



## Mr. Raymond L. Martin Sr.

June 27, 1977 - November 29, 2024

Raymond Lateef Martin was born in Norfolk, Virginia on June 27, 1977 and went to the Lord on November 29, 2024. He was married to Bonnie Doster-Martin, and their union united and created Rayven, Jazmyn, Raiziah, Sanai, Melody, Raymond Jr. (Prince), Raychelle, Raiden, Rayan and Raysun.

Raymond (Ray) went to Granby High School where he played and starred on the football, basketball, and track teams. At the end of his decorated high school career, he was offered multiple athletic scholarships to continue his passion of football, but ultimately decided to attend Virginia State University (VSU) in Petersburg, Virginia. While attending VSU, he joined the organization of Omega Psi Phi, where he immediately gained seven brothers that he loved dearly.

When Raymond returned home after receiving a Bachelors in Engineering with a Masters in Industrial Engineering he applied for several jobs and became a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church. He started working at Norfolk State University shortly thereafter. He maintained his career in HVAC there for eight years but ultimately decided he was missing his calling as a counselor for at-risk youth and early childhood education students.

Raymond started working at Hope House where he quickly gained the respect and love of the residents and staff there. At Hope House, he built relationships with the residents so much so they would call him on his day off just to chat. Raymond was a natural speaker and could command a crowd or a small intimate gathering with insightful theories and soul assuring philosophies. Realizing that there was an opening at Harbor Point Behavioral Health Center, he applied and after a couple of training sessions (he hadn't even met the children yet), Raymond knew that Harbor Point was the place for him to begin his life's purpose.

Raymond was a loving and devoted husband, father, son, brother, and friend. Whenever they needed him, he was there. He loved calling his wife, children, and brothers to give them words of advice and love, helpful scriptures, tell them about the newest "conscious reggae" song he came across, or a YouTube video that highlights a book he read, regardless of the time of day. If it hit his mind, he was hitting their phone. He always made sure their spiritual, emotional, physical and educational well-being were intact, which he learned from his Dad.

Raymond looked forward to traveling to games to see his children play sports and was eager to give them a list of what to work on. Ray cheered on every accomplishment and helped them understand the humbleness that life brings with their disappointments. He was a great protector and provider that would show up even when his children didn't want them to, like their dates and closed practices. His sons always knew to be ready because you never knew when daddy would ask you a spiritual, educational, or sport question. He loved physical competitions with them and would just walk into a quiet room where his children were and would say "give me twenty" and everyone would

drop for push-ups including the girls.

He was preceded in death by his biological mother, Betty Craddock, brother, George A. Martin and grandfather George W. Martin Sr.

Raymond leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Bonnie Doster-Martin; his children, Rayven, Jazmyn, Raiziah, Sanai', Melody, Raymond Jr. (Prince), Raychelle, Raiden, Rayan, and Raysun; his father, George W. Martin Jr., step/physical mother, Perrethia Martin; one sister, Nikki Harris; two brothers, Eric Harris and Jordan Harris; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Please keep the Martin family in your thoughts and prayers.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church  
1317 E. Brambleton Ave.  
Norfolk, VA

## Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (Est)

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## Interment

DEC 14. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Calvary Cemetery  
St. Julian Ave.  
Norfolk, VA 23504

# Tribute Wall

GJ

“ A fond memory I will always have my sons George and Raymond and myself played three on three basketball at a park basketball court. We were winning all of our games, until their father made a cutting mistake. They laid me out! We left the park joking each other! Thank you Father in Jesus name Amen.

George W. Martin, Jr. - August 28, 2025 at 11:31 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond L. Martin Sr..



December 11, 2024 at 01:59 PM

CE

“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Raymond. A true professional and an awesome coworker. He came to work every night with a positive attitude.....very patient and caring towards the kids and staff. His personality lit up a room and made you smile just seeing how cheerful and funny he was. Proudly expressed his love for his family. He will always be remembered as a leader. His Harbor Point family will truly miss him..... FLY ANGEL FLY



Charlene E - December 11, 2024 at 12:36 PM

DB

*My prayer is God gives comfort and peace to the family of Mr Raymond Martin who made a positive impact at work. He truly conveyed a sincere concern for staff and residents..Always professional and willing to listen.. Seeds planted by Mr Raymond Martin will indeed continue to root in all he touched.. He was an enjoyable coworker who conveyed an eagerness to listen learn and help whenever needed..I enjoyed our conversations about music, life, faith, and family. He proudly spoke of his family.. As an employee of Harbor Point I feel blessed to have met Mr Raymond Martin a bright beam of light. Darlene Breckenridge*

**Darlene Breckenridge** - December 14, 2024 at 09:30 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



**Thomas Widgeon** - December 11, 2024 at 06:41 AM

CH

“ I went to VSU with Ray. So sorry to hear about his passing. My sincerest condolences and prayers to his family and all who knew him. 🙏

**Cherill** - December 10, 2024 at 09:25 PM

KM

“ Raymond is my first cousin. This one hit my family hard. He definitely definitely will be missed. Love you cousin going to miss you badly. Continue prayers for his wife dad definitely his pride and joy his kids. Prayers for us all. 💔💔💔💔💔😭😭😭

**Kathy Martin** - December 09, 2024 at 06:55 PM

BB

*Bonnie and Martin family, you have my condolences and prayers!!  
Continued Prayers!! Ms. Brenda*

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**Brenda Bynum** - December 10, 2024 at 11:36 AM

JC

*I went to Granby High and Virginia State with Raymond. So many memories, praying for the family during this difficult time.*

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**Jermaine Capel** - December 16, 2024 at 09:35 AM