

Dennis Allen Martin, age 69, passed away on Saturday, July 17, 2021, after a three-year battle with early onset Alzheimer's.

Dennis was born in the small town of London, West Virginia, on July 15, 1952. In June of 1971, a month before his 19th birthday, he enlisted and joined the United States Air Force. He had been inspired by his uncles, Nathaniel and Edward who had both served for the U.S. military. Throughout his 30 years of service, Dennis lived and visited many places including Texas, Arizona, New Jersey, Hawaii, Thailand, Korea, Philippines, and Japan. Dennis retired as a Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force in June of 2001 and relocated with his family to Orlando, Florida to begin his new career as a Project Manager at Walt Disney World. In 2005, he completed a rigorous Master's program and graduated with his MBA from the University of Miami at the age of 53. He later retired from WDW as a Program Manager after sixteen magical years. In the summer of 2019, he relocated to Salt Lake City with his daughter & caretaker, Surya, to enjoy his retirement surrounded by the beautiful Utah mountains.

Dennis loved Asian cuisines, rooting on the Pittsburgh Steelers, coaching Pop Warner Football, taking his family to Disney, learning about world history, and jamming out to R&B. Above all he loved being a father and he always put his family ahead of himself.

Dennis is survived by the family of his eldest son Dennis "Boo" Allen Martin Jr. and wife Christina, their daughters Deja and Maya, and their sons, Victorious, King, Elijah and Ezekiel; the family of his eldest daughter Erica Martin, and her daughter Deaira and son Eric; his second daughter, Lillian "Nikki" Martin and her soon-to-be-born son Nico; his youngest daughter, Surya Martin and his youngest son, Allen Martin.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Dennis Allen Martin

JULY 15, 1952—JULY 17, 2021

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, July 31, 2021 - 11:00 AM
Larkin Mortuary
260 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

CELEBRATING DENNIS

Prelude Music
Amazing Grace
Ain't No Sunshine by Bill Withers
Lay Me Down by Sam Smith

Flag Presentation by United States Air Force

Eulogies..... Surya Martin
& Erica Martin
Song*If I Could Be* by Ray Charles
Closing Speaker..... Dennis Martin (II)
Closing Prayer Dennis Martin (II)

Postlude Music
Grandma's Hands by Bill Withers
Dance With My Father by Luther Vandross
Someone Like You by Adele

Dennis' ashes will be spread next Summer in the beautiful mountains of his home state of West Virginia.



"Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow
Lean on me
When you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on...
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on
Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill
Those of your needs that you won't let show
You just call on me brother when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on"

~Bill Withers