



## Paul Gene Martin

August 30, 1937 - August 14, 2023

Paul Gene Martin was born on August 30, 1937, in Weatherford, Texas to Murray W. Martin and Alma Ruth Lathrop Martin. He was the 2nd of 6 children in his family. Paul departed this earthly life on August 14, 2023, just short of his 86th birthday.

After graduation from Weatherford High School in 1955, Paul accepted scholarships to both Midwestern and Trinity University. Paul graduated from Trinity University in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and accepted a teaching and coaching position in the San Antonio ISD. In September 1959 Paul married his high school sweetheart, Linda Merritt. They both began their Education careers in the SAISD, which would cover a span of 36 years.

Paul started at Emerson Middle School, and in 1962 moved to Burbank High School as an assistant football, track and basketball coach and was later promoted to head football coach. In 1969, Paul became the head football coach at Highlands High School, a position he would serve in for almost 20 years. After leaving coaching, Paul became the Vice Principal at Fox Tech High School where he remained until he retired in 1995.

However, even in retirement, Paul still found time to assist the football programs at St. Gerards and San Antonio Christian High Schools.

Paul was honored in many ways during his life, but there were two that he deemed most special. In 2005, he was inducted into the Weatherford High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2015 he was inducted into the San Antonio ISD Athletic Hall of Fame. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-kG5WYb2kE&t=4s>

Paul was a proud and faithful member of the Southeast Church of Christ for 50 years where he served as a Deacon for most of those years.

Above all, Paul was proud of his family. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Linda Merritt Martin, and two children, Kelly Martin Doolittle and husband Dan, Andrew Merritt Martin and wife Kim; three grandchildren, Jake Martin Doolittle and wife Kristin of Rolling Hills Estate, California, Kelsey Merritt Thompson and husband Nate of Austin, Texas, and Brock Andrew Martin of San Antonio; and four great grandchildren Lily Kathryn and Luke Austin Doolittle, Ellington Esperanza and Margot Merritt Thompson; and one brother, Ronnie Martin of Weatherford, Texas.

We appreciate the many prayers and condolences we've received since "Coach's" passing. If you would like to honor Paul's memory, please consider a donation to Alzheimer's in his memory: [http://act.alz.org/goto/Coach\\_Paul\\_Martin](http://act.alz.org/goto/Coach_Paul_Martin)

Coach, we love you dearly and look forward to seeing you again. For now, please watch over us.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG **25**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Our sincerest condolences to the family of Coach Paul Martin. Chris and Laura Richmond, HHS Class of 1980

Laura Richmond - August 25, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ In 1986 Paul interviewed me for the head Soccer job on the football field. He was mowing the field with his push mower. I asked his other coaches sitting in the stands where he was and they pointed to him. I walked out to the middle of the field, he talked to me and hired me to my first High school job on that field. I love that man and worked hard for him. RIP Paul.

Byron Hildebrand - August 23, 2023 at 07:22 PM



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

August 23, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Paul Gene Martin.



August 23, 2023 at 11:02 AM



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

August 23, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Paul Gene Martin.



August 23, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Paul Gene Martin.



August 22, 2023 at 11:19 AM

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“ Condolences to the Martin family. The Pride of the Southeast side, led by coach Martin. As I reflect, you were a fabric of the SE Side. You've coach there, u lived there, u went to church there. I was at the end of many speeches that you have given. Speeches at Roger's middle school. Recruiting players, inviting then to join the mighty Owl program. What was expected of us and the do's and dont's. I heard many speeches and prayers before and the end of games. I've seen you make athletes accountable for their mistakes by the Ole paddle board or by making some apologize to the team for second chances. My high school memories were awesome and they include the coaches and players that I played for. Ive also seen you invite players over for season ending meal. Your tenure at highlands was old school. Not many head coaches, coach long at one school. Coach Martin rest in Peace. From Robert Gonzales Jr and Family. Class of 88.

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**Robert Jr Gonzales** - August 20, 2023 at 02:11 AM

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“ This place won't be the same without you. Rest well Coach you will be missed..

With love,  
Tiairra from Seasons

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**Tiairra** - August 19, 2023 at 01:08 AM

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“ Coach you will forever be in my heart! You will be missed dearly.



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**Vanessa D** - August 18, 2023 at 06:37 PM



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

August 18, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Paul Gene Martin.



August 18, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ Coach.... You made a positive difference in the lives of many of the kids you coached. You taught hard work, commitment, discipline, respect, and most of all.... Team. I still remember your team catch phrase the year we made it all the way to Regionals in Football. “Win more in ‘84”. We were brothers. We were family. I feel blessed to have known you as a coach and as a person. Thank you Coach. Your earthly duties are complete. Rest in Peace

*Gilbert Wiatrek. Class of 1986*

**Gilbert Wiatrek** - August 17, 2023 at 08:29 PM