



Vernon Ray Martin

April 9, 1957 - March 23, 2020

VERNON RAY MARTIN, AGE 62

And a resident of Franklinton passed away Monday evening March 23, 2020 at St. Tammany Parish Hospital after a hard fight with cancer. He was surrounded by his loved ones when he left this Earth. He was better known as Ray or Ray Ray and was a mechanic at Triple-X Auto Parts for 28 years, before working at Dirt Cheap in Franklinton for 12 years. He also had his own bait & tackle shop at his home "Ray Ray's Tackle Box" which he loved doing. Ray loved watching football, as he was an avid Saints and Mississippi State fan, watching NASCAR and fishing. He always loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

Survived by:

Wife: Betty Sue Martin of Franklinton

2 Daughters and Sons in law: Melissa and Brad Hutchinson of Franklinton,
Lindsey and BB Schexnider of Mt. Hermon

Grandchildren: Connor Smith,
Mallory Smith,
Ashley Smith,

Wess Hutchinson all of Franklinton,
Raeleigh Martin,
Parker Wilkes of Mt. Hermon,
Myles Dayton,
Harrison Dayton of Pearl, MS

Mother: Lois Thomas Simmons of Franklinton

Siblings and Spouses: Dalton and Melanie Sumrall of Lacombe,
Lisa and Craig McElveen of Baton Rouge,
Kristie and Dewayne Spears of Franklinton

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends

He was preceded in death by his father Robert Martin, step-father Jimmy Simmons, step-mother Lanell Martin, grandfather Fernie Thomas, grandmother Dorothy Thomas, aunts "Eula "Toot" Sumrall, Bett Jo Thomas.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Thursday March 26th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 12:00 pm Thursday with Rev. Tim Gay officiating. Burial will follow in the Brooks-Martin Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Connor Smith, Mac McElveen, Dexter Magee, BB Schexnider, Evan Bankston, Tyler Simmons

Honorary Pallbearers: Wess Hutchinson, Parker Wilkes, Myles Dayton, Harrison Dayton

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ I just saw in the obituaries online that Ray had passed away. Ray was one of the kindest, most helpful men I've ever known. He was also one of the hardest working men I've ever known. Betty, I am so sorry for your loss, and sorry i didn't make the funeral. I'm living in Alabama and just found out. Prayers for you and your sweet family. Ray will be sadly missed.

Tommy Vise - April 08, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ RAY AND I WERE LIKE BROTHERS, HE AND I LIVED IN BURAS, WORKED FOR PACKARD OIL AS PIPEFITTERS, HE WAS A GREAT PART OF MY LIFE, PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY, GOD BLESS.

JOEY CORROA SR. - March 30, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ I will forever remember Mr. Ray's smile as I spent many days shopping at Dirt Cheap. He even shared a tip on how to remove the gummy stickers from items I had purchased. May GOD continue to strengthen his wife and family.

Ella Rose Bickham - March 26, 2020 at 12:43 PM

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“ So very saddened to hear. Ray shared several memories of him and my brother Jimmy from younger years every time I'd see him in Dirt Cheap. I can picture them sitting on a Riverbank. Such a kind gentle man. . So saddened.

Sharon n John Beckett - March 25, 2020 at 11:22 PM

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“ Ray was such a nice person. Sorry about your great loss! We pray for his family to be surrounded with God’s great love and comfort today and in the days ahead.

*Love in Christ, Ronnie & Terry Moak
Mt. Hermon*

Terry & Ronnie Moak - March 25, 2020 at 10:52 AM