



Doris Jean Martin

February 5, 1930 - September 3, 2016

Our beloved wife and mother, Doris Jean Reid Martin was born February 5, 1930 to the late C.J.B. Reid and Maude Reid in Belmont, North Carolina. On September 3, 2016, she gently took life's last breath and peacefully transitioned this earthly life into eternal rest. She was eighty-six (86) years old.

Doris Jean, as she was known to friends and family, graduated from Reid High School in Belmont, North Carolina and went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree from Barber Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina in 1949. Immediately after graduation she accepted her first professional position with Gaston County Schools as an Elementary school teacher in Dallas, North Carolina. She relocated to Washington, D.C. and worked at the Department of Defense as a clerk typist, seeking to experience life outside of small town Belmont. Because of her love for teaching and determination to build a career, she accepted a teaching job with Wicomico County Schools in Quantico, Maryland, for more than 30 years until her retirement.

Through mutual friends, she met her future husband, Oswald Martin. The Martins married in Belmont, North Carolina on August 21, 1957. They made their home in another little town called Allen, Maryland and raised three children.

Doris Jean dedicated her life to Christ at an early age and was a member of

Hood Memorial in Belmont, North Carolina and Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Princess Anne, Maryland. She served as a pianist when needed, a Sunday School teacher and Communion Steward. In addition to church and family, Mrs. Martin enjoyed traveling and the local fine arts community. After retiring she was active with the retirement group, Happy Timers and activities at Metropolitan. Sewing, crafting, gardening, traveling, tending houseplants and canning fruits and vegetables were favorite activities for Mrs. Martin in her leisure time. She loved to read and was especially good at working crossword puzzles.

She leaves behind to cherish precious memories: her husband of fifty-nine (59) years, Oswald Edward Martin; she was a devoted mother to her 3 children, Janice Delores Templeton (Michial), Peronnes-lez-Binche, Belgium, Alison Lynn Martin, Baltimore, Maryland and Stephen Edward Martin (Latonya) Snow Hill, Maryland; 5 grandchildren, Michial Templeton, II, (Courtney), Kearney, Nebraska Kristina, Kyle, Myles and Graham, Snow Hill, Maryland and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; father-in-law Louis Martin and mother-in-law Irene Polk-Martin; two brothers, Horace Reid and Bernard Reid and one sister Helen Reid Foster.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Doris Jean Martin, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please find comfort in knowing that soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. (John 5:28,29) Until that blessed day, may the GOD of all comfort grant you peace while many fond memories warm your hearts.*

A. Wingfield - September 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Mr. Martin & family,
Howard and I send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to you all. We are unable to be with you during the Celebration of Life for Mrs. Martin (a matriarch of extreme measure) but we send our love. We will be think of you tomorrow and the coming days and years. May God's Grace & Mercy sustain you...*

*Shalom,
Howard & Darlene Dixon*

Rev. Darlene M. Dixon - September 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I believe the greatest gift a mother can leave her children is the gift of faith. I have been blessed with Janice's friendship for over twenty-five years, and during this time I have seen a godly woman with deep, abiding faith that is a true reflection of her precious mother Doris' divine wisdom. Parting is such sweet sorrow. At this difficult time I wish the entire family the peace that passes understanding.*

Mary Leonhart - September 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM