



Rachael Marie Martin

July 7, 1970 - February 6, 2017

Rachael Marie Martin, 46, of Womelsdorf, peacefully entered Heaven's gates on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 5:19 a.m., after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family. For 26 years, she was the wife of Eldon G. Martin. Born in Lebanon County on July 7, 1970, she was the daughter of Moses and Edith Witmer Burkholder. A beloved wife and mother, Rachael loved caring for her family. She loved embroidery, and she had a passion for baking and flower gardening. She dearly loved the mission in New York City, providing food, love and encouragement. In addition to her husband and her parents, she is survived by her five children: daughter Kim wife of Lowell Sensenig of Newville, PA, Joshua & his wife Laura of Greencastle, PA, Jeremy & his wife Janette of North Lima, OH, and Samantha & Michael, both at home; grandchildren Kelly, Maverick and Hazel; brothers Lowell Burkholder of Stouchsburg, Leslie Burkholder of Rehrersburg and Michael Burkholder of Mt. Aetna; and sisters Ruth Witmer of Denver, Donna Burkholder of Fredericksburg, Diane Wine of Lebanon and Rosa Kauffman of Frystown. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Swatara Mennonite Church, 10 Camp Swatara Rd., Myerstown. The viewing will be held on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the church. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, is honored to serve the family. www.kreamerlumfh.com

Tribute Wall

RO

“ I continue to tender my deepest sympathy to the Martins family and honor your loss. God saw the road was getting rough when he decided to call our beloved Rachael home, just over a month ago. Often times I envision her sitting sanctimoniously in church with her warm smile, or getting ready to aboard the van to journey back home.

When I gave sister Rachael the bouquet of roses in the month of January, I never thought it would be so soon when I would have delivered the last one to her.

Let us comfort our selves to know that the Lord God is in the midst of everything and that he never gives us more than what we can bear. Let us continue to trust in him and obey his words.

Rosie - March 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Hi Rachael:I miss you very much. I am at the library and thinking about your lunch and church tomorrow and wondering what would you be preparing for tomorrow. Miss you and see you one of these day in heaven

Sonia Burke - March 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Rachael (acrostic)

R--- religious, righteous and radiant was she.

A--- adorable lady, and an amazing cook, very talented in the arts.

C--- conscientious, caring and cherished.

H--- honesty and being humble were her trade marks.

A--- a woman who merits approval.

E--- entertaining and easy to please.

L--- loving, loyal and loved by all.

Rosie Williams - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *The late Rachael M Martin was a woman of excellence. She had been an absolute tower of strength and her sickness did not prevent her from preparing delicious meals for us on Sundays. She served us well until her strength failed.*

I believe that she will reap her reward in heaven, because of the many lives which she touched. Her death is a fact that we all must accept; since it is a road that we will travel at sometime or the other. It is imperative that we live each day as if it is the last. Hence, we are all aware that death is inevitable.

Rosie - March 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ It was a pleasure to have known Rachael whom I have adopted as my sister in Christ, as well as a dear friend. I continue to think about her daily and reflect upon the happy times we shared. She has gone too soon, but she will never be forgotten. Her unselfish attitude is a testimony to us, that she did not live in vain. Rather, she lived for Christ and because of that, I am confident that she will live again! I miss her sitting beside me at the end of our church services. However, I comfort myself with the hope that she has gone to a better place sitting closer to Jesus.

Rosie Williams - March 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Precisely one month ago we loss someone special. She is no other than our wonderful and beloved daughter, wife , mother ,grand mother, sister, aunt and cousin Rachael-Marie Martin. It is just not easy to cope with the loss of a loved one. More than ever she is in my thoughts all day.In the twinkling of an eye death has stolen her away from us. How I missed hearing her modulated voice, seeing her beaming smiles and feeling her warm embrace since she has 'crossed over.' I believe she is proudly smiling down on us from heaven. We will continue to honor and cherish her memory with a smile. May her soul continue to rest in peace until we all meet again.

Rosie - March 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Sister Rachael was quite appreciative and delighted to have received a bouquet of flowers from me on a monthly basis. Indeed I gave her flowers while she lived and my! oh my! It pleases my heart to know that I was able to perform that gesture until sunset February 6th 2017. Praise Jesus! Sleep on sister.

Rosie Williams - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Our dearly beloved sister Rachael's allotted time on earth was only

46 years

559 months

2,430 weeks

408,384 hours

24,503,040 minutes

1,470,182,400 seconds

To God, we still graciously give the glory and thanks for her time well spent on earth.

How time is really fleeting. It has now been,

1 month

4 weeks

28 days

672 hours

40,320 minutes

2,419,200 seconds

Our sister Rachael has left us within this time span. It is my hope that she is in glory-- and sitting at the feet of Jesus.

Rosie - March 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ One week ago today, death laid its icy hand on a beloved daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend Rachael. She had been a tower of strength for us all. Sister Rachael was a benevolent person who went above and beyond to serve us in many ways. Indeed, she was cognizant of that fact that she would only pass this way but once. With that in mind, she made the effort to do good as long as she could for she knew that she would not pass this way again. Indeed, she has left an indelible mark on our lives. It behooves us now to emulate her life.

God saw the road was getting rough and the hill was too hard for sister Rachael to climb, so he gently closed her loving eyes and whispered to her "Peace be thine". It broke our hearts to see her go, but she did not go alone for part of us went with her on Monday February 6th, 2017 at 5:19 AM. Her course on earth has expired. It is our hope that she has gone to glory to be with the Lord. She will no longer be our cook, but it is our hope that the angels would enjoy her cooking in heaven and enjoy the smells of her flowers in the garden.

I will continue to pray for her family and all who are left to mourn her lost. May sister Rachael continue to rest in peace and rise in glory on that great day.

Rosie Williams - February 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Rachael, thanks for planning the Bronx Reunion with me. I love you.

soniai Burke - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Hi Rachael. I miss you very much. Your friendship could never be replaced. Thank you for allowing me to spend time with your family at your house. Thank you for teaching me compassion towards others. Thank you for teaching me to seek God first and not the things of this world. Thank you for taking all my phone calls. Thank you for allowing me to communicate with you all my worries and concerns to you. Thank you for inviting to your son Michael's school program. It was where I learned the Hymn "Between here and sunset. Rachael, I love you and will continue to keep you in my prayers.

Sonia Burke - February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Rachael, my dear beloved friend, I miss you very much. You left a hold in my heart. I thank you so much for teaching me compassion, to seek the lord first and not the things of this world. Thanks for the many nights I spent at your home. I will always love you. You will never be replaced. Sonia,,--NYC

February 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Martins family I tender my deepest sympathy. My heart is with you in your time of sorrow. May the memories of Sister Rachael and the love of family surround you and give you strength in the days that lie a head. God will comfort and take care of you through this difficult time. He will wipe away all the tears from your eyes and your sorrows will be over when you get to heaven to see sister Rachael. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord forever, amen so let it be. I will always cherish the beautiful memories of my adopted sister Rachael ever to be remembered, gone but will never be forgotten. Rosie

February 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Prayers for your family, Rachael was an inspiration to so many people she always had a smile even though she was in so much pain. No more pain Rachael God be with you.

Janet Muchoney - February 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

The Staff of Kreamer - February 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM