

***In Tribute to the Life of
Henry S. Martin***

Henry S. Martin, Jr. was born on March 10, 1939 to Henry S. Martin and Vera Adelle Aull Martin in Columbia S.C. At the age of ten months, the family moved to Chattanooga, TN, where he spent the next nine years. In 1948, the family moved back to Columbia. He graduated from Dreher High School, where he was active in the band program. As a HS senior, at the request of the USC Band Director, he played with the University of South Carolina band. He then attended the University of South Carolina and graduated with a BS degree, serving as Band President his senior year. He later received a MBA from the University of Dallas.

He is predeceased by his parents, and a younger sister, Vera Lynne Martin Lewis. He is survived by his wife, Opal Faye Wall Martin and two nephews, Eric Martin Lewis and Scott Hayne Lewis, both of Greenville, S.C. & his Boston terrier, Rocky.

Henry was initially brought to Dallas by Frito-Lay. He later joined Texas Pacific Oil, which was later bought by Sun Oil, and he retired from Sun Oil. He then joined UT Southwestern Medical Center, where he retired in 2009. For nine years, he taught night classes of Computer Science at Richland College, and was an Adjunct Professor of Computer Science at the Graduate School of Management of the University of Dallas.

Henry loved music and was active in music for most of his life. After college, he formed a rock and roll band. In later years, he played with several community bands, two church orchestras, in addition to several groups affiliated with the Masonic fraternity.

Henry was active in Masonry for most of his life, receiving his 60 year Service Award from both Texas and South Carolina Grand Lodges. In the York Rite, he was HP of Dallas Chapter #47 RAM, TIM of Dallas Council #18, and Commander of Indivisible Friends Commandery #13. Active in Scottish Rite, he received the 33rd degree IGH in 2017. He was a member of Hella Temple Shrine, where he played in the Concert Band and Drum and Bugle Corps. He was awarded the Grand Cross of Color from the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Legion of Honor from Demolay.

Henry was active in The Order of The Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Patron of Edwin J. Kiest Chapter nine times. He served on many Texas Grand Chapter committees, including OES Home Endowment, Jurisprudence, and Purposes and Policies. He was Executive Chairman of the Texas Grand Chapter in 1996-97, and elected to serve as Worthy Grand Patron of Texas in 1998-99. He was then asked to serve as General Chairman for the 2012 General Grand Chapter Assembly held in Fort Worth. In 2012, he was elected by the General Grand Chapter as Right Worthy Grand Sentinel, elevated to Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron in 2015, and Most Worthy Grand Patron in

2018, serving three years as the top male officer of the worldwide organization..

Henry received a number of accolades, including being named an Admiral in the Texas Navy by Governor George W. Bush.

He loved his Boston terrier. Service Dogs were the number one charity of General Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter of Texas raised enough money to buy 3 Service Dogs in his honor and Henry had the honor to name them Bandit and Martin, Rosebud is in training.

Father, we ask you to give us patience in affliction, faith during separation and courage for the sorrow that seems to engulf us. Comfort those who have drunk from the cup of sorrow. Strengthen the weak and grant that we may grow into further knowledge and understanding of Thee.

From a prayer by Margo Helickson, Worthy Grand Chaplain
At the Fiftieth Triennial, Washington, D.C



In Memoriam
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