CLIFTON ARVIL MARTIN

Mr. Clifton Arvil Martin, age 71 of Lovelady and Pasadena, passed away at his home on Wednesday, July 9, 2003 after a courageous battle with cancer. His loving wife Shirley and his children were by his side. Mr. Martin touched many people with his presence and zest for life. Mr. Martin left a legacy of love for his family and friends.

Mr. Martin was born in Cherokee County on April 17, 1932 to Owen and Lula B. Martin. Mr. Martin was proud to enlist in the Korean Conflict. Mr. Martin also attended the University of Houston learning the Mechanical skills needed to take care of his family. Mr. Martin loved to tease, loved the game of dominoes and was happy riding his golf cart.

Mr. Martin was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Lovelady and prior member of Avenue **Baptist** Thomas Church in Pasadena.

Mr. Martin's most precious gifts were his five grandchildren Michelle, Tiffany, Jason, Joshua, and Madison. They called him "Pop-Pop." Mr. Martin loved sitting on the back porch watching them laugh and play.

In addition to his cherished wife of 48 years Shirley Dean Martin. Mr. Martin is survived by his children Ricky Dean Martin and wife Dawn, Larry Wayne Martin and Paula Martin Lavender and husband Kevin; brothers Gene Martin and wife Jeanie, David Martin and wife Wanda; sisters Betty Ann Webb and husband Lester, Maurice Sherlock and husband Clifford; sister-in-law Yavonne Martin; and will be greatly missed by numerous relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his father Owen Martin and mother Luis B. Martin; brother Dean dentin; and two infant sisters.

Puneral services for Mr. Clifton Arvil Martin were held Saturday, July 12, at 11:00 a.m. in the Anitoch Baptist

Church in Lovelady with the Rev. Bob Lacey officiating. Interment followed in the Lovelady Antioch Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Pete Ledford, Harold Woodall, Lester Webb, Anthony Martin, Nathan Dean, Buddy Ursery, Jerry Dominy, Gerald Childress.

Honorary Pallbearers

Troy Skillern.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Building Fund at the Antioch Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Lovelady, TX. 75851.

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