





Pallbearers

Larry Martin, II Mike Redmond Aaron Franklin

John Martin Ramon Edwards **Christopher Thomas**

Flower Bearers

Adrienne Shavonne Ananda Nichole

Aija Chantiel Zion MeLeesa

Interment

Riverside Gardens Cemetery 4720 N.E. 36th Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73121

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Acknowledgment

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to each individual and every church family that reached out to us in prayer and faith. We would like to especially thank All Nations Church, Hiding Place Church, Community COGIC and Gospel Mission Church. May we all grow in faith.

Repast

All Nations Champions Church following graveside service.

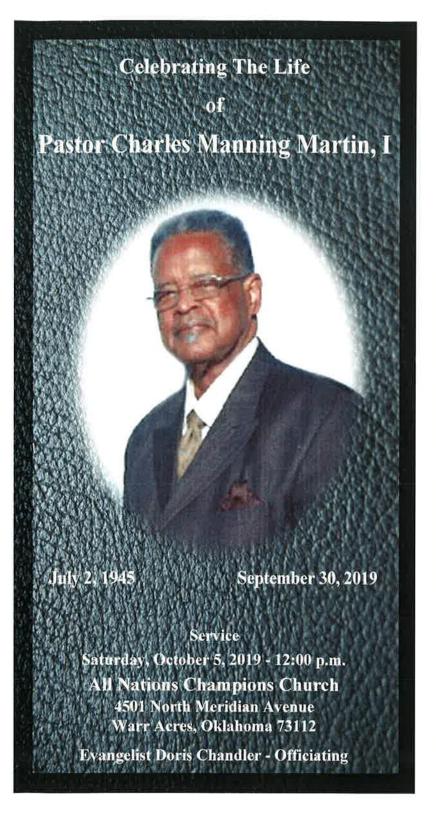
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Charles M. Martin was born in Versailles, Missouri on July 2, 1945. He was the son of William Redmond and Bessie L. Martin. Charles spent his early childhood in Versailles with his grandmother, Minnie, his mother, his brothers Paul and Larry and many aunts, uncles and cousins. At three years of age Charles was brought to Wichita, Kansas by his mother's close friend Leetta Hampton (Jordan) and her husband JR. Once in Wichita, a young Charles lived with both the Hamptons and Frank and Della Mason. Charles was spoiled.

Although he was originally from Missouri, which he believed granted him the right to challenge anyone's ability to keep their word and shout, 'I'm from the show me state...show me!', the majority of Charles' life was spent in Wichita, Kansas. Charles attended Wichita Public Schools and graduated from East High in 1963 where he enjoyed track and debate. After high school he began taking classes at Wichita State University where he planned to become an attorney. He often told the story of being in the WSU library one Saturday in 1965 when he heard a horrific sound. He left the library and headed west where he stood at the site of the Piatt Street Air Force Tanker plane disaster. That experience was one he never forgot.

Charles attended Gospel Mission Church with his family where he made a commitment to Christ at the age of thirteen. Gospel Mission was well known in the city of Wichita and the youth department was thriving, dynamic and made up of many families. One of the larger families was the Mason family. From this family came most of Charles' mentors, friends and eventually his life partner, Susie. Their common interests brought them together. Shortly after, they married on Sunday December 3, 1967 after morning service! From this union came Charles Manning II, Tonona Lae, Rebecca Melissa and Sara Elizabeth.

Like most men of his generation Charles was a man with an extraordinarily broad and comprehensive knowledge of trades. He wore many hats and had multiple talents & skill sets. He could do a bit of everything including plumbing, construction, car repair, masonry, and car body work. This diversity of talent was also evident in the many occupations he held. An entrepreneur by nature, Charles engaged in many business ventures through Charles Martin Enterprises. The mantra of his business mimicked one of the principles he lived by. The sign above his and Susie's midtown resale shop read, 'Dare to Be Different' and they did! Additional areas of employment included paramedic, over the road driver, Xerox Corporation, car sales, insurance sales and financial planning.

Despite his diverse resume, Charles' most important job was preaching, teaching and encouraging God's people through his word. After being called to ministry he became an ordained Elder and Assistant Pastor to Elder W.D. Martin at Community Church of God in Christ. After over two decades of service at Community in the late eighties Charles and Susie started their own work on the west side of Wichita. Many people were healed emotionally, ministered to and taught Kingdom principles at Good Success Family Worship Center. The hallmarks of their ministry included demonstrating the love of God to the broken and walking by faith! Through this ministry many Godly sons and daughters were birthed. Charles' work as a Pastor and leader also led him to serve with the Wichita Ministerial League, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department Chaplains and as State Secretary with the Kansas Southwest Jurisdiction Churches of God in Christ.

Pastor Martin believed that there was power in praise and exemplified that in the many memorable songs he was known to sing throughout his life. Members of Good Success would often joke about how one song could turn into a 30 minute praise -a-thon if Pastors Charles, Susie (and sometimes Aunt Lonnie) got going!

In 2006, Charles and Susie moved to Oklahoma to assist their son Charles, II in ministry. He was loved, respected and welcomed by the members of All Nations Champions Church. Here, he led the Healing School and Hospital Ministry. He was eventually appointed as an Associate Pastor. Everywhere he went, Pastor Martin encouraged men and women to never give up. Everyone who met him knew he was a great Champion of Faith.

Pastor Martin will be remembered for his integrity, love of God and family, and his adherence to Biblical principle. Those who knew him knew that.....He Never Waivered.

Pastor Martin's spirit departed this earth on Monday morning September 30th. Although his physical presence is no longer with us, his spirit lives in every word of instruction, encouragement and admonishment that he shared with us while here: unforgettable, irreplaceable...one of a kind.

Pastor Martin was preceded in death by his daughter Sara. He leaves to carry on his legacy, his wife Susie, son Charles II, daughters Tonona L. Martin-Wheeler (Dennis) and Rebecca M. Martin, eight grandchildren Aaron Michael Charles (Ashley), Andrew Charles, Adrienne Shavonne, Benjamin Judah, Ananda Nichole, Adon LaTrell, Aija Chantiel, Zion MeLeesa, and two great grandchildren, Eric and Jackson Charles.

Order of Service

OFFICIATING: EVANGELIST DORIS CHANDLER

Processional Bishop Charles Martin, II
Prayer Pastor Dennis Wheeler
Scripture Reading: Old Testament
Expressive Musical Selection Gene Autry Mason, II "Triumphant Entry"
Acknowledgments
Resolutions Dr. Leslie Reed
Musical Selection The Neal Family
Words of Expression The Martin Grandchildren
Poem Minister Felicia Clanton
Remarks Charles Spencer, Elder Cliff Rolfe, Larry Martin
Musical Selection Sia Chandler-Garcia, Ladora Chandler
Words of Expression
Musical Selection Minister Aaron Franklin
Worship
Eulogy Bishop Charles Martin, II
Video Tribute
Benediction Minister Eugene Atkins