



# John B. Martin

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**O**n Monday morning, November 14, 2011, a much-loved husband, daddy, granddaddy and friend died at home. John B. Martin was born February 8, 1926 in Ward, Alabama and moved to Texas at six years of age. He caught the school bus to attend McCaulley and Hamlin schools where he met his childhood sweetheart, Frances Steele. They were married August 7, 1945 while John was on leave in New York City during World War II while serving in the US Navy. John saw action in Normandy, southern France, and Sicily. Following the war, the newlyweds came to Longview where John attended LeTourneau Tech to learn the machinist trade. On completion of his training, he worked for LeTourneau for 17 years; he then went to Kelly Springfield, Tyler and retired after 30 years. John and Frances joined Mobberly Baptist in 1946. He served as a Deacon, Chairman of the Deacons, and Chairman of the first phase of Mobberly's building program at the current location.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jan Martin Doan; mother, Minnie Ward Martin; father, Simeon Martin; sister, Frances Martin Kirk; and brother, Dewey Martin.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 66 years, Frances Steele Martin, son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Rhonda Martin of Rockwall, Texas; grandson Chris and wife Scarlett of Rockwall, Texas; grandson Drew and wife Emily of Wiley, Texas; great-grandchildren Andie Noel and Will Davis Martin of Rockwall and brothers-in-law, sister-in-law and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 17 from 1:30 – 3:00 at the Mobberly Hospitality room and foyer. Immediately following at 3:00, a celebration of his life will be held in the Sanctuary. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview.

The family request that memorials may be made to Mobberly Baptist Church Building Fund 625 E. Loop 281, Longview, Texas 75605.



## Obituary

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A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Frances & family-Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family at this sad time. May God Bless and Comfort each of you as only He can.Gary & Kathy Skinner, Vera Brown and Linda Harrelson##imported-begin##Vera Brown##imported-end##

November 16 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so sorry to learn of your loss.We have so many wonderful memories of your family at Mobberly while living there in the 50's.Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Steve and Gwen Hanni##imported-end##

November 16 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Frances and Family,My thoughts and prayers are with you. "To be absent from the body is to be present with Lord."Love,Agnes##imported-begin##Agnes Birkelund##imported-end##

November 16 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Frances and FamilyOur hearts and condolences go out to our dear neighbors. The void of not having Mr. John working across the street and not hearing his positive word or laugh is hard to fill. We are thankful for the years he shared with us and wish the best for the Martin family through this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Paul & Tammy Woodard##imported-end##

November 16 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Frances, Janet and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family in the loss John. I have many fond memories of you and John in those long years ago when we were members of Mobberly. You are certainly in our thoughts and prayers.Kevin and Janet Anderson##imported-begin##Kevin Anderson##imported-end##

November 15 at 7:00 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Frances and Family, It is so very hard to put into words how the life of John Martin touched our lives. His love for you, his children and their children was as evident as his love for His Maker. We thank our Lord for the memories we will carry in our hearts of him. Thank you for adding to his life the joy of being your husband and the father of two wonderful children. Leroy and I cherished his friendship through the years and will continue to love you and pray for you and your family.##imported-begin##Peggy Worsham##imported-end##

November 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Frances and Ted - Carolyn and I were so sorry to read about John's death. Although we have been gone from Longview since 1968, we well remember his example and leadership at Mobberly. We always looked up to him and how his faithfulness always stood out. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rex and Carolyn King##imported-begin##Rex King##imported-end##

November 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Frances and Ted,Mom was just recalling her visit with John at Billy Joe's visitation and telling me how much she enjoyed talking with him. We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. Yvonne, Dick and Ricky Ross##imported-begin##Richard Ricky Ross##imported-end##

November 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Frances & Ted,We are so sorry to hear about John, but at the same time so very happy to know he is well now with no more suffering.I am so happy I got to visit with John after Mother's passing. He and I talked about this day and how she, Jan, and many other loved ones would be there to greet him.How comforting it is to know this. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.Roy & Terri Baily##imported-begin##Terri Loyd Bailey##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ted and Frances,I just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. It was truly an honor to have known John. He was a true believer who always kept the faith, a dedicated servant to do God's will, and a great friend. He enjoyed what this earth had to offer. He was a caring and giving man who made a difference in many lives including mine. He will be missed. God Bless You,##imported-begin##Rita K. Martin##imported-end##

November 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ted,Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rhonda, and the entire family. We thank God for your dad, his focus, devotion, dedication, leadership, and mentorship to so many of us. He was truly a saint and someone we admired for many, many years. He lived a Godly life and has traveled to the much deserved destination of a true believer.God bless,Jeff and Debra##imported-begin##Jeff and Debra Johnston##imported-end##

November 15 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ted,We want to express our deep sorrow upon hearing about the loss of your father. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Roger and Jan Spann##imported-end##

November 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Just wanted you to know we were thinking of you and your familyOwen##imported-begin##Owen Fitch##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Ted, my deepest sympathy to you and your family at this most sorrowful time. Loss of a loved one, especially a parent, is most difficult to bear. Though the passage of time may dull the hurt and sorrow you feel today, know that the bond of love you share with your Dad will always be there and will sustain you through this difficult time. May God continue to watch over you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.##imported-begin##Paul LabbÂ©##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

My heart breaks for your loss. Remember at this time the words of Beth Moore, "When our hearts are hemorrhaging with grief and loss, never forget that Christ binds and compresses it with a nail-scarred hand." Isaiah chapter 61 reminds us that He will bind up the brokenhearted...comfort all who morn, and provide for those who grieve...a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning and a garmet of praise instead of a spirit of despair. God bless your family!##imported-begin##Jamie Pitchford##imported-end##

November 14 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Ted, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. May God continue to bless and keep you is my prayer.##imported-begin##Jimmie Pickering##imported-end##

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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