



## David Phillip Martin

October 18, 1947 - April 2, 2021

David Phillip Martin, 73, passed away at home on April 2, 2021, following a long battle with cancer. Known as “Tot” by friends and family, he was born on October 18, 1947 to parents Buford K. Martin (“Boots”) and Alice Shealor Martin. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Ann Wall Martin, and children David Weston Martin (“Wes”) and Carrie Martin Funderburgh (Charles K. Funderburgh). A long term resident of Blacksburg, VA, he retired and spent the last five years residing on Callawassie Island, South Carolina.

Known as a wonderful man with a great sense of humor, David was a family man through and through. In addition to his wife and children, he is lovingly survived by his Grandchildren - Camryn and Carson Funderburgh (Matthews, NC); Siblings - James “Buddy” Martin (wife Sue, Radford, VA) and Eileen “Chick” Kelley (husband Felix, Peachtree City, GA); nieces and nephews - Kathryn Kelley, Matt and Jenny Martin, and Meg and Gabe Corey. David was proud of his large extended family and was preceded in death by his parents and nephew, Christopher Kelley.

David graduated from Blacksburg High School where he was an athlete playing baseball, football and basketball, and was named an Honorable Mention All American. He went on to play basketball at Southwood College and Ferrum Junior College. He transferred to Virginia Tech and worked on a degree in Psychology.

In his professional career, David first served as the Director of Parks and Recreation in Bluefield, WV. He went on to work for 25 years at Wolverine Mfg. where he became Director of Human Resources before spending 10 years with the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute of Virginia Tech in HR and Asset Management.

David will always be remembered for his love of family, friends, sports, and his beloved dogs. A celebration of his life will be held at McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, VA on Monday May 3, 2021 with visitation at 1:00 PM and service at 2:00 PM. For those wishing to make a memoriam in his honor, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society or the Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Tot was my HR Manager at Wolverine Gasket Co. He took on the assignment and represented the hourly and salary employees equally and responsibly with passion and respect. He was a good friend as well and had a peaceful mannerism that showed his leadership skills. We lost a good man with his passing. I will always remember him as a quiet giant. My respect and love to you my friend. Dan Ressler]

Daniel Ressler - August 04, 2022 at 09:54 AM

EB

“ Just heard the sad news of Tot's passing. My prayers for his extended family.

E.A.

E.A. Ballengee - May 10, 2021 at 10:03 PM

DW

“ Dennis & Ann Weber purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Phillip Martin.



Dennis & Ann Weber - April 26, 2021 at 10:51 AM

RM

“ I am so saddened to learn of Tot's death. He was two years ahead of me at BHS, and I was in awe of his athletic ability. I will always remember the game winning shot he made against an undefeated Pulaski H.S. team in the finals of the 1965 New River District Tournament that propelled BHS to an undefeated season and state championship.

Tot provided such great leadership on that team even though he wasn't really a vocal, rah rah sort of guy. He lead by being a smart, coachable player that always guarded the opponent's best player. He was a great teammate who never complained, never made any excuses and never seemed to make any mistakes.

More important, I also recall that Tot was a kind, humble and decent person.

*Rick Mitchell*

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Richard Mitchell - April 08, 2021 at 01:09 PM

LC

“ Prayers for peace for his family. May your wonderful memories sustain you. Linda (King) Conner.

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Linda Conner - April 07, 2021 at 08:12 AM

PW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tot's passing. He was a good friend who helped us know Blacksburg. He was Bill's first employee and friend. I am thinking of you, Ann, and your family.

*Pam Winfrey*

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Pam Winfrey - April 07, 2021 at 07:22 AM

ML

“ So sorry to the family for their loss. Tot was my first boss in a big boy job. I spent 4 years being led and mentored by Tot and he guided me not just as a boss or mentor but like a dad... my heart is saddened by this news and I pray Gods comfort upon the family.

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**matt linkous** - April 06, 2021 at 09:28 PM

JK

“ Prayers and condolences to you Ann and family

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**Jo Lynn Keaton** - April 06, 2021 at 08:50 PM

BM

“ We are so sorry and want to offer condolences to the family. May all the precious memories you have help to aid you during this time of sorrow. Our sincere condolences, Paul and Barbara Mitchell

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**Barbara Mitchell** - April 06, 2021 at 07:05 PM

WW

“ My thoughts are with your family at this sad moment. Think of happier times in the past.

Wendy Wallace

Class of 65

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**Wendy Wallace** - April 06, 2021 at 01:51 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Tot's passing. We shared a love for VT and BHS sports. Always enjoyed seeing him and his family at those sporting events. He was always so supportive of the BHS coaches and players. He was a very good man who will be greatly missed.

Jim and Carolyn Shockley

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**Jim and Carolyn Shockley** - April 06, 2021 at 01:23 PM

DS

*Tot was my best friend growing up. We had lots of fun together .Some we would talk about and laugh. Some we would never admit to .He was a great person to know. My regrets on his passing.*

**David Scott** - April 06, 2021 at 02:32 PM

JC

*About 5 years ago I was in a grocery store in SC. I walked past a couple in the store, and, by instinct, I started to say hello because the man looked so familiar. But then I hesitated. I could not place his face. I walked by, stopped, and looked back. That face was so familiar. Finally it dawned on me, it was "Tot" Martin, one of the "old" guys who ran "Recreation" all those summers I attended it in Blacksburg when I was a young child. I walked up to the fellow in the store very slowly, and asked, "Is your last name Martin? Tot Martin?" He replied, "well, some people used to call me that." It turns out that almost 50 years after I attended "Recreation," and 45 years after I left Blacksburg, Tot and I were living in the same community in SC. It was great to meet Ann and run into them over the last several years at the golf course, in the clubhouse, and, of course, in the grocery store. Fine people. Obviously, Tot made an impression on me that has lasted more than 50 years.*

**Jonathan Claiborne** - April 06, 2021 at 07:46 PM

TS

*Ann, Carrie and Wes, we want you to know we are thinking of you. Such a great person and always a smile for everyone.  
Terry and Cindy Strock April 8, 2021*

**Terry and Cynthia Strock** - April 08, 2021 at 03:13 PM

DW

*Ann, Carrie and Wes. Words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. Tot was like a brother to me and I will always remember the good the good times we had (and there were many ) and for always being their for me. God Bless You All. Dennis K Weber*

**Dennis K Weber** - May 02, 2021 at 09:03 AM

RH

*Ann & Family,*

*I'm so sorry to hear the news and I was not aware until most recently. Tot and I spent 12 great years together at Wolverine early in my career and he and his HR cronies around the NRV helped develop my career in HR. If only he could have helped with my golf game! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless! Richard Holbrook*

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**Richard Holbrook** - May 04, 2021 at 05:18 PM