



Marla "Mar" Martin

Dec. 31, 1963 - Nov. 23, 2024

Marla "Mar" Martin, 60, of Morganton, NC, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 23, 2024.

Born in San Diego, California on December 31, 1963, she was the daughter of the late James Ronald Martin and Grace Mable Rhea Martin.

Marla worked for the Burke County School System as a behavioral specialist. She loved spending time at Lake James riding her Sea Doo and boat, carving wood, playing guitar, and riding motorcycles.

Marla is survived by her former spouse, long-time caregiver, and best friend, Pamela Rigdon; their loving dogs, Bentley and Sydney; and her children, Kamaren and Preston Stevenson.

In order to honor Marla's wishes, a memorial service will be held in the spring at Lake James. Call Pamela for date and time, location, and directions.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



I am so sorry for your loss Pam!! Marla was such a wonderful and caring woman and guidance counselor and see will truly be missed!!!

—John and Avery Lambert



Omg! Pam, we just got the news. We are deeply sorry. Our hearts are breaking with your loss and the loss of our deepest friend. We all had so much fun traveling and spending that time in P-Town for the New Year and the big blizzard. Such wonderful times we all had together. We thank you both for being such good friends and we are overcome with sadness for Marla. She was such a beautiful person and ...she loved you unconditionally. We know your heart is so deeply broken...we are here if you need us.

—Cindy and Amber



—Shannon Gragg



Marla you will be missed by many. The fun times we had with her and Pam. We made each other laugh. Will miss your wit and smile.

—Joey and Cindy Clanton



Pam...I am so sorry. Marla was a wonderful kind person that I was fortunate to become with. We both loved to crave and show them off to one another. The times the 3 of us sat by the bonfire...and talked and loved, life, and loss. You were a strong, kind and loving friend. I'm glad you and Pam had each other and the friends (who were your family). That you two embraced. I'm going to miss you dearly.

—Darcie



Pam...we are so extremely sorry for your loss. I know you and Marla lived life to the fullest. The fun times we all had at your cabin at Lake James and the wonderful times going trout fishing. The seafood boils...just so many wonderful memories. We are going to truly miss her and I know the pain you must be suffering from losing her...and the love you both shared for one another. Reach out...we are here for you. God has her now...and she no longer has any deep sadness and loss...or pain. We love you and Marla.

—Julia & Deb

Marla and I met in High School, and didn't take long and we were best friends. Played Volleyball together on a team. Did so many things and grew to be part of their family. Her parents became my 2nd set of parents. Marla was my Matron of Honor in my wedding and I was her Maid of honor. I was blessed to be able to buy their family home when she/family decided to move to North Carolina. We

lived their 25 years until we moved to Washington state. What a blessing and so many memories with her. I am truly so sad and heartbroken she is gone. I will forever keep her in my heart and always treasure the memories together. David, Kamaren, and Preston, My prayers are with you all as you go through this time.
Tricia

—Tricia Stensrud

Oh Pam, I'm so sorry....hugs Sgt. Puett

—Teresa puett

Dear Preston, Kamaren and David, Words are never enough to express the sorrow felt when a mother and wife leaves us. A soul that is eternal, a mom who cared and loved and cherished you when little babies, toddlers and children, who knew no love greater than that of a father and a mother. A wife who cared and loved; who encouraged and sang! Now she is gone, but not the Lord's loving hand to protect you and provide for you. He can fill your hearts with His own presence to comfort, strengthen and uphold you. Jesus knows your sorrow more than anyone in the entire world, for He suffered grief of every kind, so that He understands yours and gives you what you need most...which is Himself! Which He gave, entirely, sacrificially, lovingly, at the cross of Calvary! Look to Him in faith during these hard days, and every day ahead! We love you so very much,

—Johnny and Berry Serafini

I'm deeply saddened to hear of Marla's passing. She was such a kind soul. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her loved ones.

—Stephanie Kelly



—Richard Branch



—Bruce and Sheila Carpenter

David, Preston and Kamaren, Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Our love

—Dean and Mott Buff



There was not a day that went by I did not think about you.
You was a seconded mom to me. Love you so much and
miss you.

—Joseph Milligan