



Donald Martin

July 31, 1948 - May 19, 2012

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at Messiah Missionary Baptist Church, 2615 Williamson Road. Rev. Otis Washington, Pastor. Rev. Alphonzo Abner will officiate. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Tuesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Our beloved father, grandfather and brother passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at his residence at the age of 63 years. He was born August 31, 1948 to the late Rosie B. Williams Martin and Mr. Abel Martin, Sr. Dickie was a graduate of Saginaw High School class of 1967. Immediately upon graduation, he was employed by the former Saginaw Steering Gear and was a member of UAW Local 699. Due to his health, he retired after 37 years of service. During those 37 years, Dickie was known as the only employee with three certified trades and the divisions only tool gauge repairman and inspector. He earned an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from Delta College in 1980. Mr. Martin was also a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War, and he was an avid bowler. Dickie was married to Eddie Marie "Mae" Harris in 1973. She preceded him in death in 2007. To this union, one child, LaTangela Martin, was born. Dickie's flamboyant, smooth, suave, debonair spirit will be cherished by his loving daughter, LaTangela Matthews (Brian Matthews), grandson, Brian Matthews, Jr. and granddaughter, Bri Angela Matthews, all of Lawton, OK; 2 sisters, Josie McCray, Bridgeport, MI and Claudine "Penny" Fife; 4 brothers, Abel Martin, Jr., Dan (Shirley) Martin, Larry (Rose) Martin and

Roy Martin, all of Saginaw, MI; mother-in-law, Hattie Doxie; sisters-in-law, Linda Brown, Hattie Govan and Rose Martin. He also leaves a host of other relatives, including Nova Govan, whom he and Mae raised as their own and his special friend, Jenise Lewis. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, John "Pete" Martin, Pierce "Tim" Martin and Joe "Nug" Martin; and 2 brothers-in-law, Elijah McCray and Onzo Fife.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Cousin Tang Mama and the rest of the family, know that my heart truly aches as does yours. When one hurt, we all hurt. God will give us strength to make it through this loss as He has already done so many times before.
I love you all

Kimberly Napoleon-Simon - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ May your heavy heart be lifted, your tears dried, your heart still pumping with those memories no one can ever take away. We serve an awesome god. Try him, I have found our Father to be true to his word. May God Bless the entire Martin Family. And to my sister Ms. Jenise Lewis, I give you my strength to pull you thru, Love you always.

Edith Delphine Lewis - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Uncle Don was an extremely compassionate and humorous man. My fond memories of him are only smiles and laughter. My prayers go out to Tang. May the peace of God overtake you like never before.

Rita McGlothin - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Tang, BJ and Bri,

My deepest sympathies to you all on the passing of your loved one. May your memories help carry you through this tough time.

Kathy Wentz - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO THE MARTIN FAMILY AN FRIENDS I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. U HAVE MY PRAYER AN CONDOLENCE.

ALICE HUNT - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear friend you will be missed.

Diane Evans - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Old friends the Davis' and the Martins sadly you will be missed. Rest in the Lord.

Janice Ruffin - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ May the Lord comfort the family at your time of sorrow.

Brenda Davis-Sherley - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM