



David E. Martin

June 4, 1943 - January 30, 2016

David E. Martin, 72, of Syracuse, NY, died Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Upstate University Hospital at Community General.

A native and life resident of Syracuse, he was the son of the late Donald J. and Julia Ballas Martin.

David retired from Niagara Mohawk in 2003 following over 25 years of service as a Service Representative.

Dave was a musician, bassist and well known and respected member of the Syracuse music community. A car enthusiast, he was a member and Director of the CNY Chapter of the Buick Club of America. He was extremely proud of his National Champion, Buick Grand National. Dave also owned various other antique and vintage cars. Mr. Martin had a very kind and generous nature and will be remembered as a caring and doting grandfather.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years the former, Tammi LaSalle; sons, Don (Nora Heaphy) of Syracuse, NY and Michael (Terry AuClair Martin) Martin of Albany, NY; a brother, Donald (Patricia) Martin of Clay, NY; two grandsons, Nathan and Joseph; nieces, Suzi Carlsson and Katie Mosher and a nephew, Jeff Martin.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, February 2, 2016 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. with services to follow at 6:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205. Burial will be private.

Dave's family has requested no flowers and donations to the cancer research organization of one's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David E. Martin*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I met him through our mutual interest in Buicks and enjoyed talking to him at the various Buick events we both attended. He always had a friendly smile and a kind word for everybody and I will remember him fondly.*
Ed Allmond

February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tammy and family: I was shocked today when I learned of Dave's passing. My wife (Linda) and I knew Dave through his work with the Buick Club of America. I know Dave put his heart into that organization and his music too. I never did get the opportunity to hear him play in the band though.*

Our hearts go out to all of you on this sad occasion. Dave will be forever remembered!

John And Linda De fiore

February 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. we have not seen him in a while so we were unaware of his illness he was a kind sweet person

Candle of Love - February 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was an excellent bass player and an even better person. It was always a pleasure to run into him (usually at Rooters Open Mic) and hang out. He loved his family and lived life fully with his music, his Buick friends, his neighbors and family. Thinking of all of you and keeping Dave and all of you in my prayers.

February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I believe if Dave Attended Blodget Vocational High School that my sister and I knew Dave back in the day. He was older than me but was a great guy! We all hung together along with Frank (I can't remember his last name). At the time Dave was collecting 45 records and my sister and I gave him many of hours to keep! My maiden name was Sharon Garner. We all had a lot of fun in our younger years that's for sure! We had a small singing group at one point but that is another story. You can email me if this is the same guy at sbfehlma@hotmail.com.

February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ A good neighbor and great friend.
No more long talks over the fence, you'll be missed.

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ DAVE WAS A GREATGUY ALSO GREAT BASS PLAYER HE PLAYED IN OUR BAND VINTAGE. WE HAD GREAT TIMES HE WILL BE MISSED DENNIS SENDS HIS REGRETS &SO DO I TAMMY WHAT CAN I SAY MY HEART &PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU ALL LIL JAN

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of my good friend Dave Martin. He was great guy with a heart of gold. One heck of a bass player and one of my favorite people. Thanks for the happy times around Christmas when we would gather with you and Tammy and laugh and eat and tell a thousand different stories. My prayers go out to Tammy, Don and Michael. You will be missed dearly. R.I.P. My good friend.

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I wish I could be there to express my sympathy and to remember a kind man with a generous heart. Thoughts and prayers.

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Dave was an original member of *Eric and the Restless Knights* as was myself. We were a top local band back in the 60's. I vividly remember Dave singing a slow tear jerker. In the middle of the song, Dave dropped to his knees and tore the crotch of his pants wide open!! hahaha He was a great bass player. Even though I haven't seen Dave in many years, I still cherish the memories of our band days. When you enter heaven, form a band and save a spot for me!! I send my condolences to the Martin family. Rest in peace, my friend. You will be truly missed.

Greg Becker

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I've known Dave since he was a baby. His aunt, *Mary Ballas Flavin*, was also my aunt. I enjoyed hearing Dave's band when it played at my mother's wedding reception. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Kay Timmons Pyatak

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ I only saw Dave a few times in the last several years, but he always had a hug and a kiss for me. It was always at open mics that I would run into him. I enjoyed watching him play his bass. I will miss his smile and his warmth. I will miss his talent. He was truly one of the sweetest men I've known. My prayers to his loving family. It is a great loss, but there is no doubt he is with God now. Rest in peace Dave.

Forget Me Nots - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *He showed kindness to everyone he knew and will be remembered by many rest in peace Dave.*

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dave will be missed. He was a good person and musician.*

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tammy, I'm so glad I got to see you guys at Jans party! think of both of you in a warm and loving place in my heart, For dave I do not grieve for he is playing for GOD now My heart goes to you and your family, GOD bless you all and keep you safe until you join him in Heaven Barbara Hinkle Mills*

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tammy and Family,. So sorry to here about Dave. He will be missed by everyone who new him. We had a lot of good times and shared a great love for antique autos, most of all Buicks. I wish i had known sooner that he was ill, I know he cared dearly for his family and friends. He was a great guy and will be missed by all who new him. R.I.P. Dave Jim Hollis*

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincerest condolences to Dave’s family. We knew Dave through open mics; he always had some kind words and encouraging comments for other musicians. Dave touched many people with his friendly attitude and positive energy. He and his bass playing will be sadly missed. Thoughts and Prayers to the Family

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Don I was so sorry to hear about your Dad. Sincerest condolences to you and your family. Funny I saw your dad play a bunch of times and I never knew it was your dad. Stay strong my friend and remember the great stories...so you can share Grandpa with them later in life.....RIP David

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul Gorayeb. It’s been a long time. But you know how i felt about you & Dave. I’ve been in NC(a long time) & back & forth. Allen has passed to. My best thoughts an love for you & family.

February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Tammi, Don and Michael, Your loss is great I know but I wanted to say what a kind man he was. Never said a bad word about anyone. He loved his family so much I remember a Christmas morning and a flat tire that was keeping Michael, Terry and Joe from leaving Ravena. Dave jumped in his car and drove all the way there. Picked them and all the gifts and brought them home for Christmas cause that’s the kind of guy he was. He will be missed. Stay strong Judy AuClair

Red Swirls - February 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM