



Mrs. Frances Jane Shoemaker Martin

July 31, 1927 - October 1, 2021

Mrs. Frances Jane Shoemaker Martin, age 94, of Guntersville, passed away Friday October 1, 2021 at Athens Health and Rehab. She was born July 31, 1927 to the late James Shoemaker and Edith Grace Turner Shoemaker in Birmingham, Alabama. She married F.B. Martin Jr. on November 13, 1947 in Docena, Alabama.

She is survived by daughter, Angela Grace Martin Smith (Dillon); grandchildren, Michael James Smith and Eden Isabella Smith; multiple cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband, F.B. "Banny" Martin Jr.; parents, James Shoemaker and Edith Grace Turner Shoemaker; son, David Maston Martin; brother, James "Jimmy" Shoemaker. Visitation will be Thursday October 7, 2021 10am until 11am with the funeral service to follow all at Warrenton United Methodist Church in Guntersville, Alabama. Burial will be at Highland Memorial in Bessemer, Alabama.

Frances Martin served alongside her husband, Pastor F.B. Martin, for several decades, in multiple counties across the state of Alabama. But she was so much more than just "the preachers wife". She was incredibly talented and gifted in many areas. Frances could sing with the voice of an angel, bringing a little bit of heaven to earth. With a few strokes, she could turn a blank canvas into a exquisite landscape. "Roast Beef Sunday" extended to "roast beef Monday" as her scrumptious cooking would make the best leftovers. She had an infectious humor and hearty laugh and could fill any room with her cheerful personality.

Frances was the epitome of grace in all areas of life. Always daintily dressed with beautiful accessories, not a hair out of place, face made up enhancing her natural beauty and accentuating her magnificent smile. Her nails were perpetually shaped and painted with precision. She was every bit as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. She served and loved others and made them feel valued. Frances met strangers and the immediately became friends. She had friends from all generations. Parents, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have all experienced her soothing words of comfort, remarkable words of encouragement, and invaluable nuggets of wisdom and truth. When walking towards her, one would see arms opened and ready for a hug and walking away they would feel most important and precious. Frances Martin was a shining light, a beacon of hope pointing all people to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, inviting all to become a part of the family of God.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Bessamer, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Warrenton United Methodist Church
102 Warrenton Shores Drive
Guntersville, AL 35976

Funeral Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Warrenton United Methodist Church
102 Warrenton Shores Drive
Guntersville, AL 35976

Tribute Wall



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances Jane Shoemaker Martin.

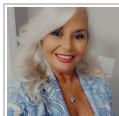


October 06, 2021 at 11:44 AM



“ I will never forget how my baby girl and I were welcomed and loved at Isom's Chapel, by this precious soul. Mrs Frances had her arms extended and ready for a hug as soon as she spotted Ashleigh and I. Speaking and acknowledging us right away, she made us feel seen and loved. We had felt seen before, but it was in a negative light, as I was a single mom to my sweet baby. The church we left had let me know that I had caused them to have a “black eye” and I was no longer welcomed to sing there. I was crushed in spirit and felt completely ashamed. The very next Sunday, I went to Isom's Chapel because I had been there as a teen and loved the people there. Bro. Banny and Mrs Frances both hugged us as we were leaving the service, never once asking where her daddy was or if I was married. They loved us from the start and we loved them, and we have loved and felt loved for over 36 years. Mrs Frances, we will certainly miss your presence, but your Christ-like love will remain forever.

Susan Irons Crittenden - October 05, 2021 at 08:36 AM



Thank you Susan...that was beautiful!

Angela Smith - October 11, 2021 at 05:33 PM

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“ I have such sweet memories of Miss Frances. Beautiful, kind, glamorous, loving - making everyone feel special and loved. Her life on this earth was a blessing and her light, energy and memory will live on in all those who love her. Wrapping my arms around you Redbird and sending love and comfort from your bluebird.

Anita Nesteruk - October 05, 2021 at 06:52 AM



Thank you redbird! She loved you and your entire family so much! Love you!

Angela Smith - October 11, 2021 at 05:37 PM



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Guntersville Memorial Chapel & Crematory - October 04, 2021 at 09:12 AM



My beautiful Momma! You will certainly be missed but I am peaceful in knowing you are with Daddy and Jesus and not suffering anymore. Until I see you in heaven Momma! Your loving daughter, Angela Grace

Angela Smith - October 11, 2021 at 05:38 PM