



Mrs. Florence Gay Martin

March 3, 1937 - May 27, 2015

Zephyrhills – Mrs. Florence Gay Martin, 78, passed away on Wed. May 27, 2015. She was born in Lakeland, FL and has resided here most of her life. Florence graduated from Kathleen High School in 1956, where she was a member of FHA, Glee Club and a majorette with the school band. She was also one of the school's horseshoe champions. Florence was stunning in her singing and dancing performance of the Tweedle Dee song in the Glee Club Variety show. She was also elected to the Homecoming Queen court, and was voted the Neatest for the class of 1956. Florence contributed greatly when planning the Class reunions.

She is survived by husband, Fred F. Martin, Jr; son, Allen Conant; daughter, Kathy Conant; brother, Bobby Gay; sisters, Carlene Smith, Voncele Sumner, Joyce Dollar; grandchildren, Chrissy Brown, Michael Brown, Erin (Brent) Gandy; great grandchildren, Chance Gandy and Rylan Brown.

Visitation will be Monday, June 1st, 5 – 7pm at Gentry Morrison Funeral Home at Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Drive. A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday, June 2nd, 10:00am at Lakeland Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Lakeland Memorial Gardens

2125 Bartow Rd
Lakeland, FL 33801

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 858-4474
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Graveside Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Lakeland Memorial Gardens
2125 Bartow Rd
Lakeland, FL 33801

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Florence Gay Martin*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - June 01, 2015 at 07:55 AM

KC

My Mother was the glue that held this family together. She was a kind and tender hearted person who taught us all to treat people with respect. I have always said that if I was half the Mother she was, I would be a good Mother. Please be good to your love ones , take care of one another this is what my Mom has always done. Play it forward for her.

*Love You Mom
Kathy*

Kathy Conant - June 06, 2015 at 07:15 PM

FS

“ I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how grey the day may appear. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger. I wish you enough pain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye

It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them; but then an entire life to forget them. Take time to live.

Friends from high school - June 02, 2015 at 03:00 PM

KW

“ The Lord truly blessed me by having such a wonderful dear friend as Florence for all these many years. Florence was the kind of friend that was always there for you. I still remember when we worked at the tobacco farm in Connecticut and our trip with the band to Miami many years ago when we were still in school. We had lots of laughs and filled up on lobster tails, during our cruise to Alaska with you and Fred. Most of all I will miss our daily phone calls and visits. I have a life time of fond memories and you will always be in my heart. Florence was a wonderful wife, Mother, sister and friend. May God Bless you and comfort Fred and your family. Heaven will be a happier place with the sound of your laughter. Until we meet again I love you.

Kate Wann

Kate Churchwell Wann - May 31, 2015 at 07:29 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Mrs. Florence Gay Martin.*



May 31, 2015 at 05:22 PM



“ *Aunt Florence was a wonderful member of our family. Florence was a kind, thoughtful and caring person who enjoyed life. Her wonderful demeanor and loving heart always brought joy to our family and to those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing her. Deb and I will always cherish the times we spent with her and uncle Fred, specifically the quality time we spent with the both of them at their home in the mountains. She will be greatly missed but we know that one day we will unite with her again. She was a wonderful Aunt, a dear friend and we will miss her. Although she is no longer here physically, she will remain in our memories forever. May she rest in peace and may the Lord grant peace and comfort to Uncle Fred and all of her family. We love you Florence Martin!*

*In His Service,
Ron and Deb Martin*

Ronald L. & Deborah H. Martin - May 30, 2015 at 06:06 PM



“ *A lovely lady went on before us. We miss and love her dearly. She will remain in our memories forever. Those who live in the LORD never see each other for the last time. Don Gene Gay*

Donald Eugene Gay - May 30, 2015 at 05:00 PM

GL

“ Florence was a beautiful person who enjoyed life. She was always very friendly and had a way about her that made everyone feel welcome. She was a delight to be around. She was a dear dear friend and we will miss her. May she rest in peace until we meet again and may God grant Fred and their family comfort and strength.



George and Janet Leister

George & Janet Leister - May 30, 2015 at 04:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Florence Gay Martin.



May 30, 2015 at 02:06 PM