



## Marjorie Kathleen Martin

February 16, 1920 - October 23, 2018

Marjorie Kathleen Holmes Martin was born on February 16, 1920, in Judsonia, Arkansas, to the late Reed L. and Elizabeth White Holmes. She passed from this life on October 23, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, James Leon Martin, her sister, Irma Toms, and two brothers, Charles Axtel and Herbert Holmes.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter, Janyth Baker and her husband, Ron, of Searcy, and three grandchildren, Joel Baker (Heather) of Roland, Arkansas, Lynley Phillips (Tobe) of Grapevine, Texas, and Andrew Baker (Rachel) of Searcy. Survivors very special to her are her great-grandchildren, Hunter and Savannah Baker, Isaac and Evelyn Phillips, and Abigail and Logan Cochran. Special friends left to honor her memory are Nell Darden and Sandra Johnson, former teaching colleagues, who were so faithful to visit her in the last months of illness. Special thanks to the staff of The Crossing at Riverside, especially CNAs Priscilla Walters and Rachel Hastings, for their loving care during this time.

Marjorie attended Judsonia High School, during which time she won the Arkansas State Vocal Competition and was awarded a vocal scholarship. Upon graduation in 1938, she attended college for two years. She then moved to Pontiac, Michigan, where she worked as an office manager in the automotive industry at General Motors. Upon her return to Arkansas several years later, she began her teaching career in Griffithville. Upon her marriage and the birth of her daughter, she was a homemaker until her return to the

classroom in 1958. She completed her teaching degree from Harding University in 1962. Marjorie's teaching career spanned over 30 years, both at McRae Elementary and Sidney Deener Elementary. One of her favorite teaching stories was telling of the day she and her students boarded the yellow school bus with their books in their laps to begin their first day at the new school, Deener Elementary.

Music and children were the two special loves in her life, and she instilled her love of music in the hundreds of second graders that she taught over her career. If you could ask anyone she taught what their favorite part of their school day was, they would always describe singing with Mrs. Martin after the pledge of allegiance for ten to fifteen minutes first thing in the morning. In 2008 Marjorie was inducted into the Searcy Public School Hall of Honor for outstanding service in teaching.

She was a longtime member of the Downtown Church of Christ where she was a Bible class teacher for many years. She was also a member of the Searcy Beethoven Club, as well as a charter member of the Greenkeepers Garden Club.

Visitation with the family will be at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy on Saturday, October 27, at 1:00 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2:00. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Judsonia, Arkansas. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Van Buren Street  
Judsonia, AR 72081

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Homes - Searcy  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220

## Funeral Service

OCT 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marjorie Kathleen Martin



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 26, 2018 at 10:33 AM

EB

We are so sorry about your loss. She was a special lady. May your grief soon leave you and be replaced with joy and comfort from the memories you created together. God bless you all. Eddie & Pat Best, Searcy

Eddie & Pat Best - October 26, 2018 at 10:41 AM

SH

I'M GOING TO MISS MY CALLS TO YOU AND MY SENDING YOU THINKING OF YOU CARDS... MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH JANYTH AND HER FAMILY LOVE TO ALL THE BAKER FAMILY SUSAN TOMS HOUSE YOUR MICHIGAN NIECE

SUSAN TOMS HOUSE - October 26, 2018 at 01:04 PM

SP

“ Ms. Marjorie was one of my favorite residents when she lived at Harding Place. We would cut up everyday. She always had me laughing. She was a great person. She will truly be missed. RIL praying for her family

Shalanda(Shay) Poe - October 27, 2018 at 09:11 AM

LH

“ Mrs Martin was my 2nd grade teacher and one of my favorites. Such a lovely lady. Sending prayers for her family.

Leigh Anne Hawthorne - October 26, 2018 at 09:30 PM

TB

“ I remember this awesome lady being my 2nd grade teacher at Sidney Deener back during the 79-80 school year. She was a great teacher and I remember doing the Pledge of Allegiance daily in her class. Mrs. Martin also would play a game with multiplications going around the room until someone could beat the person who was the first to answer correctly. Wow, great fond memories of a great teacher and class. She will definitely be missed and I will have her family in my thoughts and prayers as they mourn her loss but also celebrate her life and impact on others. May she rest in blissful peace with her Lord in heaven.

Tim Barnes - October 26, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marjorie Kathleen Martin.



October 26, 2018 at 04:12 PM

SP

“ So sorry Janyth in the loss of your dear mother, Aunt Marjorie. Praying that your special memories will comfort you and your family in the days to come. Keeping you all in my prayers. Love you Janyth, Sally Toms Pomerantz. A Michigan Cousin

Sally Toms Pomerantz - October 26, 2018 at 03:24 PM

FM

*Just now getting around to watching video. Beautiful, Beautiful person Aunt Marjorie. I wish we had gotten to visit more often. Christmas will be much different this year for both of us. Take care, Floyd H. McIntyre, nephew by marriage to Beverly Holmes McIntyre, Deceased.*

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**Floyd H. McIntyre** - December 13, 2018 at 04:20 PM