



Bobby Paschal Martin

February 13, 1933 - November 4, 2020

Bobby Paschal Martin, born on February 13, 1933 to Elijah and Valca Hobson Martin, went home to be with the Lord on November 4, 2020. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving his country during the Korean War. He was the Chairman of the Board of The Peoples Bank, where he also served as CEO & President from 1970 - 2012. He was the beloved husband of Barbara Moore Martin for 64 years, and his family was second only to God in his life. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters Georgia Crook, Virginia Coombs, and Peggy Marvin. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his daughter, Mary Childs; his grandson Bob Glover (Amberly); his great grandchildren, Snow, Graham, and Pierce Glover; and several very special nieces and nephews. Bobby's lifelong passion for people led him to and through a career in banking. His career at The Peoples Bank brought him great joy by allowing him to faithfully serve the community he loved for over 59 years. He believed in giving back to the industry that had given so much to him, evidenced by his service as Chairman of the Mississippi Bankers Association and the Mississippi Board of Banking Review. Bobby mentored and inspired numerous students, entrepreneurs, employees, and other community, state, and national leaders. He truly viewed his co-workers and employees as members of his own family. Bobby bled maroon and white: an MSU graduate and avid Bulldog sports fan, he served Mississippi State University in many capacities including as Chairman of the MSU Foundation and President of The Bulldog Club. In honor of his many years of service, he

was awarded an honorary doctorate from Mississippi State University in 2002. He was also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at LSU. A lifelong advocate for education, he served as Chairman of the Blue Mountain College Board of Trustees and on the Board of Trustees for Northeast Mississippi Community College. Bobby had a contagious, driving passion for improving the lives of all the citizens of the State of Mississippi, particularly Northeast Mississippi. He served as Chairman of both the CREATE Foundation and the North Mississippi Medical Center in addition to serving as Chairman of the Yocona Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. His service on untold boards, committees, and task forces were priceless to his community, but always most important to him were the countless connections and friends he made along the way. Bobby was a member of First Baptist Church, where he has spent many years singing in the choir, serving as a deacon, and as a member of the Faith Sunday School Class.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Bobby's name to the Tippah County TARGET Endowment Fund (www.createfoundation.com), The MSU Tippah County Scholarship Fund (www.msufoundation.com), or any worthy cause of your choice.

The family will have a private celebration of life service on Friday, November 6. If you would like to watch the service, it will be available beginning at 2:00pm via livestream at: www.fbcripley.com/livestream

Tribute Wall



“ *Bobby Paschal Martin*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Lois Watson sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin*



Lois Watson - December 19, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ *Dr. Patrick Washington lit a candle in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin*



Dr. Patrick Washington - November 11, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ *Rebecca Brown lit a candle in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin*



Rebecca Brown - November 08, 2020 at 08:57 AM

JW

“ *Jim & Michelle Wohlfarth lit a candle in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin*



Jim & Michelle Wohlfarth - November 08, 2020 at 08:44 AM

RG

“ *Ronnie & Martha Grisham lit a candle in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin*



ronnie & martha grisham - November 07, 2020 at 06:24 AM

LL

“ Bobby Martin was a very caring man. I remember when he had gone through a CARES training class at the hospital when he was on the board. I was a nurse at the same hospital and he was speaking to me at the bank (as always, he wanted to know if everything was going well for me and he never forgot to ask about my son, Reed). In the conversation he brought up the training which teaches how you should treat patients and families. I remember him giving me a hug and saying, "They must not realize the folks in Tippah County know how to SMILE and be kind to everyone we meet. That is the way we were taught and how we live." His smile always meant a lot to me and he always had something to share that made me feel so connected and loved when I was back home in Ripley. It won't feel right not to see him when I go in the bank, but he is right.....All the good people in Ripley are always loving and his example will be seen in others because he instilled so much good in others and it will live on and continue to bless future generations.

We will pray for the comfort of all his family.

God bless,

Lisa (Holliday), Jobie, and Reed Lindsey

Lisa Lindsey - November 06, 2020 at 09:17 PM

JN

“ There have been very few icons of Mississippi banking like Bobby. He was a mentor and respected role model to so many bankers. It was my sincere pleasure to have a special personal and professional relationship with such a fine, humble and unselfish gentleman.

You could always count on Bobby for support and sound advice. His passing leaves a huge void in the Mississippi banking industry and in many lives. Linda and I send our love to you, Mrs. Barbara, and to your wonderful family.

Joe Neely

Joe Neely - November 06, 2020 at 02:56 PM

DW

“ Mary,
My condolences and prayers to you and your family during these difficult times. May God give you and your family his peace and strength to carry forward.

Danny Whalen
Cleveland State Bank

Danny Whalen - November 06, 2020 at 02:51 PM

FB

“ I am so sad to hear of Bobby's passing. He always was such a good friend to my Uncle Phil Morton and to our family. We will miss you greatly.

Lee Butler

F. Lee Butler - November 06, 2020 at 02:04 PM

CB

I met Mr. Bobby thru a family friend. I live in Alabama and he and his precious wife would visit our Church when they came to their lake house. We would have hearty football talk because I am Alabama and he Mississippi State. He welcomed us to watch games in his personal box when Alabama played State. There will never be a more finer man than Bobby Martin. I didn't know him as the icon of Ripley, I only knew him as friend. You will be missed Mr. Bobby.

Cathi Barton - November 06, 2020 at 04:05 PM

CD

“ *Chad Stockett, Curt Thomas, Doug Dreyer purchased the With Distinction for the family of Bobby Paschal Martin.*



Chad Stockett, Curt Thomas, Doug Dreyer - November 06, 2020 at 11:37 AM

CS

“ *Bob and Mary, you and your family are in my prayers.
"John 14:27
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*

Bobby was always a true friend to me. He will be greatly missed.

Chad Stockett

Chad Stockett - November 06, 2020 at 11:17 AM

MD

“ I am one of many who were blessed to have Bobby as a friend and mentor. I learned so much from him, and we had many wonderful times "working" together in the MBA for almost four decades! Bobby's living example of faith and generosity has been such a positive influence in my life. I am so thankful for this. Praying for Barbara, Mary, Bob and the entire family during this difficult time. Hail Bobby!

Mac Deaver - November 06, 2020 at 10:27 AM

SC

“ Mrs. Barbara, Mary, Bob and family- You all are in our prayers. I was so sad to hear about Mr. Bobby passing away. He was always a delight to be around and to talk to. I always left the conversations and meetings with him feeling in a better mood. He was truly "one of the greats" in the Mississippi banking industry. He will be missed by all. God bless each of you.

Shane Clayton - November 06, 2020 at 10:24 AM

BH

“ Bob And Nina Holliday lit a candle in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin



Bob and Nina Holliday - November 06, 2020 at 09:46 AM

WW

“ Our thoughts and prayers with Barbara, Mary, Bob and family. I'm thankful for Mr. Martin giving me my first job (mowing his yard/cleaning out his barn etc)..then later summer jobs at his bank during high school and college. I learned a ton at that bank, mostly about how to work with and develop relationships with people (probably the biggest lesson)..Thanks Mr. Martin..God Bless the family and God Bless Mr. Martin who leaves an outstanding legacy...I'm appreciate personally, what he did for me.

Will Watson - November 06, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin



Lois Watson - November 06, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JT

“ Ms Martha, Mary, Bob and family we praying for all of you during this time of loss. Bobby was a true blessing in my life as he was for more people than we could ever count. He will be greatly missed by all but never forgotten.

Jay Tindall - November 06, 2020 at 09:06 AM

CM

“ Barbara, Mary, Bob & family, I am so very sorry for your loss! May God be with you today and all the days ahead. Love to you all from the Owen Moore family.



Carolyn Moore - November 06, 2020 at 08:56 AM

GR

“ *Ginger Rogers lit a candle in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin*



Ginger Rogers - November 05, 2020 at 11:15 PM

TC

“ *Timmie & Sherry Crawford lit a candle in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin*



Timmie & Sherry Crawford - November 05, 2020 at 09:33 PM

RM

“ *To the Martin family:
Our prayers are with you during this time of loss. I had the great pleasure of serving with Bobby on the Mississippi State Foundation Board for a number of years. Bobby was a true gentleman and statesman in all that he participated in. His wit, professionalism, and generosity will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.*

Blessed by his friendship,

Rod and Jane Moore

Rod Moore - November 05, 2020 at 09:28 PM

KT

“ You will be missed. Loved how you would take pictures at events and just give them to folks. Prayers for all the family.

Karen Mauney Trullet - November 05, 2020 at 08:21 PM

RC

“ We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bobby.he was an good man and a good friend.

You are in our prayers.

Roger L. & Catherine Cowan - November 05, 2020 at 07:44 PM

WC

“ WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Bobby Paschal Martin



WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH - November 05, 2020 at 04:25 PM

VP

“ Sorry for your loss. Bobby was a good friend to my parents and helped them in many ways. He has been a friend and very helpful to me since their passing. He will be missed!

Virginia Patterson

Virginia Patterson - November 05, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby Paschal Martin.



November 05, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ All of us at Bennett Plumbing were saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Martin. He touched the lives of many people throughout the years. He was always generous and giving, especially when organizations had fundraisers at the bank. May the Lord bless you and comfort you in your loss.

Mac Bennett - November 05, 2020 at 02:06 PM



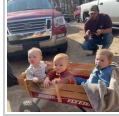
Bobby Martin was one of the most caring and likable people ever met. There is no real way to describe his ability to get things done when it came to improving the cultural of life in North Mississippi. He was always involved, especially when it came to helping his community and his bank customers. Several times I stood with him during the bank's Christmas apple giveaways He named every person that came through the doors.. When he said it was the Peoples Bank, there was no doubt he meant it.

When I think of Mr. Bobby I think...Christian, kind, generous, getting things done with good common sense, larger than life, and always the same. Mr. North Mississippi would be appropriate He was always thinking and working on improving north Mississippi, the Bank, and helping others help themselves. One handshake and it as easy to absorb this man was real, and one of a kind.

Rest in piece my dear friend and associate. You will be missed and always remembered.

Albert Thompson Southern Sentinel 1985-2006.

Albert Thompson - November 05, 2020 at 06:22 PM



We the Employees of Quinn Contracting, Inc. are saddened by the passing of Mr. Bobby Martin. He will be missed by so many. Our prayers are with all the Family and Friends.

Janet Quinn - November 06, 2020 at 09:40 AM



Mr. Martin was always the first to our bake sales in the People's Bank lobby which he so generously allowed us to use every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas for Ripley Christian School for over 25 years. (the school is now closed after a fire destroyed it over 10 years ago). He was generous in donating to our community as well. God bless his family. ❤️

wanda & cotton carr - November 06, 2020 at 12:42 PM



My prayers for the Martin family. I have known Bobby over 60 years. A fine gentleman and a great servant of God. Blessings.

Billy Proctor - November 06, 2020 at 09:00 PM