



Edward Martin

April 7, 2006

Martin, Edward Harold age 60, of Brooklyn Center, passed away April 4, 2006 after a courageous battle with kidney cancer. He is survived by loving wife of 37 years, Judy; sons, Grant (Wendi) and Joel (Lisa); granddaughter, Clara; and sister, Linda Bradley. Memorial service 4:00 PM Sat., April 8 at Maranatha Care Center Chapel, 5401 69th Ave. N., Brooklyn Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Struther's Parkinsons Center at Park Nicollet Foundation (952) 993-5023 or website: parknicollet.com/foundation. Washburn-McReavy Robbinsdale Chapel, 763-537-2333

Tribute Wall

KS

“ I had the honor of sharing these thoughts about Ed at his memorial service last Saturday, but I would also like to share them with those who were not able to attend: In all the years of knowing Ed, I never remember seeing him react in a situation in any way except in that calm, steady voice. No matter what the circumstances, when you were around Ed, you knew that everything was going to be all right. And that's exactly the attitude he had about all the challenges that life handed him. Like Job, he knew that we have to take the bad along with the good, and he did it with remarkable grace. My only regret when I think about Ed is that we were only around him and Judy and their boys for a few years before we left Indiana to move back to Oklahoma. I wish our son, Ryan, who was killed in a car accident 5 years ago, could have known Ed better. Even though he was a minister, Ed was never dogmatic about his beliefs. Ryan would have enjoyed knowing and talking with Ed. I find great comfort in believing that they are, in some marvelous, mysterious way, getting to know each other now. Judy, Grant and Joel, Linda and Jerry, know that Jim and I will be praying for you in the days ahead as you continue your journeys here without Ed and as we all look forward to the time of being together again.

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Kirby (Stearns) Shaw,

Broken Arrow,, Oklahoma

Contact Me

Kirby (Stearns) Shaw - April 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MP

“*Judy, Grant and Joel, Linda and Jerry: My connection to Ed was, of course, through Judy, one of my all-time favorite students. But once I saw Ed's handling of Judy's health problems, my admiration of him grew to the same heights as I've always felt for Judy. In fact, the only descriptive term that came to my mind whenever I thought of him through the years was "Saint." What a wonderful example of loving care and selfless service he was to all of us.*

I am so sorry that I was not able to come for his service today. I would have been there if I weren't under a medical no-travel edict. Perhaps Patty and I can make another trip to see Judy when I get released.

My prayers and thoughts are with you all today.

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Mary Kay Parrish,

Shawnee, Oklahoma

Contact Me

Mary Kay Parrish - April 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ I remember the cute couple that Ed and Judy were in our OBU days. Since then they have both had to face difficult challenges and I have the greatest admiration for Ed's steadfast care of Judy and his faith which sustained him. I send his family sympathy and love.
Fran Walker, OBU classmate

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Fran Walker,

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Contact Me

Fran Walker - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Although I hadn't seen Ed since 1968 and haven't seen Judy since about 1970, they have been a vivid part of my life since I met them in 1964 at OBU. They were wonderful--funny, wholesome, good. I remember Judy's mother coming as the OBU nurse Judy's last year of college; I remember that Judy referred to herself as her parent's late-life "accident"; I remember that, because Ed liked my red hair, Judy dyed hers red. I remember Judy's showing us girls her wedding trousseau.

I tell my husband stories about my wonderful friends Ed and Judy, and I inspire my students at Baylor (where I have been teaching for 31 years) with their story of waiting until their wedding night (despite having been in love for at least four years), and I tell my female students not to marry men who won't keep on loving them--even if they have a debilitating illness; I tell them to marry an Ed Martin. I can only imagine what fine people their sons are.

My life is much better because I had these devout and joyous Christians as friends at Oklahoma Baptist University.

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Dr. Linda Walker-Kennedy,

Waco, Texas

Contact Me

Dr. Linda Walker-Kennedy - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Perhaps once in a lifetime will you be fortunate to have a friend like Ed Martin. We recall his ministry of humor, encouragement and loyalty: And always at the side of his beloved Judy. Thanks for the memories, Ed.

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Gary & Pat (Nelson) James,

Oklahoma City

Contact Me

Gary & Pat (Nelson) James - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Judy, Grant, Joel, Linda & Jerry --we are so sorry for your loss. Ed was a wonderful Christian man as you all well know. All of us who knew him were truly blessed by his friendship! See you Saturday.*

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Patty McWilliams,

Shawnee, Oklahoma

Patty McWilliams - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM