



Larry Dale Martin Sr.

October 1, 1935 - December 24, 2023

Larry Dale Martin, Sr., a resident of LaPlace, passed away Sunday, December 24, 2023, at the age of 88.

He was the beloved husband of Phyllis Smith Martin for 69 years. Loving father and father-in-law of JoAnn Jones (Wayne), Cindy Martin, Patricia Martin (Eugene), Larry Martin, Jr. (Wendy) and Michelle Jensen (Paul). Grandfather of Stacy Tribe (Paul), Kelly Arnett (Willie), Dustin Braud (Katherine), Jamie Fontenot (Adam), Paige Falgoust (Dexter), Larry Martin, III, Jacob, Jordan, Jackson and Joshua Jensen. He was also the great-grandfather of Ian, Adrienne and Emelyn Arnett, Colston and Landon Tribe, Blaze and Jolie Falgoust and John Paul Fontenot. He was the son of the late Elzey and Bibian Martin of Convent, LA.

Larry was a 1953 graduate of Leon Godchaux High School. After graduation he went on to further his love for athletics to play football at Southeastern Louisiana University until experiencing a knee injury.

Larry worked at Shell for 13 years as a machinist and later joined his father running the repair shop at LaPlace Specialty which later became what most know as Martin's Marine. Many know him through his work in the community, as he served as a juror on the St. John Parish Police Jury for one term, he was a member of the St. John Parish Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Division for 16 years and he was an active member at LARAYO with his children and grandchildren.

Larry enjoyed watching LSU football and baseball, but his most joy came from watching his grandchildren play recreational, high school and collegiate sports. He also loved spending time fishing, golfing, gardening and cooking.

His love for his family was endless and he enjoyed a good joke until the end. Larry will be missed by many in his community, but his memory will be held forever in our hearts.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation and Funeral Mass on Thursday,

December 28, 2023 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 529 W. 5th Street, LaPlace, LA 70068. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with a Funeral Mass at 12:00 PM. Interment will immediately follow in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery in Reserve, LA. Arrangements entrusted to Millet-Guidry Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Cemetery

1550 Hwy 44
Reserve, LA 70084

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
529 W. 5th St.
LaPlace, LA 70068

Funeral Mass

DEC 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Mr. Larry held a dear spot in my heart. He always had something cooking that filled their home bringing loved ones and joy to everyone. May he rest in peace.
Sheri H Jenkins & son Gregory Daniel King

Sheri H Jenkins - November 02, 2025 at 09:37 AM

SM

“ Suzanne M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Dale Martin Sr..

Suzanne M. - December 28, 2023 at 04:20 AM

FD

“ My fondest memory of my time with Larry was the time we spent in the garden picking radishes and then eating them. It was just the two of us. Special time. I will never forget it. There were also lots of fishing trips in Grand Isle. He was very special to me. Fenton Dornier

fenton dornier - December 27, 2023 at 08:11 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Martin Sr..



December 27, 2023 at 05:06 PM

JF

“ Jeremy, Jennifer West & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Dale Martin Sr..

Jeremy, Jennifer West & Family - December 27, 2023 at 05:06 PM

SM

“ I would like to extend my sympathies and prayers to Larry’s family. I’ve been known Larry since I was a teenager. It was always a pleasure to run into him whether it was at Bolo’s, out boating with my mom and dad, at Larayo, at any recreational ball park, or at his business.

Larry made up a funny joke about me. In 1965 I was drafted into the military but I wasn’t accepted at the time. After this whenever I would see Larry he told me, “Many are called but few are chosen “ Every time we would see each other the first thing I would tell him, “Many are called but few are chosen”! We would always have a good chuckle about this.

RIP Mr Larry. It was a privilege to have known you.

Scrap Montz

Scrap Montz - December 27, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Martin Sr..



December 27, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Martin Sr..



December 27, 2023 at 10:03 AM

WM

“ Willy & Stacy Martin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Dale Martin Sr..

Willy & Stacy Martin - December 27, 2023 at 10:03 AM