



## Donald Ray Martin

March 25, 1946 - February 15, 2025

Donald Ray Martin, 78, of Loris, SC, passed away on February 15, 2025. He is now reunited with his beloved wife, Lyndia Martin, in the presence of the Lord. A proud Army Vietnam veteran, Ray dedicated his post-military career to the power industry as a lineman. After devoting his life to the Lord, he felt called to serve as a pastor, a mission he faithfully carried out throughout his life. He found great joy in working in his shop, tending to his farm, and savoring a good meal—especially those lovingly prepared by his wife.

Ray is survived by his two beloved sons, Stony (Che') of Goose Creek, SC, and Steven (Moni) of Nichols, SC, both of whom he was immensely proud. He also leaves behind five cherished grandchildren—AnnaJane, Daniel, Aidyn, Allyn, and Magi—as well as his sister, Candy VanderHeyden of Florida. He will be deeply missed by his many nieces, nephews, and dear friends, including Mr. Glen Elliott. Ray and Glen shared many trips to the Charleston VA hospital, forming a strong and lasting bond over the years.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Lyndia, his parents, Fernie and Mary Martin, and his siblings: Norma, Flossie, Pat, and Randy.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Zoan Methodist Church with Rev. Bruce Adams, Rev. Billy Carroll, and Mr. Glen Elliott officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will

receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

Please sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Loris Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Zoan Church Cemetery

12345 W Highway 19  
Loris, 29569

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Zoan Methodist Church  
12345 W. Highway 19  
Loris, SC 29569

## Funeral Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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12345 W. Highway 19  
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# Tribute Wall



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



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February 18, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Ray Martin.

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“ *Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this difficult time. Isaiah 41:10*

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**Kathryn** - February 17, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Froylan and Robin Armenta purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Donald Ray Martin.*



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**Froylan and Robin Armenta** - February 17, 2025 at 11:33 AM

CV

“ I really didn't get to know Ray until I was 19 but I've been his sister since birth a little did I know he has been an inspiration to me in a lot of ways he's always cared and been concerned out of all of the siblings. I felt the most connected as far as brothers go to Ray. I'll feel a deep loss but one day I shall see him again with the rest of my siblings I love you, brother I always will.

candy VanderHeyden - February 17, 2025 at 10:54 AM

RA

Mom, I am so sorry! I loved my uncle Ray! I can still hear his raspy voice laughing and his face turning red! I'm so thankful that I knew him. To know him was to love him. I appreciated his and aunt Linda's call when I was near death. His prayers and his concern for me, which included reminding about God's faithfulness! I will remember a special memory he shared with me about grandma Martin that I never knew! He wept while sharing with me. His words swept over me like a cool breeze because I knew someone in heaven loved us all! One day mom, you're right we will have a family reunion with those that have gone on before us! I know your time with him was short because life is truly short. I also know you are the last Martin left of your siblings. Kim, myself and Amanda are here for you through your grieving process, and always. Keep trusting in the One who holds the whole world in His hands! I love you and I love Uncle Ray!!!!

Robin Michelle Armenta - February 17, 2025 at 11:24 AM

DH

Rev. Ray will surely be missed. He loved God and he wasn't ashamed of serving the Lord. When he preached you could see and feel the anointing upon his life. He wasn't ashamed a great preacher. We loved him dearly. Dennis & Louise Hardee.

Dennis & Louise Hardee - February 22, 2025 at 11:37 AM

MB

“ mark & john Bryant purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Ray Martin.



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**mark & john Bryant** - February 17, 2025 at 09:02 AM

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JG

“ So sorry for your loss. I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**James Hugh Gerrald** - February 17, 2025 at 06:44 AM

DC

“ Steven and Stony, I am so sorry. Ray and I were very close friends. I know just how you feel as I also lost my Dad. But as Ray would say keep your faith and trust in the Lord and he will see you through this sad time. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers  
Dr. Billy Carroll



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**Dr. Billy Carroll** - February 16, 2025 at 07:56 PM

DD

“ *To all of the sweet family,  
So sad to hear about Ray passing away.  
I lived in the Bucksville area with Ray and  
family when we were growing up 💔💔💔*  
*Dorothy Jordan Dunn*



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**Dorothy Dunn** - February 16, 2025 at 05:40 PM