



Mr. Robert Martin proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for several years, retiring as a Master Sergeant. Post retirement, Robert worked for International Business Machines (IBM) and remained there after the company was bought out by Eastman Kodak until his second and final retirement as a Field Engineer. He then served for many years as the Sunday School Secretary for Green Acres Baptist Church in Warner Robins and enjoyed substitute teaching at Northside High School.

The faculty and students at Northside High School knew him as Mr. Martin or the “candy man!” He always supported the teachers with a smile and a can-do attitude as he offered his help. Everyone wanted Mr. Martin as a substitute teacher. He loved the kids and always had a peppermint in his pocket for everyone. A testament to his love for Northside High

School exists in the yearly scholarship that he established for a deserving senior graduating from Northside High School.

It was Robert’s passion to travel; he enjoyed traveling all over the United States in his R.V. and has gone on 34 different cruises in his lifetime. His greatest joy of all was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The son of the late Herbert William and Antoinette Jean Delnero Martin, Robert was born in Wilmington, Delaware. At the age of 87, Robert Martin passed away at his residence in Centerville, Georgia, on Sunday, August 16, 2000. In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his brother, Herbert W. Martin, Jr.

His memory will forever be treasured by his loving wife, Pauline Martin; step-daughter, Paula Dougherty (Greg) of Macon; grandchildren, Hunter Prim (Eryn) of Macon and Jessica Webster (Christian) of Atlanta; two great-grandchildren; brother, Richard Martin (Peggy) of Wilmington, Delaware; and several loving nieces and nephews.

What does Northside High School mean to you?

It’s hard to put into words what Northside High School meant to Mr. Martin (aka “The Candyman”). After serving in the United States Airforce, he worked for IBM and Eastman Kodak. He had a wealth of life knowledge to share and he found the perfect place with substitute teaching at Northside High School. He loved the students. He was excited to put on his suit and fill his briefcase with candy when he was called to substitute for the day.

The joy he received in talking with the students and listening to their future plans can not be measured. On behalf of our family, we want to thank Northside High School for making our “Papa” happy.