



## Mr. David O'Neal Martin

January 15, 1952 - October 11, 2018

Mr. David O'Neal Martin, 66, of Douglasville, Georgia died Thursday, October 11, 2018. He was born in Rome, Georgia, the son of the late Mr. David Rodney Martin and Mrs. Patty Peek Martin. He grew up in the Baptist faith, but has been a member at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Douglasville for 30 years.

David was a devoted family man and was always ready to help his children, Joshua and Allison, whenever they called for his assistance. He never missed their sporting and academic events while they were in school. He recalled the time his toes almost broke off his feet watching a soccer match in freezing temperatures, but he stayed until the end. He was also a wonderful Pawpaw and could entertain his grandson Jack for hours. They were joined at the hip and that's the way David wanted it.

During his teens, he worked at Peek's Grocery, the family grocery store in Rockmart, and helped on his grandfather Jimmy Peek's farm. He would drive the truck and trailer at a very young age to gather hay from the field, but was very disappointed when told he was old enough to load those heavy bales of hay on the trailer. David was a graduate of Rockmart High School and was the Star Student for the class of 1970. He grew up learning to hunt with his father and grandfather and had a great respect for guns. He was proud of his collection and enjoyed talking about them with whoever would listen; mostly his son-in-law Caleb. He received his BBA degree in Accounting from The University of Georgia and loved to watch his Bulldogs play. He once went out on a porch to have a conversation with God when they were losing the game. He retired from the Department of Human Resources with the State of Georgia in 2007 with 34 years of service. He was on the Board of the Human Services Employees' Credit Union for over 20 years and was honored for that service. His retirement gift from Patricia was a shiny new John Deere tractor which he loved; almost as much as his wife. David recently returned from a 4500 mile trip out west with Patricia. He rebelled when first presented with the thought of this trip and leaving home for 3 weeks, but was thrilled to see bison and bighorn sheep in the wild. While watching a Wild West show in Wyoming, he came close to being hanged as a criminal, but was saved at the last minute by his loving wife. He had the time of his life. For many years, David has claimed to have an innate sense of direction. He made many road trips that had unintended destinations along the way. He saw many sights he would

have missed and was very proud of that special skill. He was a NASCAR racing fan and enjoyed cheering on his favorite drivers on race days alongside Patricia. He loved to golf and was a member of the Paulding County Senior golf club. He had many laughs and numerous lost golf balls playing alongside his good friend Terry Landers. David was a well-loved man and will be greatly missed.

In addition to his father, David was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Betty and Edwin Pawlowski and his brother-in-law, Gary Pawlowski.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Patricia (Pat) Martin of Douglasville, Georgia; his son Joshua Martin and daughter-in-law Courtney of Villa Rica, Georgia; his daughter Allison Brown, son-in-law Caleb and grandson, Jack Robert of Vienna, Georgia; his mother, Patty Martin of Rockmart, Georgia; his sister, Kathy Martin of Marietta, Georgia; his brother-in-law, Curtis Pawlowski and Donis of Norman, Oklahoma; many aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

The family will receive friends at Jones-Wynn Funeral Home in Douglasville, Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. Memorial Service will follow at 3:00PM from the Chapel of Jones-Wynn Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a Hurricane Michael relief fund or to the charity of your choice.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at [www.jones-wynn.com](http://www.jones-wynn.com). Jones-Wynn Funeral Home and Crematory of Douglasville in charge of arrangements. 770-942-2311.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Visitation**                      01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Jones-Wynn Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
2189 Midway Road, Douglasville, GA, US, 30135

**OCT**   **Memorial Service**    03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Jones-Wynn Funeral Home** - October 15, 2018 at 02:57 PM

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“ Sorry to learn of David's death. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Elaine Brock



**Elaine Brock** - October 18, 2018 at 10:14 AM

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“ So sorry to learn of David's death. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Elaine Brock



**Elaine Brock** - October 18, 2018 at 09:27 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Jones-Wynn Funeral Home - October 18, 2018 at 08:18 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Martin family. My thoughts and prayers are with you! I first met David in 2006 when I started to work at the Department of Human Services. David is the kindness person and will do anything to help. We became friends and would talk NASCAR, hunting, politics to name a few over lunch. We kept in touch after his retirement. He and his good friend Terry Landers tonight me a lot about State Government. When I got the word of his passing, I was shocked and still cannot believe he has passed. He is now with the Lord and many are richer because of having David as a friend. Great friend, Rest In Peace! You are missed!  
Gene Kirschbaum

Gene Kirschbaum - October 17, 2018 at 07:54 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. David O'Neal Martin.



October 17, 2018 at 04:54 PM

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“ I played golf with David just a couple of weeks ago and found him to be a kind, patient, man with a very pleasant and personable personality.  
My condolences to the family.  
I will miss not being able to play a round with him again.  
Sincerely,  
Tom Hatch

Tom Hatch - October 16, 2018 at 01:07 PM

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“ Mr. Martin will truly be missed. We send our condolences to Mrs. Martin and family.

Life Care Family Practice  
Dr. Moody and staff

courtney - October 16, 2018 at 11:21 AM

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“ David was one of the first people I met when I went to work in the old Office of Accounting Services (later renamed Office of Financial Services). We came to the office about the same time and were part of a small lunch group for a few years. After working together for 30 years, there are many memories of David, but the ones that have resonated with me the most are the ones related to his family. Pat, I remember the first time I saw the two of you together. You were so cute and he was so incredibly happy! And, then came your babies... He would just beam when he would discuss your children! He would talk about their accomplishments and how the two of you worked as a team sorting out tasks such as helping with homework, baths and dinner preparation. If I live to be 100, I will never meet anyone as devoted to his wife and children as David was. He literally was "all in".

I can only imagine the hole left in your lives with his passing. You've made so many beautiful memories together and I pray that in the days ahead, those wonderful memories will be a source of great comfort to you.

Lifting you in prayer,  
Jeanine Mullins

Jeanine Mullins - October 16, 2018 at 01:04 AM

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“ I've known David for over 38 years, and he was my closest friend for most of that time. We worked together or in separate agencies, but kept in touch constantly. We had lunch together most days when schedules permitted. We watched our families grow up. David had a good career at the State. He retired and stayed in touch with several friends for the next five years until I retired. We started playing golf while he was working, and after his retirement. I convinced David to join Paulding Senior Golf about five years ago. David convinced me to play a video game, Diablo, with him. We would meet he and Pat frequently for dinner. We went as a group on several outings together. We spent some time with Pat and David at their cabin. I had great respect for David for his values and opinions. David was foremost devoted to his wife of 37 years, Pat. He was a great family man, and made time to be involved in all of his son and daughter's activities. He was thrilled to be able to help babysit his grandson, Jack. David and I were in contact almost daily staying up to date with what was going on in each other's life. I will miss David very much. His loss is and will be difficult to take. I know he is with the Lord and better off, but there is still a lot of grieving needed at his home, and some by me.

## Terry Landers

Terry Landers - October 15, 2018 at 09:16 PM

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“ I got acquainted with this mans Granddad and Dad back in the early 70's. His granddad James(Jimmy) T Peek had a small farm and raised cattle (among other things) and I was looking to put some beef in the freezer, his granddad was recommended. This is where this relationship started.

At the time we lived in town, my Wife and I had just been married a short time and I found myself spending alot of time with Mr Jimmy out in the country. Mr Jimmy was getting up in yrs and I was young and saw that I could be of help to him in lots of ways, this rocked on 3or4 yrs and one day Mr Jimmy mentioned to me that Davids Mom and Dad were building a new house closer to him and would I be be interested in buying there present home. Man, talk'n about somebodys tail wagg'n, mine was, so went preseded to persue this transaction. I was raised in the country, dirt roads and all and was ready to get out of town.

As time went on I got acquainted with the whole Peek and Martin familys, 46 yrs later, I'm still neighbors with Davids Mom and think more of her as a sister than neighbor and God knows you don't have to be blood kin to somebody to Love them. David moved off but I'd see him quite often on different occasions, his Mom would keep me informed of births, etc, progress reports on Davids childrens childhood days.

I remember when David and Pat were married and met her for the first time and I'm think'n, where did he find this pretty, tall drink of water and as time has rocked on I learned to love Pat and the young'ns.

I could tell when David picked Pat to be his wife, he surely had his ducks in a row. David was a quite and reserved fella but ya couldn't help but like him and that eventually turned to Love.

Pat, Josh, Allison, Patty Ann and Kathy, I'm so sorry for your loss of a husband, dad, son and brother, but we'll meet again one of these days at the Pearly Gate.

Love Ya'll  
Butch and Jane Thompson

Butch Thompson - October 15, 2018 at 04:05 PM

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Jones-Wynn Funeral Home - October 15, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ Well I got the call from Pat last night and it took my breath away. I didn't see it coming. David was like a brother to me but I never told him that. If you were lucky enough to be his friend he treated you like his very best friend. I worked with David in the Accounting Office and we went to lunch together whenever we could until the day I left Atlanta for a new job in 1986. I have many memories of David which include our annual trips to Athens to attend the Fiscal Management Conferences, our office softball team, and playing D&D after hours with our office buddies, but mostly how I was always amazed at how intelligent he was. He was our "go to guy" whenever we had a problem we couldn't solve. He was our resident "genius" and always willing to share his financial and systems knowledge to solve the issue at hand. I remember how much he loved his sister Kathy and I was there to witness the first time he met her best friend Pat. It touched my heart to see how taken he was with her. Our "big guy" had an instant crush on her for sure. He was plum speechless at first but not for long. He knew a great thing when he found it and he was all in for Pat. We staid in touch but I have missed being with him over the past 30 years. I always assumed he would be there whenever needed. I know David would have staid if he had the choice. He loved his family so much. What a blessing he was and his memory will always be with me and everyone who love him.

David Parmer - October 15, 2018 at 12:36 PM

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David Parmer - October 15, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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“ I am David Craig. I worked and played with David when he started at Department of Human Resources. I gave him the "grand Tour" of the complex where we worked on his first day. He loved the secret belt with steps on it that went between three floors of the parking deck. It had two strings. One rotated the belt up and one that rotated it down. We played on it for an hour. He was an active and colorful member of a group that played dungeons and dragons after work. His first character was named Gorgar. He wrote an ode to Gorgar that everyone in the group loved. He had many hours of fun with the game. I moved to another department and David became a star in several departments. I am glad he got to use the fifth wheel camper. He so excited to use it. He was always upbeat and a joy to be with.

David Craig - October 14, 2018 at 09:06 PM

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“ I have known David his entire life. We grew up playing and hunting on the farm. We shared Christmas, Thanksgiving, birthdays and summers for many, many years. Most recently we played in a golf league together. He was smarter than me, steadier than me, more devoted than me; he lived his life well and with integrity. I never told him that I looked up to him for the way he lived his life...well I'm telling you now. He was my cousin and my friend; I loved him and I will miss him.

Jim

jim shanks - October 14, 2018 at 07:51 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. David O'Neal Martin.



October 14, 2018 at 07:02 PM