



Swanson N. Martin

June 22, 1925 - June 4, 2003

Swanson Martin, son of the late Lester and Revie Martin, was born on June 22, 1925 in Stokes County, North Carolina. On Wednesday, June 4, 2003, Swanson was called home to be with the Lord. Swanson received his education at Madison High School in North Carolina. In his late teen years he moved to Baltimore, Maryland where he was employed by Esskay Meat Company. He retired from Esskay in 1987 where he served as a full time employee for over thirty years. Swanson truly loved the Lord and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age. He was a faithful member of the Memorial Baptist Church, where he served on the Deacon Board for many years. He also taught Sunday School. Swanson married the love of his life, the former Sarah L. Wilkens, on October 10, 1944. Out of this union they were blessed with three children, Harold Martin, Carolyn Harvey and Cynthia Guest-Thomas. After his retirement he found a great love for gardening. Swanson was also known as the neighborhood "Green Thumb". He spent countless hours in his garden planting fruits and vegetables and growing beautiful flowers. His unique gift for gardening and landscaping made his home a true neighborhood landmark. Swanson was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sarah L. Martin; father, Lester Martin; mother, Revie Martin; brother, Howard Martin; sister, Matilda Kellam; grandson, Howard Martin,; and son-in-law, Cecil John Guest. He leaves to cherish his loving memory: one son, Harold Martin; two daughters, Carolyn Harvey and Cynthia Guest-Thomas; daughter-in-law, Rene Martin; three brothers, Leonard, Frank and

James Martin; one sister, Beulah Benton; eight grandchildren, Harold Jr., Demetrius, Renard, Theresa, Jay, Stacie, Crystal, and L'oreal; two grandsons-in-law, Kenneth and Ernest; fourteen great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, other family members and friends. He made numerous friends wherever he went and will be sincerely missed by everyone who knew him. He was always a true friend and a devoted family man.

Tribute Wall



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“ *Please accept our heartfelt sympathy in your time of great sorrow. Only those who have lost a loved one can know the depths of your feelings. We hope our caring will make your sorrow easier to bear.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##*

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“ *My condolences to the family. Please take comfort in God's promise at John 5:28,29- "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life." May this promise give you solace and strength in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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