



Randy Ferdinand Martin

December 5, 1951 - August 17, 2024

Randy Ferdinand Martin (born Ferdinand Cash Cooksey, Jr.), beloved husband, strong father, devoted friend, and pillar of the community passed away with his wife, sons, and daughters-in-law at his bedside on August 17, 2024. Randy was born to Ferdinand Cash Cooksey and Marie Carmelite Frere on December 5, 1951, in La Plata, MD. When Marie remarried, after Ferdinand's passing when he was very young, he was adopted by Joseph Brent "Snorter" Martin. With the "yours, mine, and ours" blended family they created, Randy was the second oldest of their seven children. He grew up in La Plata, MD and worked for many years of his youth at Martin's Service Station, which is still owned by the Martin family and stands in the center of La Plata, MD today. Randy was an accomplished, all-state saxophone player in high school, and played professionally as a member of the band, Methuselah. He enjoyed many evenings having a second dinner and banana split at Twin Kiss after a long shift at the service station. Randy was a graduate of La Plata High School, having recently attended his 50-year reunion in 2019 at which he received a Certificate of Recognition for his role on the planning committee. He later attended the University of MD and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing.

It was at a University of MD dance - a 50's party on the Denton Five floor of his dormitory - where he experienced love at first sight with Cheryl Lynn Blum. They were married on February 15, 1976, and began their life together in

Washington, DC. They were blessed with two boys, Sean and Justin, and moved their family to Potomac, MD, settling eventually in Annapolis, MD several years later. Randy was blessed with five grandchildren, whom he loved dearly and spoiled often. As their biggest fan, he rarely missed any of their sports competitions, performances, recitals, or school functions. Randy also had many hobbies, including riding in his Jeep Wrangler, going surf fishing, and rooting for the Baltimore Ravens and Maryland Terrapins. He enjoyed traveling every year around holiday time to visit family in Florida, which he lovingly called “the Florida crew”.

In his lifetime, Randy was an active member of several different communities that he chose to serve loyally. When living in Potomac, MD, Randy was a Vice President of Country Glen’s HOA Board of Directors. In the summer of 1992, Randy moved his family to a beautiful, quiet neighborhood and peninsula on the Chesapeake Bay called Bay Ridge. While living in Bay Ridge, a place Randy often referred to as “home,” Randy assisted with the land appraisals to help save the “big woods” conservation land parcel. Randy also supported the charter membership program that was created to finance the construction of Bay Ridge’s new community pool.

As a religious man with deep roots in the Catholic faith, Randy was a devout member of Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, MD, Saint Mary’s Parish in Annapolis, MD, and Saint Christopher’s Church, a Roman Catholic Parish in Chester, MD. Randy also became a member of the Knights of Columbus, Father Joseph G. McManus Council #7941 in Chester, MD. Randy was extremely proud to be a 4th degree Knight and served as their financial secretary.

Randy also proudly supported his sons in all of their academic and athletic endeavors at Our Lady of Mercy, Saint Mary’s Elementary School, DeMatha Catholic High School, Severn School, Mount Saint Mary’s University, and the

University of Maryland, College Park. Whether coaching or supporting from the sidelines, Randy's booming and deep voice was distinguished and remembered by all who heard him. Randy was dubbed the "Voice of DeMatha" for his twenty-plus years announcing DeMatha football games.

In 2008, Randy received a kidney transplant due to having polycystic kidney disease (PKD). To help raise funds to increase PKD awareness, he participated in the National Kidney Foundation's National Kidney Walk. To help with the journeys of patients with kidney disease, Randy mentored many patients who attended peer support groups at Washington Hospital Center. In 2020, Randy was also recognized as "Man of the Year" for raising significant funds to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, a cause near and dear to his heart, since he was a two-time survivor of non-Hodgkin's and central nervous system (CNS) lymphomas. Randy's father, Joseph Brent "Snorter" Martin also had leukemia.

Randy began his career as a clothing salesman at Steven Windsor Big & Tall in Rockville, MD where he quickly became an assistant manager. He joined the Chrysler Corporation and after a short time was promoted to district manager in Raleigh, NC and was eventually transferred to the D.C. Metro district. After many years of service, he decided to begin taking real estate classes. He eventually earned his broker's license in multiple states and began work at Carey Winston, now Transwestern, where he had 38 years of dedicated service. During those years of service, he achieved the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation. When Randy "retired," he created Martin Commercial Real Estate Services, LLC and continued to serve several of his loyal clients.

Randy is preceded in death by his fathers, Ferdinand Cash Cooksey and Joseph Brent "Snorter" Martin; his mother Marie Martin; his Aunt Marion Frere

and several beloved uncles. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Cheryl Martin; sons Sean (Kelly) and Justin (Beverly) and his five grandchildren, Connor, Keira, Everly, Annie, and Carsen; his sisters Brenda (Richard) Mudd, Terry (Dane) Earnheart, Jean Moreland, Elizabeth (Evan) Sine; his brothers David (Kirsten) and Joseph “Marty” (Caroline) Martin; three godchildren, Kipi Moreland, Taylor Martin, and Lee Seward (son of long-time friends), and a host of nieces and nephews. We are all blessed to have had him in our lives.

A visitation will be held at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, MD on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 from 6 pm to 8pm. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 10:30 AM at St. John Neumann Catholic Church located at 620 N Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401. Burial to follow in Bestgate Memorial Gardens, Annapolis, MD.

Following the burial, Friends, Family and Business Associates are invited to a celebration of life at The Atreem at Soaring Timbers 610 N Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401. Please keep in mind and bring with you some “Randy Stories” to share at the celebration.

In lieu of flowers, Cheryl, Sean and Justin would request donations be made in Randy’s honor to any of the following worthy causes that Randy supported:

- DeMatha Catholic High School
- National Kidney Foundation
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph G. McManus Council #7941 (NOTE: Please do NOT make your donations to the main Knights of Columbus organization)

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church
620 N. Bestgate Road
Annapolis, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Randy Ferdinand Martin*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 23, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*



August 29, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Love, Hank & Maureen Bowis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*

Love, Hank & Maureen Bowis - August 29, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Alexandra S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*

Alexandra S. - August 27, 2024 at 09:28 AM

BF

“ To the Martin family - My the Lord grant you peace at this difficult time. Randy was one of my fellow Knights at St. Christophers. He will be greatly missed, but is in God's loving hands now.
Brian Fitzmaurice



Brian Fitzmaurice - August 27, 2024 at 08:51 AM

TR

“ Transwestern purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.



Transwestern - August 27, 2024 at 07:37 AM

TR

“ Transwestern planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.

Transwestern - August 27, 2024 at 07:37 AM

HF

“ Hugh and Peggy Gardiner's Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.



Hugh and Peggy Gardiner's Family - August 26, 2024 at 11:43 AM

FV

“ Frederica & George Valanos purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.



Frederica & George Valanos - August 26, 2024 at 09:23 AM

FV

“ Frederica & George Valanos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.

Frederica & George Valanos - August 26, 2024 at 09:23 AM

SH

“ Shirley H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.

Shirley H. - August 25, 2024 at 02:56 PM

JR

“ Julia R. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.

Julia R. - August 25, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.



August 24, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ Tavakolis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.

Tavakolis - August 24, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.



August 23, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ Randy: Blessings on you and all your family!!! May you be more than amply rewarded for all your volunteer time. VERY VERY honored to ride shotgun w/you on some of those adventures!! Kathy and Dennis Duffy!!

Dennis Duffy - August 22, 2024 at 04:24 PM

RL

“*Roxanna L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*

Roxanna L. - August 21, 2024 at 10:22 PM



“*I grew up with Randy and I followed his posts on Facebook. He will be greatly missed. RIP Randy*

Patsy Finch - August 21, 2024 at 11:08 AM

SF

“*Dear Cheryl, Sean Justin and all who loved Randy,
It is with much sadness to learn of the passing of your beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother. He had quite an amazing life and numerous accomplishments in a life cut short. May the joyous memories you shared be a comfort to you now and always. May he Rest in Peace.
Love, Stan & Barbara (nee Weikers) Friedman*



stan& Barbara Friedman - August 20, 2024 at 09:45 PM



“*Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*



August 20, 2024 at 07:55 PM

LC

“ *Lesley Cheney purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*



Lesley Cheney - August 20, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*



August 20, 2024 at 05:11 PM

TF

“ *Theresa, Alicia and Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*

Theresa, Alicia and Families - August 20, 2024 at 05:11 PM

CH

“ *My life was enriched by knowing Randy and working with him. He was the best. Condolences to Cheryl and the family. His Life was good.*

Charles - August 20, 2024 at 04:29 PM

TF

“ *The Duffy Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*



The Duffy Family - August 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM

TF

“ *The Duffy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Ferdinand Martin.*

The Duffy Family - August 20, 2024 at 04:19 PM

EC

“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Randy Ferdinand Martin*



Eastern Shore Dental Care - August 20, 2024 at 08:28 AM

JL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jim Lusby-Treber - August 19, 2024 at 05:24 PM

RC

Fun times at our college lunches. Randy will be missed. Ron Crockett

Ron Crockett - August 19, 2024 at 06:06 PM

SK

Rest In Peace Randy . Thank You for all you have done for DeMatha over many Years and your Friendship. Prayers and Condolences for your Family.

Stephen Kemp - August 22, 2024 at 02:52 PM

NB

What great photo of traditional lunch of Randy and Univ. of College buddies. Miss your stories and friendship. Nancy & Rich Berg

Nancy Berg - August 28, 2024 at 04:52 PM