Pat Ford** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Auntie, you are in my prayers. My heart goes out to all of the Martin Families. I have known uncle Bam all of my life, and he was a joy to be around. Every time I saw him he had a smile on his face (There was never a dull moment when he was around). he was loved by all and will be missed. Keep leaning on God to help y'all through this difficult time. He will help ease the pain.

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**Tracy Lampkin** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I JUST WANT TO SAY I LOVE U AND I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU NO MATTER WAT IMMA MISS U. U USE TO MAKE US LAUGH THE LAST WORDS I SAID TO U WAS BEY UNK BAM

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**CHANTEARIA** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ May the Lord bless and comfort you, Aunt Stine and the entire family at this time of sadness. My prayers are with you all.

*Signed - Andrew, Corliss, and Family*

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**Andrew Smith** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ May the Lord bless and comfort Aunt Stein and the entire family at this time of sadness. My prayers are with you all.

*Signed - Andrew, Corliss, and Family*

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**Andrew Smith** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Dear Sister Martin,

*I was sorry to read about Brother Martins passing. You are a woman of faith and I know that you know that GOD can and will give you the strength to get through the days ahead.*

*I will keep you and your family in my prayers. GOD bless you all.*

*Sister Leah O'Daniels*

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**Leah O'Daniels** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To Andre and the Martin family....My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family in your time of need. Lean on God from which your strength will come. I know for myself that God will see yall through these difficult time. Paw Paw as I've always known him will forever be in my heart. He was the same every time he graced my presence. His kind and gentle spirit will forever be missed. Dre', Amber and Nette If you need me you know where to find me. I love you guys!!!

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**Michelle D. Flowers** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Angel, my heart and prayers go out to you and your family during this tough time. I know how hard it is to loose a parent. Just take things one day at a time.

*God Bless.*

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**Arnesha Staton** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *?Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.?  
Psalms 116:15*

*To the entire Martin Family, our heartfelt sympathy is indeed with you all. We share in your pain over the loss of Mr. Martn, who was a true Saint! We pray that God will continue to give you the strength that you need.*

*Mr. Martin is now in heaven rejoicing with the Lord. Oh what a time...when all the saints get to heaven...what a time, what a time, what a time!*

*Please call on us if there is anything that we can do to help you.*

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,*

*Ivan E. Phillips  
President & Founder  
Paradise Funeral Chapel*

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**Ms. Frances Davis** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the entrie Martin Family,

*We the Hamilton Family would like to express our deepest sympathy during your time of bereavement. According to Deuteronomy 33:12 Moses prayed for Benjamin by saying "Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders."*

*We pray that you find comfort and rest in God's bosom and His everlasting arms.*

*We love you...the Hamilton Family*

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**The Hamilton Family** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We wanted to send our condolences to the family and to let you all know that you are in our prayers. Angel you know that I love you and with the lord with you in time it will become easier. Remember that he is with the lord now in a happy and loving place.

*Your friend, Renee and the Holliday Family.*

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**Renee Holliday and the Holliday Family** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To: Sister Ernestine Martin & Family

*We have no words to express that will replace your experienc at this moment, but we wanted you to know that we are praying for you and the children, and those wonderful grands. We are asking God to over take you with a special touch of His love right now and the days to come. We are asking God to give you power and authority over the pain that you feel. Don't be afraid to cast your cares, because God really care, and He really love you and your family.*

*Melvin & Bessie McKandes*

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**Melvin & Bessie McKandes** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Aunt Stine, Andre', Antoine & Angel:

*We were sadden to hear about Uncle Ben and we are praying for all of you. May God comfort you and keep you. Always remember the good times and the laughter that Uncle Ben brought to your lives. Lean on the Lord and he will strengthen your hearts. Stick together as a family and the love you have for each other will carry you through this hard time.*

*With love,*

*Von*

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**Marian (Von) Gooden Miller** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I can not help but feel blessed that my parents chose to make the Martin's my godparents. No matter how old I have gotten, or far I have moved, my godfather will always remain in my heart through memories of time spent together. I love you all and will continue to pray that the peace of God surround and comfort your heart.

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**Danielle Powell** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ My deepest heart felt sympathy and prayers are sent to the entire Martin family during this very difficult time. Continue to lean on God and his every lasting word will help carry all of you through. GOD BLESS!!!

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**Michelle Jackson** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ We are sorry to hear about the lost of your husband. GOD will give you the strength that you need. Our prayers are with you and your family.

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**Parm Family** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ IT HURT SO BAD, I MISS HIM SO MUCH ALREADY. LORD! PLEASE WAKE ME UP FROM THIS DREAM. THAT'S THE WAY IT SEEM. I REMEMBER WHEN HE USE TO SAY NITA COME ON YOU AND THE KID'S LET'S GO TO CHURCH. HE TOOK MAMA AND ALL OF HER FIVE LITTLE CHILDREN UNDER HIS WINGS. I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS MAMA'S BROTHER AND OUR UNCLE. THAT'S JUST WHAT TYPE OF GUY HE WAS. WHEN HE MARRIED STEIN WE WERE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY. I COULD GO ON AND ON WITH MEMORIES OF UNCLE BEN. MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE MARTIN FAMILY AT LARGE. STEIN, THANK YOU FOR SHARING HIM WITH US. YOU AND BEN HAVE MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE. I LOVE YOU AND GOD WILL SEE YOU THROUGH THIS ONE TWO.

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**FPHLISIA PITTMAN-SWEARENGEN** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Uncle BAM you will always hold a special place in my heart. I know that you are in a better place and are keeping the angels in heaven quite entertained! I will never forget your smile, laugh or stories. You are truly missed! Aunt Stine, Antoine, Andre & Angel know that my prayers are with you at this time and that I love you dearly. May God bless and keep you in His divine care.

Love,  
Tameika Martin

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**Gloria Martin** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I will definitely miss Ben and his pleasant comical personality. I am remembering all the days and nights I spent with this family, my family, which accepted me as one of their own. I love you all! I am laughing now because I am remembering when Ben and I lead a song together in the choir at Coleman Temple. "God is Standing By." We had a lot of fun, back in the day! I remember flying to Mississippi with you all, for the summer, getting prayed for every morning by Mama Ceil. These are precious memories, that will keep him alive in my heart. I will miss Ben, but I will never forget him. Stein, Andre, Antione, Angel: you will always remain in my prayers. If I could I would be right there with you, but God is there and He sent His Son, He is the great Comforter! Myra Coleman-Williams

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**Myra Coleman-Williams** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I will miss you dearly and I hope heaven got a yard and a kitchen. You was a funny person and I sincerley appreciate all of the fatherly advice you given me over the years. Especially when I came home, I remember that "talk". Thanks for everything and May God keep your loves ones. Dre we are homies for life, bro...no doubt whenever or whatever...

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**Twannie Lushun Gray** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To the entire family, my sincere condolences and prayers are with you on the homegoing of my brother in Christ and friend Ben. Ben was a very kind and considerate person that will be missed by many.

*God is the joy and the strength of our lives, so remember to trust him and give thanks for all things.*

*Love you much!*

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**Sue Billings** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ What a shock. Yes the Bible tells us "it is appointed unto men to die once" but it still hurts just the same. It seems like just the other day we we're talking and now he's gone. People pay attention. Time keeps slipping away. Make the most of it. To the Martin family you have deepest sympathy. We shared a loved one. His grand son Jordan is also my great nephew. God bless and comfort the family during this time of sorrow.

*Pastor W.F. Casey*

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**Pastor W.F. Casey** - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM