



Fenton Lee Martin Jr.

October 20, 1928 - November 15, 2017

Fenton Lee Martin, Jr., passed away peacefully in Chestertown, MD, on November 15, with his wife at his side. He was born in Portsmouth, VA, on October 20, 1928, the only child of Fenton Lee Martin, Sr., and Marcia Penelope Martin nee Ferebee.

He attended public schools in Portsmouth, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of William and Mary in 1949. He went on to graduate from the Marshall Wythe Law School at William and Mary with the equivalent of today's Doctor of Jurisprudence. During his studies, he served as the assistant to the dean of the law school. He then went on to earn a Master of Laws Degree from Harvard Law School in 1952, before entering the United States Air Force to serve as a First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Corps during the Korean War.

After leaving the Air Force, Fenton served as a law clerk to the chief judge of the US District Court in Baltimore, MD, and stayed there to practice law for nearly fifty years. He began as an associate with a six-man firm, and, after several mergers, he retired as a partner in Whiteford, Taylor, and Preston, a firm of over 100 lawyers.

Early in his career, Fenton argued a case before the Supreme Court of the United States, and he loved to show off his white quill pen, a traditional

souvenir given newly admitted lawyers to the Court.

In 1964, Fenton married Jane Ann Garrette, and they raised two children, Roderick Lee Martin and Elizabeth Ann Vallarino nee Martin, living in the Roland Park area, but spending weekends, summers, and holidays first in Betterton and then in Chestertown to where they moved full-time after retirement.

Playing golf was Fenton's favorite pastime along with spending time with friends and family.

Fenton is survived by his wife; their son and his wife, Beth; their daughter, called Lisa, and her husband Juan Carlos; as well as six grandchildren, Lucas, Mateo, and Jack Vallarino and Tori, Ben, and Emily Martin.

A memorial service will be observed on Saturday, December 30, at 11:00 AM, at St. Paul's Church, Kent County.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Good Neighbor Fund of Kent County, c/o First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 227, Chestertown, MD 21620, or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Pauls Cemetery (Kent County)

7600 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent
7760 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fenton Lee Martin Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Fenton Lee Martin Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

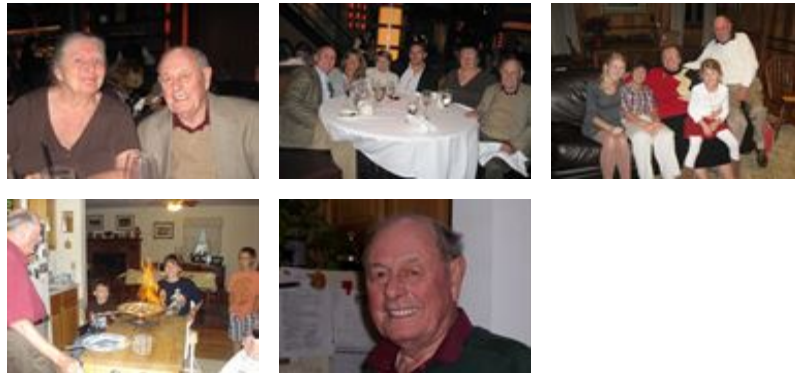


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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - December 26, 2017 at 07:23 AM



“ Pam Teat lit a candle in memory of Fenton Lee Martin Jr.



Pam Teat - December 21, 2017 at 11:15 PM

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“ Mrs. Martin,
I just heard the sad news. Fenton was a particular favorite of mine,
his dry sardonic wit reminded me so much of my own father.
His good humor and kind nature will truly be missed.
Barbara Esmonde

Barbara Esmonde - November 25, 2017 at 08:35 PM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss Jane Ann. He was a fine man. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Lynn Bickley - November 18, 2017 at 11:00 AM