



## Reed Martin Jr.

August 7, 1942 - February 24, 2026

Reed Martin, Jr., a beloved and long-time resident of West Blocton, Alabama, passed away on February 24, 2026. He leaves behind a legacy of love, family, and fruit trees that will be cherished for generations to come. Reed is survived by his devoted wife, Wanda Martin; his son, Michael Martin (wife, Carol); and his daughter, McKenzie Shappley (husband, Danny Verdin). He was a proud grandfather to Jessica Martin Graves (husband, Kenneth), Robert Earl Martin (wife, Laura), and Nolan Reed Shappley and great grandfather to Bryar Reed Graves, Michael Lynn Martin, Addison Mae Martin, and Brynlee Rose Graves. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Miranda Kaye Martin, and parents, Reed Martin, Sr. and Mary Lee Martin.

Reed was many things - sailor, husband, father, veteran, computer programmer, "blueberry man", Papa, storyteller, gardener, avid reader, jokester, cousin, and friend. Above all, he was a hard working, honest, and generous man. Reed's memory will live on in the hearts of all those fortunate enough to have known him. His family is comforted by the knowledge that he is reunited with his beloved daughter, Miranda.

Reed will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Visitation will be 12:00pm CST on Friday, February 27, 2026, followed by the funeral at 1:00pm CST. Both will be held at McCalla Memorial Funeral Home

and conclude with a graveside service at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church (Hillcrest Cemetery, 50 Mt Carmel Dr, West Blocton, AL 35184)

Pallbearers include Danny Verdin, Robert Martin, Kenneth Graves, Bryar Graves, John McKenzie, and Ty Corbell. Honorary pallbearers include Nolan Shappley and Michael Martin.

# Cemetery Details

**Hillcrest Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

McCalla Memorial Funeral Home  
4780 Letson Farms Parkway  
P.O. Box 629  
McCalla, AL 35111  
(205) 477-4888  
info@mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mccallamemorialfuneralhome.com>

### Funeral Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My sister told me yesterday that Reed had moved on to heaven. We loved Reed. He was the nicest guy and we always enjoyed talking with and learning from him. What great memories we have picking blueberries and figs. Reed absolutely made this world a better place! God bless you all and give you peace and comfort.  
Sincerely, Sherry Kirksey

Sherry Kirksey - February 27 at 11:07 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Reed Martin Jr..



February 26 at 02:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reed Martin Jr..

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“ Love - Rob, Sheri, & Crawford purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Reed Martin Jr..



Love - Rob, Sheri, & Crawford - February 26 at 01:19 PM

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“ Eddie and Rhonda Stallings purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Reed Martin Jr..



Eddie and Rhonda Stallings - February 26 at 11:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reed Martin Jr..



February 26 at 10:15 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reed Martin Jr..



February 26 at 09:47 AM