

Obituary

Bro. Samuel Martin was born on June 11, 1947, in Belzoni, Mississippi to the late Bro. Jerry Martin, Sr., and the late Sister Sammy Lee Martin. Samuel has several siblings who have preceded him in death. Samuel Martin is a graduate study of Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Samuel Martin joined the United States Army in his twenties and spent 18 months in Vietnam. Samuel moved to Philadelphia, MS to join his uncle Bishop Clifton Jones and First Lady May Jones in his mid-twenties. He met Sister Janette Martin and they joined into holy matrimony on April 6, 1973, maintaining a strong long-lasting union for 46 years. As faithful members of Jerusalem Temple Church, God blessed them with five children. As a Deacon Samuel Martin served in many positions as a Sunday School Teacher, Deacon Board Member, Superintendent of the Sunday School Board Member, The Brotherhood and Head of the Treasury Department. Samuel Martin used his entrepreneur skills and opened the first snack-food store. He extended his business mind into the world of Avon where he became one of the largest businessmen in product sales in the State of Mississippi. Samuel Martin lived a healthy lifestyle and won numerous accolades in 5K Walks. For those of you who knew Samuel Martin, you would say that he was a prayer warrior and under no circumstances would he miss the 5' o'clock morning prayer services. After morning prayer Samuel Martin would incorporate a prayer circle in his home with family before everyone went off to work and school.

Samuel is preceded in death by his parents Jerry Martin Sr. and Sammy Lee Martin (Belzoni, MS), his son Cedric Demill Martin (Philadelphia, MS); his grandparents Anna Jones and Robert Jones (Philadelphia, MS), two brothers and one sister (Belzoni, MS).

Samuel Martin leaves a full ancestry generation who cherishes beautiful memories including a devoted wife, Janette Haynes-Martin, five children Dr. Mike Eric Martin, Ed.D., Shunta Lee Martin-Onwubuke, and son-in-law Amechi Onwubuke, Kedric Emill Martin (twin), and daughter-in-law Dwimelka Martin, and Kristin Joy Martin-Bailey, and son-in-law Arcelious Bailey. Seven grandchildren; Kendell and Kyra Gill, Alansya and Anessa Martin, Karrington Davis, Khyston and Kaiton Bailey. Three grandchildren; Kaylee Moore, Khloe Gill, and Kaelyn Brown. He also leaves behind several siblings Jerry Jr. (Evelyn), Willie (Michelle), Pastor L. C. (Brenda), Isaiah (Doris), Marjorie (Alvin, Sr.), Juanita (Michael), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives, church members, and friends.