



## Dr. Joe Godwin Martin

July 29, 1926 - July 6, 2014

Ripley, Mississippi--- Dr. Joe Godwin Martin 87, passed away at his home in Ripley, Mississippi on July 6, 2014. Dr. Martin was born July 29, 1926 to Joe and Joe Ella Godwin Martin in Ripley, MS. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Philippines. Dr. Joe graduated as Valedictorian of Ripley High School Class of 1943. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1949 with a degree in Animal Husbandry. Graduated from Auburn University in 1953 as a Dr. of Veterinary Medicine. He served as Treasurer of the Baptist Student Union at both MSU an Auburn. He taught Agriculture at Chalybeate and Pine Grove Schools. He opened his practice in Ripley and for many years was the only Veterinarian in three counties, Tippah , Benton, Marshall. Dr. Martin was a member and past President of the MS Veterinary Medical Association and a lifelong member of the American Veterinary Medical Assn. He donated "Bully 16" the 16th bulldog to MSU and now this is the "Bully" that is featured on all current posters and pictures. Dr. Martin was a very active and faithful member of First Baptist Church of Ripley where he taught Sunday School for over 45 years.

His survivors include: One son: Dr. Joe Hines Martin of Chattanooga, TN: Three daughters: Millie Renfroe (Steve) of Brandon, MS: Melanie Hickman (Steve) of Tupelo, MS: Leslie Walter (Tommy) of Ripley, MS: Nine grandchildren: Scarlett Nicely of Chattanooga, TN: Allison Callahan of Huntsville, AL: Ashleigh Hannah of Brandon, MS: Chase Renroe of Brandon,

MS: Martin Hickman (Cass) of Nashville, TN: Cody Hickman (Amy) of Tupelo,  
MS: James, Sarah, John Thomas Walter all of Ripley, MS: Two great-  
grandchildren: Saffley and Oliver Hickman:

He was preceded in death by: His wife: Edith Christine Hines Martin: His  
parents: One brother: Howard Martin: One sister: Mildred Martin:

Pallbearers will be: His Grandchildren:

Honorary pallbearers will be: Charles Brown, J.P. Shackelford: The Members  
of the Men's Faith Sunday School Class Adult IV of First Baptist Church.

To send flowers to the family of Dr. Joe Martin, please visit our Heartfelt  
Sympathies Store.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Joe Godwin Martin*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *I want to extend my deepest sympathy for the passing of Dr. Martin; he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May God keep you in his care.*

**Rhonda Reno** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry wasn't able to attend the visitation or funeral. You are in my thoughts & prayers. Dr. Martin was a very special man and will be greatly missed.*

**Opheia N. Thompson** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom and I are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Martin. We have so many fond memories of visits with Dr. Joe and Edith during our time at Blue Mountain College. We will surely miss him as we miss her.*

**Bettye Rogers Coward** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of your loss. May the Lord comfort you as only He can.*

**Johnny & Brenda (Dawkins) Hopkins** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Joe Hines, Millie, Melanie and Leslie, So sorry to hear about your Dad's death. Lots of good memories being with ya'll and your Mom & Dad! My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Loretta

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**Loretta Martin Peoples** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Sorry for your loss. Dr. Martin was so kind to us when we came to Mississippi for Godwin family history trip. I know he will be missed by your family and the community. Will keep you in our prayers. With sympathy, Gary and Trudy Holland, of the Godwin Family of Texas

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**Gary and Trudy Holland** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Joe Hines, Millie, Melanie, and Leslie, we have such fond memories, as you and your parents were kind, wonderful neighbors. We send love and wish you peace and strength at this time of great loss.

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**Drew and Brenda Street** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I'm so sorry we won't be able to attend the visitation or funeral. We wanted to extend our sympathy to all of you. Dr. Martin was a very special man and will be greatly missed.

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**Pam Robbins** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I am very sorry for your lose. Dr. Joe was a fine gentleman who I enjoyed visiting with on or visits to Godwin family back east. Those of us who were privileged to meet him will not forget him, and feel share your lose.

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**Richard Hudgins** - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ Our deepest condolences to the family in your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

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**Wilma, Greg & Denise Gunn** - July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM