

# Obituary

Samuel Martin was born September 3, 1927 to the union of Tom Martin and Ruth Mae Hall Martin of Gould, Arkansas.

**Education:** Samuel received his early education in the Boley Oklahoma Public School system. After he completed tour of duty in the Army, he return to Boley and got his high school diploma. Under the GI Bill he went to a trade school and learned masonry. He also attended Central State College in Edmond, OK part time for many years. He took several corresponding course in story writing. He had a deep desire to become a writer of short stories someday.

**Military:** Samuel was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was drafted into the army in 1945 and was honorable discharged in 1949, having earned the rank of Corporal.

**Religion:** Samuel accepted Christ at an early age at Antioch Baptist Church in Boley, OK where faith in God, the value of hard work, fun, team work, and concern of others were fostered in a Christian home environment. After relocating to Oklahoma City, he became a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church under The Rev. E. W. Perry. He was a faithful member of

adult choir for many years and the church for over sixty years. He was raised in a Christian home who reinforced value of hard work, fun, team work and self-sufficiency and concern for his fellow man.

**Marriage:** He married his high school sweetheart Erva Lee Ramsey. To this union three children were born, Kenneth, Tony Earl and Donna Marie. This marriage ended in a divorce. He later met and married Juanita Jones in 1960. There were three children in this union Nathan, Marcia, and Samuel Jr.. They remain together as a loving couple for fifty-four years.

**Professional:** Samuel was a Civil Service employee for over forty-five years. He worked at Tinker Air Force Base for many years and ended his civil Service career at F.A.A. He was also a business man. He and Juanita owned Juanita's Cut and Curl and Juanita's Fish Market.

**Personal Interest:** Samuel was an avid painter of still life and landscapes. Practicing his golf swing was a favorite past time. He was also President of The Spring Lake Neighbor Association for many years. He also loved antique and sports cars.

**Date of Death and Family Members:** Samuel Martin departed this life July 28, 2014 in Houston, TX. Preceding him in death were his parents, Tom and Ruth Mae Martin, two children, Marcia Anita Martin and Tony Earl Martin. Also two brothers, Cleophus Martin and Charley Martin, Two Sister Lue Lee Tomlin and Mary Helen Burley.

He leave to cherish his memory his devoted wife Juanita, three sons Nathan Hammons (Chandra), Houston, TX, Kenneth Martin, Milwaukee, WI and Samuel Martin of Houston, TX, one daughter, Donna Marie Copland, (Jimmy) Oklahoma City, OK. He leave to cherish his memory a host of Grand Children and great grand children. Also left to embrace his spirit is his three brothers, Bezelee Martin (Lena) of Mequon, WI, Tom Martin, of Milwaukee, WI, and Bruce L. Martin (Tamara), River Hills, WI, Four sisters, Clemmytine Martin Lyday, Los Angeles, CA, Alice A. Martin Duke, Oklahoma City, OK, Lesia Burley, Oklahoma City, OK, and Charlotte Burley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, two sister in laws, Barbara Lyday, Oklahoma City, OK, Joyce Thomas, Oklahoma City, OK, two caregivers Andrea (Mickie) Martin, Houston, Texas and Joshua Martin, Houston, Texas. And a host of nieces and nephews and cousin and other relatives and friends.