



Donnie Lee Martin

March 23, 1951 - December 12, 2025

Donnie Lee Martin, of Athens, Alabama passed away on Friday, December 12, 2025, at Huntsville Hospital.

Donnie was born on Friday, March 23, 1951, to Mr. Bill Martin and Mrs. Nannie Beatrice (BB) Mitchell Martin in Athens, Alabama.

He spent all of his life in Athens, Alabama where he was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Donnie was half owners of Bill Smith Overhead Doors for 38 of the 39 years there.

Donnie loved having community chicken stews at Oak Grove Club House, as well his hay business. He mostly enjoyed helping others in any way he could.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, eight brothers: JW, Howard, Barry, Billy, Bobby, David, Kenneth, and Charles, as well as one sister; Ruby Brooks.

He is survived by his wife Judy Martin, one son: Timmy (Nina) Martin, two daughters: Dana (Jay) Craig, Hope (Bradley) Young, one sister; Peggy Magnesson, five grandchildren; Kirsten, Ethan, Copelyn, Peyton, as well as Paisley.

There will be a visitation for Donnie, Saturday, December 20, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with a Memorial Service to follow at 1:00 PM, with Bro. Jerry Smith officiating at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home. Burial will be private family only.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the Cancer Society of Huntsville, Alabama.

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home will be assisting the family with services.

Cemetery Details

German Town Cemetery

Athens, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home
27186 E. Main St.
Ardmore, AL 35739
(256) 423-4100
<https://www.ardmorechapel.com/>

Memorial Service

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Donnie was a very good neighbor and friend. I met him over 50 years ago when first move into the community. I enjoyed his stews and looked forward to them. Joyce & I miss him. Our prayers for the family. Bob & Joyce Moss*

Robert Moss - December 20, 2025 at 11:37 AM

VB

“ *Vickie Burwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie Lee Martin*



Vickie Burwell - December 15, 2025 at 05:00 PM

CG

“ *Condolences to the Families.*



Cheryl Ables Geske - December 14, 2025 at 07:33 PM

 Paul Sims

My heart is so sad, I can't express my empathy. He always had a kind word and a helping hand.

Paul Sims - December 15, 2025 at 09:26 AM

KP

Hey!! I remember the first time we met, worked with him for years, it was rough work, Judy, Timmy, Hope and Dana, I'm so, so so, sad and I know words can't fix things this hurts, I love y'all!

Ken Pressnell - December 15, 2025 at 03:26 PM

KP

Fix, in so sorry, and blind, Donnie's laughing about that miss spelling

Ken Pressnell - December 15, 2025 at 03:33 PM