



## Billy Ellender Martin

December 13, 1934 - January 14, 2022

Billy Ellender Martin joined his Lord on January 14, 2022 in San Antonio, Texas. He was born on December 13, 1934 in Humble, Texas to Douglas George Martin and Eva Elizabeth Koinm. Mr. Martin was preceded in death by his sister, Katherine Ann Brady; brothers, George Douglas Martin and James Louis Martin. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Barbara Oldham Martin; daughters, Mary Elizabeth Fink (Michael), Anna Laura Wood (Steven Ray), son, Peter Ellender Martin (Stephanie); sisters, Carolyn Sue George (Jimmy), Eva Marie Bezecny (Kenneth), Lola Jan Tipps (Alvin), Nan Harriett Lea (Ronnie); brothers, Warren Lee "Pete" Martin and Harry Gene "Fuzzy" Martin; grandchildren, Dain Lea Wood, Shey Elizabeth Reichenau (Ethan), Cialee Rhea Wood, Sidney LeRae Martin, Laryn Skye Ramey, Mason Reed Fink, Mikayla Joy Fink, Jackson Cooper and Lennon Cheney Reese, great-granddaughter, Brinley Grace Reichenau; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Billy lived an active life and was Texan tried and true. He began his life in Humble, TX, eventually ending up in El Campo, TX. After high school, he felt defending his country was important, so he served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a graduate of Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos. Billy worked for Texaco and later landed in Houston at Travelers where he retired after 40 years. He represented Travelers in California for a while where he met his bride of 58 years but

moved back to Texas as soon as he could. Living in Alief, a newer suburb of Houston, he worked to start a church for his family to attend, he volunteered at a local fire station to keep his community safe and coached in the local little league. After he retired, he and Barbara moved to San Antonio where he lived out his life. He loved to fish and play dominos and canasta with friends. His greatest love was spending time with his grandchildren and snuggling his brand-new great granddaughter. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed...until we meet again in Heaven.

## SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A Chapel Service will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 12:00pm at the funeral home chapel, with graveside service and interment on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 10:00am at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, shelter #4. Live streaming can be seen at [missionparks.com](http://missionparks.com) under the obituary.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH  
3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230  
(210) 349-1414

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Chapel Service

JAN 19. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Graveside Service

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Billy Ellender Martin*



**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - January 19, 2022 at 11:07 AM

SG

*Loved seeing my family at the funeral. It was a great video. Thanks. Jimmy and Sue George.*

**Sue George** - January 19, 2022 at 02:10 PM

RS

*I glad y'all were able to stream the funeral. It was a nice service. I'm sad I could not be there. I was able to watch. Hugs to the family.*

**Rachel Nancy Maravilla Swartz** - January 19, 2022 at 02:15 PM

JO

*Thank you for this beautiful service and the ability to watch it. Prayers and love for all. Love, Judy Oldham*

**Judy Oldham** - January 19, 2022 at 04:10 PM

CB

*Thank you for providing a way for all of us to join you. A beautiful service! Love and hugs from our house! Carol and Tom Barrer*

**Carol Barrer** - January 19, 2022 at 09:11 PM

CF

“ I will always remember the twinkle in Uncle Bill's eye. He teased with love and it would always make me smile. I wish I could be with the family to wrap you all in a big hug. Hug one another and know that Uncle Bill is smiling down on you all.

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**Cassie Ford** - January 19, 2022 at 01:37 PM

SC

“ We will all miss Bill and his reminders to never have candles in the house that might cause a fire. He was a good person and brought a lot of joy into the world.

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**Sandra Cavanaugh** - January 19, 2022 at 12:35 PM

CB

“ Uncle Bill was a loving, caring, hardworking man with a fun sense of humor. He was a dedicated servant of God. I remember him from many family visits and gatherings, always being one who moved around and visited with everyone. I will always remember how he wouldn't let us go too far into the ocean to swim as kids back in 1970 because he had seen to many people needing to be rescued from rip currents. That was the volunteer firefighter in him!

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**Carol Barrer** - January 19, 2022 at 12:21 PM

CC

“ Uncle Bill was someone I could count on for wise advice and a laugh. Every time it rains I think of him telling me only sugar melts so I had nothing to worry about. Sending my love to Aunt Barbie and the family.

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**Cara Colville** - January 19, 2022 at 08:58 AM

RS

“ Uncle Bill will be Greatly missed by many. He was a wonderful Uncle. The relationship between Uncle Bill and Aunt Barb has always been something I've admired. My heart goes out to the rest of the family. Hugs and prayers. My heart hurts. I know that Uncle Bill is in Heaven able to see us all.

Rachel Nancy Maravilla Swartz - January 18, 2022 at 07:04 PM

AO

“ I first met Bill about 58 years ago, he has been a loving husband to my sister and a great father to his kids. He was a man of God and he loved life and had a great sense of humor.

Anita R Oldham - January 18, 2022 at 11:33 AM

WC

“ With much Love from Anita and Carol purchased the Stars in the Sky - Elements Angel for the family of Billy Ellender Martin.



With much Love from Anita and Carol - January 18, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billy Ellender Martin.



January 18, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Ellender Martin.*



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January 18, 2022 at 07:22 AM