



Idessa Martin

August 16, 2014

MARTIN, Idessa, 103, died on Saturday, August 16, 2014, at The Actors Fund Home, Englewood, NJ.

Survivors include daughters Gale Martin-Strong (Grover) and Carol Martin; grandchildren Brian (Kari) and Courtney (Rakim), great-grandchildren Julien and William, many nieces, nephews and a sister-in-law, and dear friend Lizzie Thomas.

She was born November 2, 1910, in Flat Creek, TN, youngest girl of the 13 children of Katie (Yates) and Hardy Reese. In 1937, she married Daniel (DL) Martin in Nashville and they moved to Detroit, where she became a wartime-aircraft inspector and took her first plane ride, to upstate New York. Afterward, she devoted herself to her family; her husband died in 1987. As a widow, she lived in North Carolina and New Jersey.

Friends and family are invited for visitation on Wednesday, from 6-9 PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck. Funeral service to begin on Thursday at 10 AM at the funeral home. Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Idessa Martin's name to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 836-0202
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Service

AUG **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Idessa Martin*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - August 26, 2014 at 01:51 PM



“ *Idessa Martin*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Idessa Martin*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Idessa Martin*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Angela Soulis lit a candle in memory of Idessa Martin*



Angela Soulis - August 20, 2014 at 06:23 PM

AS

Enough

Recently I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together. They had announced her departure and standing near the security gate, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough." She in turn said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy."

They kissed and she left. He walked over toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. Saying that brought back memories I had of expressing my love and appreciation for all my Dad had done for me. Recognizing that his days were limited, I took the time to tell him face to face how much he meant to me.

So I knew what this man experiencing.

"Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever goodbye?" I asked.

"I am old and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is, the next trip back would be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying goodbye I heard you say, "I wish you enough." May I ask what that means?"

He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more. "When we said 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following as if he

were reciting it from memory.

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.

To the Reese Family, I am so sorry for you loss. <3 I wish you all Enough. <3

Angela Soulis - August 20, 2014 at 06:26 PM

AS

I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish enough "Hello's" to get you through the final "Goodbye."

Angela Soulis - August 20, 2014 at 06:28 PM

MS

“ Hello my name is Mary Smith daughter of Lizzie Thomas I'm sending my deepest sympathy to the family of Idessa Martin I'm sorry for your loss may god look after all of you, and keep you safe from harm God Bless.

Mary Smith - August 20, 2014 at 04:51 PM



“ Dear Carol & Gayle am sorry for the loss of your mom. No words can console the void you feel when your mother passes away, I know this because I too Just buried my mom and the loss is like no other, I just wanted to to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.
Miss Lizzie Thomas & Linda Law

Linda Law - August 20, 2014 at 03:19 PM

RF

“ Reese Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Idessa Martin.



Reese Family - August 20, 2014 at 11:05 AM

CM

“ She truly was a special woman and I have so many fond memories over the past 40 years that bring a smile to my face. One in particular is when I visited Carol in July 2012 and we went to the nursing home where Mrs. Martin was staying to visit. We walked in the room and when she saw me a great big smile came on her face and she said CAM, it is so good to see you! Imagine at that time she was 101 years old, hadn't seen me in probably 5 years at least, but there was nothing wrong with her mind!! We had a great visit that day and that is how I will always remember her, still sharp and with a smile on her face!!

Camilla Moore - August 19, 2014 at 07:07 PM

LB

“ LINDA WILLIAMS BOWIE purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Idessa Martin.



LINDA WILLIAMS BOWIE - August 19, 2014 at 03:50 PM

SW

“ Hi Gale & Family,
What a lovely photograph of your dear mother. I know that you'll miss her, but know that she's with the other angels who have gone before us. Blessings and peace to you all..

Love,
Sharon White

Sharon White - August 19, 2014 at 09:05 AM

FA

“ Fred A. purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Idessa Martin.



Fred A. - August 18, 2014 at 08:13 PM

FA

“ Fred A. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Idessa Martin.



Fred A. - August 18, 2014 at 08:06 PM

MF

“ Marie and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Idessa Martin.



Marie and Family - August 18, 2014 at 05:11 PM

SK

“ Susan K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Idessa Martin.



Susan K. - August 18, 2014 at 03:55 PM

SM

“ *Sishu, Robyn & Massumeh purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Idessa Martin.*



Sishu, Robyn & Massumeh - August 18, 2014 at 12:22 PM

Mark Fischer

“ *Dear Gale, Carol and all family members,*

Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your mother and grandmother. Your love for and devotion to her were unwavering, especially in the years when she was unable to live independently.

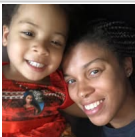
May the fond memories of the many years you shared with her and the love you will continue to share with each other be a source of comfort and support for all of you in this time of loss.

Fondly and with love,

Mark Fischer



Mark Fischer - August 18, 2014 at 11:45 AM



“ *Courtney Adams lit a candle in memory of Idessa Martin*



Courtney Adams - August 17, 2014 at 01:15 PM



Love you Gran!

Courtney Adams - August 17, 2014 at 01:15 PM