



Roosevelt Martin Jr.

July 20, 1929 - July 22, 2020

The Life of Roosevelt Martin Jr.

Roosevelt, also affectionately known as “Boot,” was born in Winston Salem, NC on July 20, 1929, but moved to Washington, DC with his family as a child. Roosevelt was the youngest of five children, Naomi (deceased), Jesse (deceased), Herman (deceased), and Mary Helen (deceased). Roosevelt attended Garrison and Cleveland Elementary and Shaw Junior High, and he graduated from Dunbar High School in the District of Columbia. He was drafted into the Army in 1951, where he served a year of combat duty in Korea before being honorably discharged in 1953. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal W/2 Bronze Star United Nations Service Medal. He went on to attend Howard University in 1955, majoring in Drafting/Engineering.

In 1955, his first son was born, Gary R. Martin. In 1959, Roosevelt married Hattie P. Smith. Two sons and one daughter were born from this union, Randall (deceased), Roosevelt III (Marty), and Tracy. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church for over 60 years where he sang on the Men’s Chorus

and was one of the church's oldest members.

Roosevelt joined The Prince Hall Masons, Warren Lodge #8 on U Street, in 1954. He was a Past Eminent Commander of Usimdi Commandery. He joined Mecca Temple No. 10 – the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine in 1961, where he immediately became a member of the championship Drum and Bugle Corps, playing cymbals and serving for more than 42 years. He was a member of the Patrol Department and the Past Potentate's Council where he served as treasurer and chaplain. After having worked in the York Rite, he decided to join the Scottish Rite, where he was a member of the Johnathan Davis Consistory, 33rd Degree and a member of the Commanders of Rite. The 33rd degree is an honorary degree bestowed for meritorious service to craft masonry. There is no higher level than a Master Mason. Additional degrees bestowed by Scottish and York Rite bodies are essentially "graduate study" in masonry.

Roosevelt held several positions in the Federal and District Governments where he worked at the Department of the Treasury's Bureau of Standards for 10 years and the Redevelopment Land Agency for 15 years. He also worked for the Department of Housing where he retired after 36 years of service as a Housing Inspector.

Roosevelt was known as a friendly person who liked to socialize and dance. He was always a sharply dressed man in his many hats. He enjoyed swimming, traveling, smoking cigars, wearing hats, driving Cadillac cars, and

watching action/adventure movies and westerns on television. He was also fond of German/Belgian Shepherd dogs, especially Nikki (deceased), that was with him for 15 years.

Roosevelt is survived by his children: Gary Martin (Janice), Randall Martin (deceased), Roosevelt (Marty) Martin III (Holly), and Tracy Martin-Tilghman (Daryl deceased); eight grandchildren: Garry, Monique, Melanie, Steven, Danni, Ramira, Kyara, and Ayden; and Joey Roundtree, affectionately known as his “adopted” son. Roosevelt also had a long relationship with his companion Margaret Carter (deceased), and he leaves behind a host of great grandkids, nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.

Roosevelt’s lesson to his children and to future generations was: “Exercise and take care of your body when you are young, and it will take care of you when you are elderly.” And he was right, living to be 91 years old! Praise the Lord!

Cemetery Details

Fort Lincoln Cemetery

3401 Bladensburg Road
Brentwood, MD 20722

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - Prince George's County
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Roosevelt Martin Jr., Please Click the Link below.*



Marshall-March Funeral Homes - August 04, 2020 at 11:32 AM

RB

It was truly an honor to share in taking care of Mr. Martin and getting to know such a beautiful family. My condolences to you all he will truly be missed

Renee Benjamin - August 14, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Roosevelt Martin Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

PS

“ *I love you Uncle Boot, will miss you. Pam*

Pam Sullivan - August 14, 2020 at 12:53 PM

JS

“ *To the family: You have our deepest sympathy. We love you and in your time of sorrow, when know one's around, remember to look to the hill, for this is were your help will come from. God will never leave you nor forsake you.*

John, Yolanda, and Cohen Samuel

John Samuel - August 14, 2020 at 11:46 AM

HM

“ *I have limited memories of my father Herman Martin Sr because he passed when I was very young but Uncle Roosevelt (Boot) made sure I knew the love of a father and often shared his memories with me. Uncle Boot was always there for our family of girls during good times and bad. He always provided me reassurance with those tight hugs and kisses on my cheek. I will miss you Uncle Boot and will always hold a special place in my heart for you.*

Hermeta Martin-Reddon

Hermeta Martin-Reddon - August 14, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *It was truly a honor to work for Mr. Martin and getting to know such a beautiful family. My condolences to the entire family. He will truly be missed.*

Renee Lake - August 14, 2020 at 10:54 AM



CL

“ *CARNETTE MARTIN LLOYD lit a candle in memory of Roosevelt Martin Jr.*



CARNETTE MARTIN LLOYD - August 14, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Mr. Martin was more than a client to AGAPE Senior Care Services LLC! Him and his family became part of our family! Even in his sickness he managed to smile and commend the caregivers for their support and care. You will be greatly missed. Your life is what we will ponder on - not your departing!*

Love and prayers from the AGAPE Senior Care Services LLC family

Wanda Jones-Gross - August 14, 2020 at 09:06 AM

WG

“ *Mr. Martin was more than a client to AGAPE Senior Care Services LLC! Even in sickness he managed to smile and shared laughs with his caregivers. We extend our prayers and deepest condolences to the family. Ponder on the wonderful memories of life!*

Warm Regards - Wanda R. Gross, Alfreda Banks and Renee Lake, AGAPE Senior Care Services

Wanda Gross - August 14, 2020 at 08:56 AM

BF

“ *Cousin Boot, you were one of a kind! So full of laughter and loved by many. We will never forget your smooth dance steps which reminded me of someone dancing lightly on the clouds. Boot, you have served your time and you did it with class! "Dance On!"*
Peace Be With You

Beverly Giles & Family - August 13, 2020 at 11:09 PM

 Ahmed
Clyburn

“ *Oh, the memories I have about my Uncle (The only one I had a chance to meet) and his "strong" character behind his cigar. Like being there for his sister (my mom Mary Helen) anytime he was needed and seeing him pull up in his Cadillac. Yet my fondest memory was him showing me how to tie a Necktie, and being the one that drove me to my high school prom.*



Thank you, Uncle Boot, for being a great role model on how to be a man, you were the Father-figure that I needed, not having mine around. God Bless you and the family. I know you are keeping mom company with all your siblings and parents. Until we meet again at the table of our Lord. I love you. - Ahmed

Ahmed Clyburn - August 13, 2020 at 02:52 PM

MM

Uncle Roosevelt and our father (Herman) were very close brothers. When our father transitioned, Uncle played a major role in our lives. I praise and thank God that I got a chance to thank him for helping us by being who we needed those many years. He will remain in our hearts.
MaryEsther Martin.

MaryEsther Martin - August 14, 2020 at 11:05 AM

CG

“ Cecilia and Lolita Grillo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roosevelt Martin Jr..



Cecilia and Lolita Grillo - August 13, 2020 at 11:12 AM

PC

“ Unc you don't know how much you will be missed.
LOVE
Pat

Pat Croons - August 12, 2020 at 11:23 AM

MD

Waine my prayers are with you and your family. Be in peace, love and joy. Marian Davis

Marian Davis - August 13, 2020 at 12:06 PM

TJ

“ I have been knowing your daughter since elementary school. We were in kindergarten class together. I remember visiting your house in DC and the 3 of us sat and talked. I found out you were an avid swimmer and it cracked me up when you sat in the chair and moved your feet as fast as you can. As if.....you were in a pool. Such a great memory to see that you were still really in shape.

Tina Johnson - August 12, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - July 28, 2020 at 05:03 PM

GJ

I didn't know you long, but what a nice guy to meet. I will always remember you, thanks for the cigar. Rest In Peace.... George Barrington Cole, Jr.

George B. Cole, Jr. - August 11, 2020 at 09:51 PM

S(

Hey Boot family, this is from your family in NC . My mom Mildred was well loved by "Boot" and we loved him. Take care of each other and your mom . Much love Myslina & Family

Sandra Brown (Myslina) - August 15, 2020 at 06:04 PM