



## Basil D. Martin

August 17, 1919 - February 23, 2012

Basil D. Martin Sr.

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“...Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the \_\_\_ things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” I  
Corinthians 2:9

Basil was born Sunday, August 17, 1919, son of the late Henry Harrison Martin and Mary Lou Joyce-Martin in Slab Fork, West Virginia.

As a young man, he was eager to do whatever necessary to enhance his quality of life. He enlisted in the United States Army serving in World War II. Later, he relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he met his first wife, Loneta Randolph. Together they had four sons. After several career opportunities, to include the Bethlehem Steel Mill, he eventually retired from the New Cumberland Army Depot.

Basil was a very open-hearted, generous and spiritual individual. He confessed his faith in Christ at an early age. Rededicating his life in the early 1970's, he joined The First Baptist Church of Steelton, where he faithfully served as Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, later appointed Trustee Emeritus; sang with the Charles Donahue Male Chorus; served with the Usher Ministry and in numerous other capacities as requested and needed until his health

began to decline.

In Harrisburg, on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at the blessed age of ninety-two, Basil completed his earthly journey of labor entering his eternal life of reward.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Leslie Martin; a brother, Roy (Junior) Martin; and a sister, Overa Moore-Cooper. He leaves to cherish his memory four sons, Basil D. Martin Jr. of Harrisburg, Harrison R. Martin and his wife Linda, Donald K. Martin, all of Steelton, Pennsylvania, John A. Martin and his wife Linda of Alexandria, Virginia; and one sister, Cladys Jackson of Winston Salem, North Carolina. His legacy will also be honored and cherished by his six grandchildren, Shirley R. Ima, Teresa D. Martin, Aja M. Martin, Jasmine L. Martin, Jamel D. Rush and Myisha S. Rush; two great grandchildren, James E. Warren and Tyrek J. Warren; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.  
Lovingly and Respectfully Submitted by The Family

# Cemetery Details

## **Indiantown Gap National**

Indiantown Gap Road  
Anville, PA 17003

# Tribute Wall

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