



## Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin

March 16, 1956 - April 20, 2021

Dubose “Bosie” Rivers Martin passed away at his home in Columbia, SC on Tuesday, April 20th, 2021. Born in Winnsboro, SC, March 16, 1956, he was the son of the late Mary McMaster Boulware Martin and Senator John Alfred Martin. He was a graduate of Fairfield High School. Educated at the University of South Carolina, he earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science.

Bosie married Elizabeth “Liz” Gordon Martin in 1989 and is survived by four children: Sally (Daxon) Vernon, Mary Hollis Clarkson (Spencer Wheat), Beth (Mike) Cohen, and Rivers Martin. Survived by his sisters, May (Tim) Johnson and Lucinda Shirley. He was blessed with two grandchildren, Eliza and Sullivan Vernon; also survived by his beloved nephews and cousins Glenn (Nancy) Shirley, Miller (Laura) Safrit, Brad (Anna) Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Brad (Allison) Martin, Eric (Lynne) Steele, Marcus (Suzanne) Steele as well as numerous grandnieces & grandnephews. In addition to his parents, Bosie was preceded in death by his brother, John.

Bosie was a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church where he served on the security committee and as an usher. A devoted 30-year member of his Lodge, he was Past Worshipful Master of Pacific Masonic Lodge 325. He was honored as Senior Steward and Tyler for the State Grand Lodge. He was also a 33rd degree mason for the Scottish Rite and cherished receiving his white hat.

As a young man, Bosie trained extensively with the State Trooper Organization. Later he became manager for clerk of the state senate. Bosie was a Son of The American Legion, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in the community. He was also a former president of the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.

After a 40+ year career serving the state of South Carolina, he retired from the SC Education Lottery, having operated in the Security & Investigations and the IT departments.

Bosie never met a stranger; truly a friend to all. He cherished time well spent with his friends across the world. He adored all Gamecock athletics, especially the Lady

Gamecocks basketball team. If you have ever spent time in Columbia, SC, there is a good chance that you would have seen Bosie hanging out with his friends at the Tally Ho, the old Mousetrap and The American Legion.

Masonic Rites with visitation following will be held at 12:00 o'clock, Saturday, April 24th at Shives Funeral Home, 7600 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29223. The memorial service will be held at 2:00 o'clock, Saturday, April 24th at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, with The Rev. Lynn Grandsire and The Rev. Brian Marsh officiating. The family will greet friends at the church and at the family home following the service. Social distancing will be enforced to maintain a safe environment for all. Please note that seating is limited due to Covid and masks are required. If you plan to attend, please reserve your seat by visiting [EastminsterPres.org](http://EastminsterPres.org). A livestream may be viewed by visiting the church website, or his tribute page at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](http://ShivesFuneralHome.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Scottish Rite Center For Childhood Language Disorders, 7230 Garners Ferry Rd, Columbia, SC 29209-2107, or the charity of one's choice. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel is assisting the family.



# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Shives Funeral Home** - April 24 at 11:38 AM

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Shives Funeral Home** - April 24 at 11:38 AM

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“ It was always good to see Bosie's face at Eastminster. He made me and others feel welcome. What a great Winstborough heritage he had.



**Charlie Carpenter** - April 25 at 07:13 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin.



April 24 at 05:18 PM

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“ Dear Liz and family ~ Jessica and David Brunson here. We are so sad to know that Bosie passed away. We wish there was something, anything - that we could do to help ease the pain and sadness for each of you. Bosie was such a friend, always so nice and had a great sense of humor. He was a friend and mentor and for sure, will be missed very much. We wish for each of you, peace and understanding that passes all understanding and the everlasting warm feeling and smile that comes when we all think about Bosie. I wish I had been a better friend and stayed in touch more. Please call on us anytime.

David, Jessica, Noah and Nathan Brunson

David Brunson - April 24 at 01:56 PM

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“ A very kind and positive gentleman that will be missed... Rest In Peace, Bosie I enjoyed your time at the lottery.



Gayle Hazzard - April 24 at 01:43 PM

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“ Terry & Tracey Hamiter purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin.



Terry & Tracey Hamiter - April 24 at 12:37 PM

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“ Hearing about Bosie's passing was a tough pill to swallow. This man was liked and loved by so many. I'm blessed to have worked with him for well over a decade to have witness his many acts of kindness. My thoughts are with his family. Bosie was definitely one of a kind!

Rhonda M. Moore - April 24 at 12:21 PM

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“ So sad to hear of Bosie's passing. I have known him since high school. We were in chemistry class together. I have seen him in recent years at weddings and at the old Mousetrap. He was a delightful soul and will be missed by all that knew him. Keeping his family close in my prayers at this time.

Gail Lyles - April 24 at 09:50 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bosie passing. He was a great friend and will be missed



Tommy Woodham - April 24 at 09:17 AM

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“ We are so so sorry for your loss. Bosie was the best of everything. He will live forever in our memories . We are lucky to have known him!

Jack and Sandy

jack morgan - April 24 at 09:04 AM

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“ ..... My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy to the family of a most loved and respected man and friend, Bosie Martin, may you rest in peace, you will be greatly missed by so many !!

Al Boland - April 23 at 08:16 PM

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“ Liz and family: I'm sorry it took a tragedy to have me connect with you all. As a page 30 ish years ago for the state senate, while in undergraduate and graduate school, Bosie was good to me, as was Senator Martin. I appreciated them both. Realize well that both men made huge impacts on many with their grace, love, witness, and kindness. I am saddened by this news regarding your husband, Liz. May you all in the family find peace in knowing that he (and Senator Martin) helped mold many young lives. I was glad, relieved really, to know Bosie was out in the world these last many years, doing good. Now, he's with Christ. We mourn, BM rejoices with God, Senator Martin, and others. ~ Andy Williams of Hartsville/ Darlington County

Andy Williams - April 23 at 05:06 PM

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“ Good man, good friend and good neighbor.

Butch & Marlene Yandle

Butch Yandle - April 23 at 02:36 PM

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“ I was sorry to hear about Bosie. My father, Barney Jordan and Bosie's father were good friends. Sen. Martin was one of the great senators of SC and Bosie was like his father, humble, never met a stranger and was well liked by all. He will be missed.

**David Jordan** - April 23 at 11:00 AM

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“ Bosie, you will be missed. It's been years, but you were so much fun to hang out with. I've got lots of fun memories of you dear friend. Sweet, lovable, so funny and kind. Sounds like you lived a full life with a wonderful wife and family. So glad to know you're with Jesus!

**Cheryl Cherry Buford** - April 23 at 10:59 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Bosie was a great friend to me during my time in the Senate. Those of us who were fortunate enough to call him our friend knew he was steadfast and loyal no matter what the circumstance might be. I know he will be greatly missed by so very many.

**Linda H Short** - April 23 at 10:56 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin.



April 23 at 10:06 AM

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“ Our families were connected by our dads, and the shared legal practice of Bosie’ s dad, Sen John Martin, and my dad, George Coleman! The friendship was one for the ages, and , although I had not seen Bosie in years, I’ll miss him! We had a grand time growing up in Winnsboro....”those were the days, my friend!” Rest In Peace , Bosie~  
Lucy Coleman McCoy



Lucy Coleman McCoy - April 23 at 09:38 AM

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“ Bosie always had a sweet smile and had so many friends. Prayers for the family. RIP Bosie.



Gail Floyd - April 23 at 02:51 AM

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“ My thoughts are with Liz and the family!  
Michelle Jonas

Michelle Jonas - April 23 at 12:21 AM

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“ Bosie always had a smile and greeting that warmed my heart. A special man who will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers for comfort for Liz and the family.

Alana Holmes

Alana - April 22 at 11:06 PM

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“ Boise was my neighbor for over 6 years. We worked together on the newspaper staff in high school. Prayers and thoughts go out to his family and loved ones. He will be missed.



**W W Baker** - April 22 at 09:15 PM



“ What a kind and gentle giant we lost. Liz, I and many others will miss him. He is in a much better place, with peace, his family and many, many other friends and family who are with him now.

**Harold Kline** - April 23 at 10:16 PM

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“ Bosie, you were a favorite, a friend to all, and you will be missed by so many. Praying for God's comfort for your family. Rest In Peace, dear friend.

Susan Douglass Taylor

**Susan Douglass Taylor** - April 22 at 08:51 PM

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“ I believe I am truly blessed by God to have had the privilege of knowing Bosie. He was without a doubt of the highest quality gentleman.

**Del Collins** - April 22 at 07:53 PM

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“ Chris, Megan, Abby and Grace Dunn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin.



**Stephen Dunn** - April 22 at 07:47 PM

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“ Gary Isenhower lit a candle in memory of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin



**Gary Isenhower** - April 22 at 06:14 PM

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“ Miller and Laura Safrit purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin.



**Miller and Laura Safrit** - April 22 at 04:51 PM

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“ Lost a very good friend! Always enjoyed our time together at the Mousetrap! Traveling around the state and meeting people I would have quite a few ask if I knew Bosie. Will miss my friend ! Prayers for the family!

**Tom Ballew** - April 22 at 04:49 PM

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“ Prayers for Bosie’s family. He was such a nice and caring person.  
Kim and Bill Porter

Kim Porter - April 22 at 04:45 PM

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“ Linda Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin



Linda price - April 22 at 04:38 PM

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“ Want to send my condolences to Liz and all of the Martin family. Bosie will be missed by so many. Great friend and a lot of childhood memories. Bosie’s life was well accomplished, his love for his family was always first. People he shared a room with and the smiles he brought to all. The great love he had for his friends old and new. Sure that a part of Bosie will live in all of us in the days to come. So many good memories, may we all laugh and smile as his kindness shines on our hearts.

Iline Robertson Branham - April 22 at 04:34 PM

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“ Carolyn B Rutland lit a candle in memory of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin



Carolyn B Rutland - April 22 at 04:29 PM

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“ What a fine man! I remember being so jealous of Linda for having another baby brother to take care of. Loved the Martin family and have wonderful memories of each of them, respectfully. Sad time but good memories! Barbara McMaster Mims

Barbara Mims - April 22 at 04:12 PM

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“ Rest In Peace, dear classmate. Winnsboro High School, Class of 1974.

Cheryl Pearson Calcutt - April 22 at 04:05 PM

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“ Margie Shelburg lit a candle in memory of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin



Margie Shelburg - April 22 at 04:02 PM

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“ Allan Lauder lit a candle in memory of Mr. DuBose Rivers Martin



allan lauder - April 22 at 03:42 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Boise's beautiful wife and family. BOSIE was a wonderful person and always fun to be around. He had so many friends and will surely be missed. RIP dear friend.

Jean Brogdon McKenzie - April 22 at 03:35 PM



“ So very sad. He was loved by so many. Thoughts and prayers for the Martin families and his many friends. Much love, Trev Sherrod



**Trev Sherrod** - April 22 at 03:14 PM