

Pallbearers

William Martin
Dale'Shon Stringer
Joseph Peters
Jay'Von Stringer
Vincent Martin
Norris "Ed" Anderson

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

R.A. Prince Funeral Home
16222 Broadway Ave.
Maple Heights, Ohio

Final Bloom

Mary Lee will be buried in
Riverside Cemetery
Cleveland, OH

*Special Thanks
for every call, text,
thought, shoulder,
prayer and blessing.*

Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Mary Lee Martin

March 3, 1948 - March 8, 2022

Friday March 18, 2022

10:00am

Obituary

Mary Lee Martin was born March 3, 1948 in Tampa, FL. She was the second child to the union of Peter James and Mary Cecilia Martin. The family migrated to Detroit in 1950 where she received her education through the Detroit Public School System. She furthered her education at Virginia Farrell for cosmetology. Mary Lee married Joseph Lee Stringer in 1968 to whom she had her first two heartbeats, Joseph Lee Stringer Jr. and Niko Luwan Stringer. Years later she planned to have her last heartbeat Tammala Venus Martin.

Mary Lee worked at Chrysler Capital as a Paper Hanger on the assembly line. She later worked in the Detroit Public Schools System as an office secretary and lunch aid. She never met a stranger. She adopted and protected every child that came into her presence. Her life was dedicated to giving her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren unconditional love, and if she had \$1 you had \$1.

Mary Lee now joins her mother Mary Cecilia, father Peter James, husband Joseph Lee, brother Peter (Pete) James Jr, sister Karen Janine, and beloved cat Diamond Mink, who all preceded her in death.

Mary Lee leaves to mourn her three children Joseph "Buzz" Lee (Regina Marie) Stringer, Niko Luwan Stringer, and Tammala "Tammy" Venus Martin. Her grandchildren: Dale'Shon "Dale" Allen (Gabby) Stringer, Joseph "Bam-Bam" Lee (Amanda) Peters, Jay'Von "Boo" Tremaine Stringer, Ariele "Arie" Ta'won Stringer, Niko "Lil' Niko" Tamia Stringer, Vita Suhtori Davis, Vincent "Woo" Salvatore Martin. Sisters Patricia "Pat" Diane (James) Martin, and Janis "Jan" Kathleen Haywood and brother Kyle Bruce Martin. Nine Great grandbabies: Joseph Lee, Nikail Bryce, Salvatore Giovanni, Jonathon Paul, Arianna Rose, Mikail Armell, Melody Aribella, Bella Marie, and Truth Sekani, her feline companion Grayson Ali, a host of loving nieces and nephews, in addition to many other family members, friends, adopted babies and grandbabies. Four best friends Linda, Betty, Dianna, and Tarina.





*You can have one special grandmother
Patient kind and true
No other friend in all the world
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you
To Granny you will return
For all her loving kindness
She asks nothing in return
As we look upon her picture
Sweet memories we recall
Of a face so full of sunshine
And a smile for one and all
Sweet Jesus, take this message
To our dear Granny up above
Tell her how we miss her
And give her all our love.*

*Love you to infinity and beyond
Arie*



*If Roses Grow In Heaven
Lord Please Pick A Bunch For Me.
Place Them In My Granny Arms
And Tell Her They Are From Me.
Tell Her That I Love And Miss Her
And When She Turns To Smile
Place A Kiss Upon Her Cheek
And Hold Her For A While.
Because Remembering Her Is Easy,
I Do It Everyday
But There Is A Ache Within My
Heart
That Will Never Go Away.
I Love You Granny, Tamia*



My pretty lady. How is life supposed to go on without you? A question I have been asking myself since I felt your pulse leave your body... You were the nurturing soul that I craved whenever I was not feeling like myself. I thought you could fix every little problem. You caught me bissing my first boy, you showed me how to cook homemade food (except that vinegar chicken, (iybyk), taught me how to shake what y'all gave me and so much more. Our last moments linger in my mind.. you gave us signs that your time was approaching, but our love for you blinded us. I had a dream on the 7th about you, when I woke up I told God "if you are going to take my granny, let her go peacefully". So you went. You were one of my best friends and I enjoyed our everlasting conversations.. All I can think about is how you're not in pain.. I'm happy that you are not suffering anymore but I'm hurting right now. I love you with everything in me.. I'm going to miss you every second of the day, but I know when I close my eyes, you are there. Stay with me. Love you, Vita

**Granny,
I'm lost right now,
I just can't believe
you are gone. I can't
believe you won't
call my phone or my
name again. It hurts
that I can't touch,
hug or tickle you
anymore. But I'll
be okay, because
our love is forever
Love you past
infinity!!!
your Woo**





Our Recipe for Always Finding our Way Back

- 2 cups of Love
- 1 tbs. of Patience
- 1 tsp. of Generosity
- 1 pt. of Kindness
- 1 qt. of Laughter

A good pinch of Concern

Mix it well with Happiness, willing to listen and lots & lots of faith. We had our share of Issues. When I say Issues, it is with a capital "I" Nevertheless, we always found our way back to each other. We talked and laughed just hours before you left me. I smile when I think of you being my sister and I laugh when I realize... there is nothing you can do about it.

Your Loving Baby Sister, Pat
P.S. You were ALWAYS my kryptonite



Mary Lee was in her private world
A place where only few can go
She loved you, just in case you didn't know

This world has given her a lot of pain
The pain she endured would have some insane

She loved her children with an unconditional love
Only God knows what this distance did

And the Angels up above
I remember her personality when I was a kid

She was strong + protective and most definitely did not play
You mess with her immediate circle

You would have to pay
I know you wish you had more time
But God had his plan

He said I know you love her
But now she is mine
Love you always,
your Lil sis, Jan



*My eyes are filled with tears again.
As I stand here where you lay.
I think of you every second
But miss you every day.
My body is full of sadness
that you are no longer here
Pain is only soothed
By the memories I held so dear
My tired heart is broken
And doesn't beat the same
And it breaks a little more
Every time I hear your name
My dreams are of the future
When I no longer feel this pain
I'll follow you up to Heaven
And we will meet again.
Love Always,
Niko*



We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And the days before that too
We think of you in silence
We often spoke your name
Now all we have is memories
And your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our heart

Love Boo



On 3/3/22 you told me, Vita, and Vincent thank you for giving you a great birthday...one of your best! You told me your birthday wish was for peace and I promised you on my end, you got it. You proceeded to tell us how grateful you were and you told us this would be your last birthday with us. Who would've ever thought that just five days later you would be taking your last breath in my arms.

Thank you Ma for the love you gave me, the unyielding support, I will forever cherish our memories, fly in your new wings, you deserve them. You will forever be the stem to my flower.

I love you forever and always,
Tammy



Mama,
Thank you for loving me and accepting me & my children. You have blessed me with one of my greatest gifts, my sister Tammy. Thank you and I will always carry you in my heart.
Love you. Deanna

Butterfly Kisses

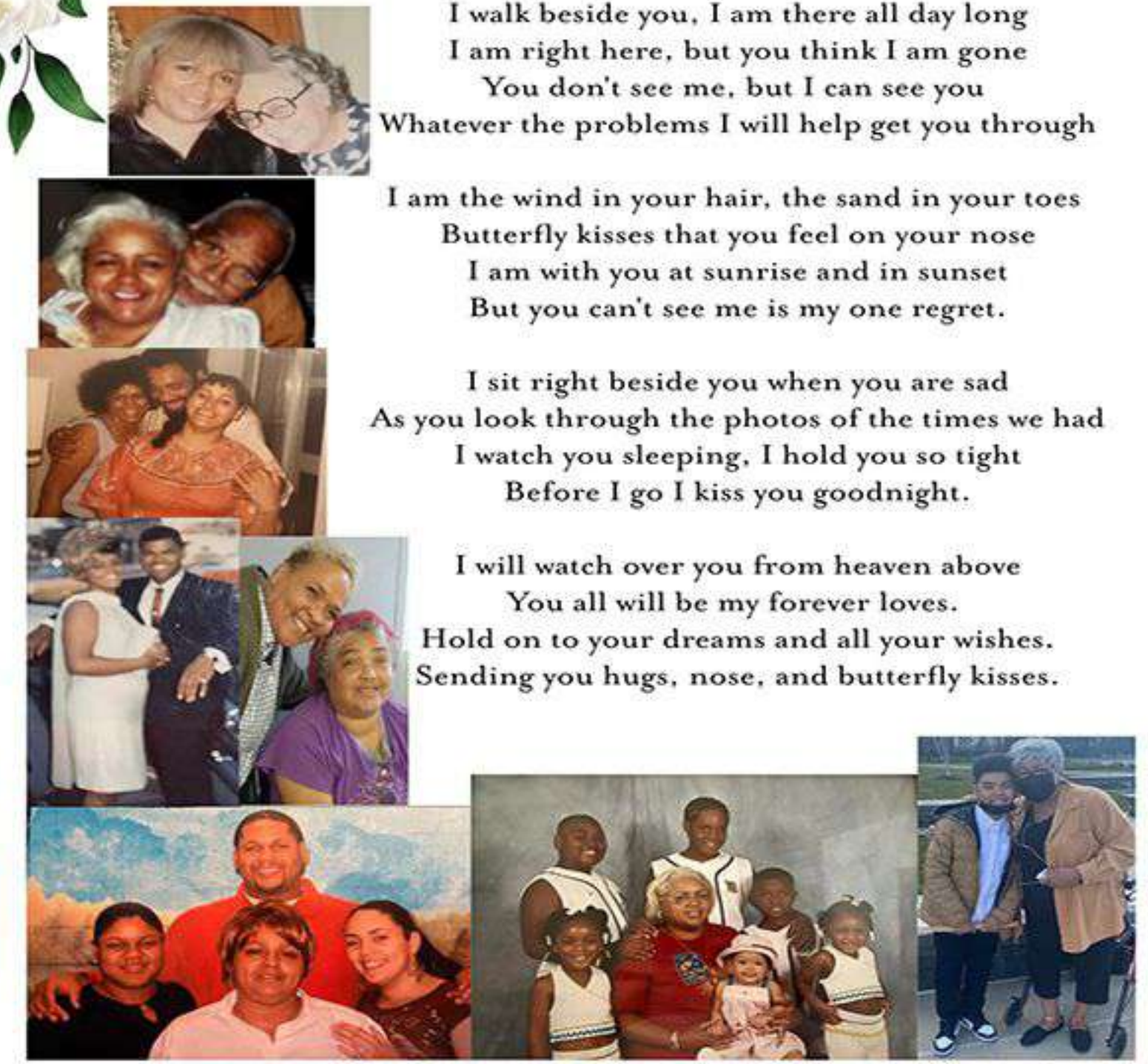
Don't cry for me please don't be sad
Hold on to the memories of the times we all had
Don't dwell on dark thoughts hold on tight to your wishes
Sending you hugs, lots of nose, and plenty of butterfly kisses.

I walk beside you, I am there all day long
I am right here, but you think I am gone
You don't see me, but I can see you
Whatever the problems I will help get you through

I am the wind in your hair, the sand in your toes
Butterfly kisses that you feel on your nose
I am with you at sunrise and in sunset
But you can't see me is my one regret.

I sit right beside you when you are sad
As you look through the photos of the times we had
I watch you sleeping, I hold you so tight
Before I go I kiss you goodnight.

I will watch over you from heaven above
You all will be my forever loves.
Hold on to your dreams and all your wishes.
Sending you hugs, nose, and butterfly kisses.





Order of Service

Processional

Scripture/Prayer
Harnetta Shenell Epps

Selection
My Girl by The Temptations

Tributes
Family and Friends

Obituary
Deanna Brown

Selection
Make You Feel My Love by Adele

Eulogy
Rev. Lavoris Smith

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

