



## Dr. Edward W. Martin

November 29, 1928 - June 8, 2018

Dr. Edward W. Martin

A native of Sumter, SC, Dr. Edward W. Martin (“Eddie”) was born on November 29, 1928 to the late Eddie D. Martin and Frances Cook Martin. He dedicated his life to family, church, Prairie View A&M University and the surrounding community. His active service in various capacities was felt throughout numerous organizations.

Eddie was educated in the public schools of Sumter, SC and continued his higher education in Nashville, TN where he attended Fisk University. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cum Laude) from Fisk University, a Master of Arts Degree from Indiana University and a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Iowa.

Eddie first considered entering the medical profession; however, while enrolled at Fisk University, he discovered his true passion – his ability to educate and inspire young minds. After graduation from Indiana University, he accepted a teaching position at Prairie View A&M University (“PVAMU”) where he intended to stay for one year. That one year grew into 58 years of dedication.

While teaching at PVAMU, Eddie met the beautiful and talented Pearl Sewell who was also employed at the college as an art instructor. They married on August 18, 1956 and raised three children: Andrea, Debra and Christopher.

Dr. Edward W. Martin initially retired after completing 48 years of distinguished service at Prairie View A&M University. During those 48 years he held various positions including instructor, assistant professor and professor of biology before advancing to administrative positions including Head of the Division of Natural Sciences, Interim Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In recognition of his unwavering service, the university bestowed the illustrious title of Dean Emeritus. Eddie's never-ending dedication to education prompted him to continue at PVAMU as a part-time Biology professor for an additional 10 years.

Edward Martin has been honored and recognized as an outstanding scientist, academician and humanitarian. He was the recipient of the coveted Faculty Fellowship Award by the National Science Foundation. The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation named him a Piper Professor to honor his outstanding teaching, and the Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel presented him with its Outstanding Leadership Award. Many other educational, religious and civic organizations have recognized his outstanding contributions and service including Who's Who in the South and Southwest; American Men of Science; Distinguished Member, Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society; Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society; Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, and Prairie View National Alumni Association. He received the Theta Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Achievement Award and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Distinguished Service Award.

Edward Martin held memberships and positions in the following professional organizations: American Society of Zoologists; American Association for the Advancement of Science; Texas Academy of Science; Society of Cell and

Developmental Biologists; National Science Foundation Review Panel; Advisory Committee, Baylor College of Medicine; Executive Committee, Texas Association of Advisors/or Health Professions; Naval ROTC Scholarship Selection Committee; Review Panel for National Institutes of Health; Chairman, Premedical Advisory Committee; Society of Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society (Treasurer); and the Core Curriculum Advisory Committee for Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. He was appointed by the Coordinating Board to serve on the committee for the Office of Civil Rights issues.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity-Nu Boule of Houston head the list of the many community, civic and service organizations that Dr. Martin was affiliated with. Also included were the Advisory Committee, Waller Independent School District; Theta Chi Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (charter member); Houston Connecting Links, Inc.; Prairie View Employees Federal Credit Union (Secretary); Prairie View Citizens for Good Government; Prairie View Chamber of Commerce; St Martin de Porres Catholic Church and St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church (Lector),

Edward Martin was a people person who identified with and related to students, faculty and community. He spent tireless hours advising students and was instrumental in assisting with university accreditations and the design of the multi-million dollar Obanion Science Building. His scholarship, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control are legendary at Prairie View A&M.

Edward Martin is preceded in death by his beloved brother, Frank C. Martin and sister, Nettie L. Martin Thompson. In addition to his devoted wife, Pearl Sewell Martin, he is survived by his daughters, Andrea Michelle Carlson (Fred), Debra Yvette Holland (Jake) and son, Christopher Edward Martin. He was the doting grandfather of Taylor Yvette Holland, Cory Edward Carlson,

Alexa Michelle Carlson and Jalen Sanderson Jeter-Martin. Also surviving are his sisters-in-law, Leola G. Martin of Sumter, SC, Jeanette Randall of Baltimore, MD and loving nieces, nephews and family friends.

In Lieu of Flowers please make donations to:  
The Edward W. Martin Scholarship Endowment Fund

Prairie View A&M University  
P.O. Box 519, MS 1200  
Attn: Sue Sampleton  
Prairie View, Tx 77446

# Previous Events

## Omega Service

JUN 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

St' Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
800 Fm 1488  
Hempstead, TX 77445

## Viewing

JUN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:59 AM (CT)

St' Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
800 Fm 1488  
Hempstead, TX 77445

## Funeral Service

JUN 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

St' Katharine Drexel Catholic Church  
800 Fm 1488  
Hempstead, TX 77445

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Edward W. Martin*

January 28, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Martin. I've been in Florida as a caregiver for my 99 year old mother and missed the announcement. Dr. Martin was my favorite professor when I attended Prairie View. I maintained contact with him during my 30+ Naval career. We lost a giant.*

*David L. Brewer III '70  
Vice Admiral, U.S, Navy (Retired)*

David Brewer - September 09, 2019 at 11:44 PM



“ *We're deeply saddened to learn of Dr. Martin's passing. Visits with him after mass at St. Martin de Porres & St. Katharine Drexel churches seem to make our day more enjoyable. What a fine man....such class. May God bless the family at this difficult time.*

Lois & Jerry Faigle - June 16, 2018 at 06:54 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward W. Martin.*



June 15, 2018 at 08:06 AM

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“ To the family of Dr Martin, I am so sorry to learn of Dr Martin's passing. I have know him for a number of years. He was a very pleasant gentleman. I pray that his family and friends find comfort and peace during this time of grief. May God bless and keep you now and always.



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**Ida Campbell** - June 12, 2018 at 10:10 AM

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“ I only had the opportunity of knowing Dr. Martin for a little over a year. For the past several months I was fortunate enough to drive him to his dialysis appointments every Thursday. I found our time together to be full of friendship, knowledge and good conversation. I thank God for putting him in my life. He was a true "gentleman and a scholar". I will miss him dearly.

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**Greg Hurst** - June 11, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Edward W. Martin.



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June 11, 2018 at 06:31 PM

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**Singleton & Sons Funeral Home** - June 11, 2018 at 06:02 PM

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*Thank You Dr. Martin for all you did for us, the university, and the City of PV. RIP and we all will miss you. Thanks again my friend. Ell-roy Stevenson*

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**Ell-roy Stevenson** - June 12, 2018 at 12:07 AM

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*I can truly say that Dr. Martin was kind and caring gentlemen. He always made you feel comfortable in his present. He loved to play bridge and was very good. He will truly be missed. Such a great guy. May GOD bless each of you. Remember the wonderful times you shared with your loved one. God will bring peace, understanding, and comfort.*

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**Linda Durham** - June 14, 2018 at 02:11 PM



*Yes, I will say Dr. Edward Martin will truly be missed. He meant so much to everyone. God Bless and Take Care Dr. Edward Martin Family!*

*Burnest Carter*

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June 14, 2018 at 05:57 PM