



## Nancy Martin

March 5, 1937 - September 6, 2019

Nancy Louise Martin, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother closed her eyes here on earth and opened them in the presence of her Lord and Savior on September 6, 2019. Nancy was born March 5, 1937 in Lake City, SC to John Raymond and Nettie Sophia (Simmons) McClam, and they both were there waiting to lead her into Heaven when Nancy arrived. Nancy grew up in Lake City, a loving home in a small town with a closeness in the community. She was very active in school and her church, First Baptist of Lake City, where she accepted the Lord into her heart at a young age. In high school, she met the love of her life, Billy Martin, and they would be inseparable for the rest of their lives. In 1954, she graduated from Lake City High School and just a few weeks later, on June 3, 1954, she and Billy were married in Dillon, SC. Billy enlisted in the Army which started Nancy's chapter in life as a proud career military wife. Her organizational skills and her knack for making a home during assignment transfers and promotions made every move seamless and flawless for both Billy and the children. They moved to several locations including Germany, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Nebraska and Texas. In every transfer, Nancy had a way of quietly and efficiently assessing every opportunity as a chance to serve her family, her Lord and her community and her positive attitude was always a calming influence in times that could get a little hectic! After Billy's retirement from the military, he heeded the call to become a Pastor with Nancy at his side supporting him in every way. Her many years of coordinating activities and

making friends in new places during Billy's military service enabled her to be the perfect pastor's wife to the congregation at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Pittsburg, TX and, for the last 20 years, at Emmanuel Baptist Church here in Terrell. She loved to sing, and her voice was a welcome and beautiful addition to the church choir and at every gathering. Nancy was also incredibly thoughtful, and she was never too busy that she didn't remember to call and send cards on birthdays and anniversaries as well as other important dates and milestones in her family and friends' lives. Nancy adored her family and gathering them together was the highlight of any day for her. She was a talented baker (with her famous banana pudding known far and wide!) and her incredible collection of hundreds of cookbooks allowed Nancy to surprise and spoil Billy, family, friends and church members with her sweet desserts and dishes that were always delicious. A beautiful woman who was far and away the embodiment of a true Proverbs 31 wife and mother, Nancy's smile and wonderful personality will be missed by all who loved her. The unconditional and whole-hearted love that she always exhibited to Billy, her children, grandchildren and her friends will be the eternal legacy that all will carry forward into future generations until we are all reunited with her in Heaven. Nancy's memory will continue to be celebrated by her husband of over 65 years, Rev. Billy Martin of Terrell; children: Connie Gibson and husband, Ken, of Ft. Smith, Ark., Diane Hopkins of Sevierville, Tenn., and Robin Taylor and husband, Lance, of Royse City, Tex.; grandchildren: Jake and wife, Amanda, Heather, Adam and wife, Tiffany, Sara and husband, Nick, and Brian and wife, Heather; great grandchildren: Ella, Addy, Ally, Caleb, Hanna, Brayden, and Austin as well as many other extended family and a host of friends made during her lifetime.

Nancy's funeral service will be at 11:00am, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Terrell with interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park. Her family will receive friends 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations. For those wishing and in honor of Nancy's love for others hearing the Gospel, donations may be made

to the Gideons International at [www.gideons.org](http://www.gideons.org). Nancy lived her life placing importance on the things that mattered most and she truly felt the words that the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

SEP **11.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1717 N. Frances St.  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Martin*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Martin.*



September 11, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Martin.*



September 10, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Martin.*



September 10, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nancy Martin.* ”



September 09, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Martin.* ”



September 09, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ *112 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - September 09, 2019 at 01:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Martin.*



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September 09, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ *Bro.Billy,We were so sorry to hear about Nancy.You and all the family are in our prayers.Ronal and Lenell Dunn*



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**Lenell Dunn** - September 09, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Nancy Martin.*



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September 08, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ *Brother Billy, Delores, Judy and I were extremely saddened to hear of Nancy's passing. God has gained a truly remarkable woman into heaven. James & Judy Hachey*



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**James Hachey** - September 08, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Nancy Martin.*



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September 08, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ *What can I say about Nancy. She was a godly woman, who shared her whole heart. She welcomed me there with open arms and heart. I have missed her and Bro. Billy since I moved away. Now she's in heaven with Jesus.*



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**Regina Leach** - September 07, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Nancy. I know my mother and her buddies were all there to welcome her through those pearly gates. Prayers for the family and for my home church.*

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**Jan Britt-Bearden** - September 06, 2019 at 11:46 PM



“ *She stood up for us at our wedding, as Jimmy's stand in mom, as his own had gone on home. Tonight, the 3 of them are meeting in Heaven and he is probably typically asking if her honey is still wearing ties from the kids department, as well as hugging her tight. You are missed sweet lady!! Give him a hug from me, and tell him he better hug you tight from all of us!! Rest high! Love you!!*

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**Tonia Gould** - September 06, 2019 at 11:13 PM

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“ My heart goes out to her family at this time. She will be missed such a gentle and caring soul. She always made you feel welcome in her presence, such a warm and graceful person. Heaven is her new home, she will be missed by all who loved her. Rest In Peace Nancy. Gone but not forgotten. Praying for her family in this time of loss. We can rejoice in the knowledge that she is in the best hands possible in the presence of our God. Heavy hearts.. Melba And Sue

Sue Hanna - September 06, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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“ Our hearts are broken. Even though, we believe, we know that God has caused His face to shine on Nancy and she is safe and protected. She has been covered with His feathers and she is not afraid. He has given His angels charge over her and they will bear her up. She has been delivered because she loves Him and knows His name. She has called upon Him and He has answered her. She now has seen His salvation!

(Sandy here) Tears flow sometimes just remembering things we talked about, laughed about and prayed about. My heart aches as I know many others do too. She was a true friend and I already miss her.

We love her, she touched us both in so many wonderful ways. We love her family and will continue to pray for each of you.

David and Sandy

Sandy Mahaffey - September 06, 2019 at 09:32 PM

DE

Rest In Peace sweet lady..our loss is heaven's gain..you will be sorely missed..Godspeed and prayers for Brother Billy and the family

diane egnew - September 08, 2019 at 08:04 PM

SA

“ *I love you grandma and miss you so much already! But, I know it's not goodbye! Have fun singing with the Angel's* ❤️

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**Sara Alford** - September 06, 2019 at 08:40 PM