



Rev. David Louis Martin

June 21, 1941 - March 23, 2014

The Reverend David Louis Martin of Salisbury died on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at his home. He was 72.

Reverend Martin was born June 21, 1941 in Danville, PA. He was the son of the late Rev. Dr. Richard Byers Martin and Larue Wetzel Martin.

Rev. Martin received his Bachelor of Arts degree in literature from Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in Gettysburg, PA and completed his Clinical Pastoral Education from North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC. He subsequently received his Master of Theology degree in Pastoral Care from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA.

He served as Pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Goldsboro, NC from 1968-71. He served as Administrative Assistant to the President/Bishop of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod and Secretary of Synod, 1972-82, where his work included Pastoral Care to Families of Pastors and Lay Professional Leaders, Historical Work, Candidacy, Continuing Education for Leaders, Campus Ministry, and Synod Archival work in Salisbury, NC. In 1982 he became Associate Director for Leadership Support of the Division for Professional Leadership of The Lutheran Church in America in Philadelphia, PA., where he was responsible for Leadership Resources. He served as Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Durham, NC 1984-91 and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Asheville, NC 1991-2003.

Rev. Martin retired in 2003 and moved to Salisbury. His interests and activities after retirement included stained glass, music, art and regional history.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 40 years, Debbie Martin; daughters, Adrienne Martin, attending Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA; Suzanna Martin and husband Chris Bailey of Dallas, TX; brother, Dr. Richard Hugo Martin and wife Beverly of Brevard, NC.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 PM Friday (Mar. 28) at Summersett Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be conducted at 2:00 PM Saturday (Mar. 29) at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dr. Leonard H. Bolick, Bishop of the NC Synod and Rev. Rhodes Woolly, minister, officiating.

A graveside service will be held at 5 PM Saturday (Mar.29) at Holy Communion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Dallas, NC.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church G2G Building Fund, 200 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

BF

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. May the God of all comfort, continue to be with you and your family. We all look forward to a time when death will be no more-Rev 21:4. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Boyd Family - April 14, 2014 at 08:08 AM

RH

“ The unexpected emotions I felt during the funeral are a great testament to the positive impact David had on my life, even though my contact with him was from 1991-2002.

Ron Hefner

Ron Hefner - April 01, 2014 at 12:17 PM

PM

“ Dear Debbie,

I can truly say that my life has been much richer and deeply blessed by serving you and your family as pastor at Holy Communion, Dallas. The highlight of our friendship together is, without a doubt, at your marriage to David at Holy Communion. (And it was also there, while we were vesting in the choir room, that David's dad introduced me to the alb. "Just throw it in the dryer, hang it up, and you're ready to go," he told me). And all the synodical meetings and events with David were always times of celebration.

May the resurrection message we shared with David in this life bring peace and hope to you and your family.

Pastor John Merck

Pastor John Merck - March 29, 2014 at 09:48 AM

PC

“ Dear Debbie, Adrienne, Suzanna & Chris, So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.

Many of us at St. Paul's had just heard about his critical state of health last Sunday and began talking about fond memories- including baptisms- like for Caroline Stubbs who graduates in May as a dentist!

Pat & Morris Casper

Pat & Morris Casper - March 29, 2014 at 09:36 AM



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March 28, 2014 at 12:04 PM



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EA

“ Mrs. Martin, Suzanna and Adrienne- I am so sorry for your loss. He will truly be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I was lucky to have him officiate my wedding in 2000.

Eileen Andrews - March 28, 2014 at 10:11 AM

DS

“ Dear Debbie and family,
We grieve with you as you mourn David's death. He was a favorite of mine through our many years together in the N.C. Synod. I just commented to Diana a week or so ago when we ate at the K & W (Salisbury) that we hadn't seen you all there recently. We didn't realize he was having more than just "tests" (synod e-news on 3/18). May the Resurrection Love of Jesus be with you all!
In Christ's love, David & Diana Keck

David R. Keck, Sr. - March 27, 2014 at 01:28 PM

JU

“ Truly a man with a vision for God. He will be missed!
Condolences to the entire family and friends.
Thoughts and prayers are with you!
Judith (Calvary Lutheran, Spencer, NC)

Judith - March 27, 2014 at 09:10 AM

DI

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers. He was my rock through the rough time with my mom. He will be missed.

Diedre - March 27, 2014 at 07:17 AM

RB

“ Debbie, may God's peace be with you and all your family. Rachel Buie

Rachel Buie - March 26, 2014 at 01:38 PM

JM

“ John Mwasakilali purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Rev. David Louis Martin.



John Mwasakilali - March 26, 2014 at 01:26 PM

EL

“ Mrs. Martin, Suzanna, and Adrienne - I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

Erica Luntz - March 26, 2014 at 09:12 AM

PM

“ Sue and I send our deepest sympathy to all David's family. We were privileged to get to know him as I was discerning my call to the ordained ministry in 1980. He was encouraging and supporting in many ways. God bless him!

Pastor David Mielke - March 26, 2014 at 05:31 AM

GK

“ Deepest Sympathy to the Marting family. George Kroncke

George Kroncke - March 25, 2014 at 11:24 AM

BE

Deepest Sympathy to the Martin family. My husband and I were neighbors up the hill behind the Martins. My husband Skip passed away in 2011 but he always enjoyed talking to David they were good neighbors. I moved away in 2013 so this was a shock to me when I heard about his sickness. GOD bless him and his family.

Becky Engblom

Becky Engblom - March 26, 2014 at 12:54 PM