



## Mrs. Martha Perkins

September 8, 1932 - April 8, 2020

### Martha's Story

Mrs. Martha B. Perkins was born, one of twelve children, to the late Willie & Sarah Barrett, on September 8, 1932. She was joined in holy matrimony to the late George Perkins, Jr. of Pitt County. To this union, nine children were born. On Wednesday, April 8, 2020, Mrs. Martha transitioned from this life to be with the Lord.

Mrs. Martha grew up in Pitt County and attended Jones School, she was a devoted employee of Carolina Leaf and Greenville Marble. She was selfless and found joy and purpose in caring and being generous to others. She was full of love, easily approachable, and very personable; she never met a stranger. She was the rock of her family and was a surrogate to many children and grandchildren. Everyone had a special place in her heart. Mrs. Martha was also a disciplinarian. She carried a paddle, affectionately named, "Mr. Good Bar" and she could give you a serious "momma look" without saying a word and everyone knew exactly what it meant. Mrs. Martha loved to travel, go to the gym, and had a passion for cooking. A few of her signature dishes were collards greens with dumplings, Eastern Carolina style barbecue, and her grated sweet potato pudding. The last grated sweet potato pudding she made was for Pastor Corbett, who became her son. Mrs. Martha would feed you, listen to your concerns, and told great stories from her past. Her laughter was infectious and warmed many hearts.

Mrs. Martha was a member of Greenville Community Christian Church, where she faithfully attended until her health declined. She could be seen smiling with joy and gladness as she listened to the preaching and worshipped. She oftentimes quoted Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Mrs. Martha was preceded in death by her husband, George Perkins, Jr; nine siblings, Nancy Little, Carolyn Dudley, Willie Barrett, Peyton "Boy" Barrett, James Barrett, Samuel Barrett, Charlie Barrett, Corris Barrett; two sons-in-law, Curtis Pearson and Herbert Filmore.

Mrs. Martha leaves to cherish her memories, one brother, Johnny Morris Barrett; two sisters, Mary Perkins (her twin) of Orange, NJ and Alice Carter of Winterville, NC; two sons, Clarence Perkins of Kinston, NC, Bobby Perkins (Geraldine Perkins) of Greenville, NC; seven daughters, Marjorie Pearson, Essie Filmore, Sarah A. Corbett (Pastor James D. Corbett) and Alice Perkins all of Greenville, NC, Martha Taylor of Winterville, NC, Lena Perkins-Lane, and Edith Perkins of Greenville, NC; twenty-six grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; a special friend, Ms. Corrina Howard; a host of nieces, nephews who were dear to her heart, other relatives, and friends.

Grandma, you are...

The Wind beneath my wings,

The Hope that kept me going.

The Drive that pushed my feet,

The Love that warmed my heart.

The Light that lit my path,

The Joy through all my sorrow.

The Ear that always heard,

The Voice that spoke great wisdom.

The Food for my belly,

The Cup that we all drank from!

The Laugh that kept me smiling,

The Friend during hard times...

Now, you are my Angel that keeps me Safe!

We love you, Grandma,

The Grandchildren.

# Events

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**APR** **Viewing** 02:00PM - 07:00PM

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Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations Chapel  
3205 E. 10th Street, Greenville, NC, US, 27858

**APR** **Viewing** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Community Christian Church  
1104 N Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC, US, 27834

**APR** **Celebration of Life Service** 12:00PM

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1104 N Memorial Drive, Greenville, NC, US, 27834

# Comments

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“ Sheryl Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Sheryl Thompson - April 16 at 08:26 PM

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“ May God grant you peace, strength and comfort during this time of bereavement.



LaVette Ford - April 16 at 12:41 PM

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“ Dianna Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Dianna Daniels - April 15 at 11:06 PM

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“ Miss you always Grandma, you looked so good today as we laid you you to rest , I miss you but (I got # 1 angel watching over me and my boys). Tell my son, Lavern and Grandma Sarah I said hello

Shay - April 15 at 12:37 AM

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“ Glenda Creech lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Glenda Creech - April 14 at 08:39 PM

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“ Ann Teel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Ann Teel - April 14 at 07:22 PM

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“ We are very sorry for your loss and we continue to pray for the Perkins family.

Steven Soles and Danielle (Teel) Soles

Danielle Soles - April 14 at 05:51 PM



“ God will never leave you. He gives you strength. Continue to trust Him. Love You Family  
Deepest Sympathy  
Mack and Ann Teel

Ann Teel - April 14 at 07:28 PM

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“ Been knowing Mrs Martha every since I was a very little girl. Actually the whole family. We grew up together just like family always to each other house. When I heard of her passing it was just so heart broken. Mrs Martha u will always remember the beautiful kind hearted person I have always remember you to be from day one . Queen you will truly be miss. Rest in Paradise beautiful lady. Family stay together stay strong.



**Sheron jones** - April 14 at 01:38 PM

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“ Ms Martha was a wonderful person. She treated me just like I was one of her daughters from the time I actually met her back in the early 70’s. She was an amazing mother who took care of her family like a “ real” mother would. My condolences go out to all of you. My family and I will be praying for you all. God will take care of you.



**Margaret Witherspoon. (Peggy)** - April 14 at 11:02 AM

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“ May our Lord and savior be with you and your family. Our prayers are with you



**Jeanette Bunn@Family** - April 13 at 07:58 PM

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“ Faye Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Faye Lane - April 13 at 11:24 AM

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“ With great sympathy and appreciation for such a kind and caring woman, we extend our heart-filled thoughts and prayers to the family of Mrs. Martha Perkins. We will always cherish our very fond memories of her. Love Always, Sherry Wilson and Family (Dorothy, Ruby, Antajuan, Angelica, Antonio, Ambria, and Raelyn).

Sherry Wilson - April 13 at 07:29 AM



“ Aunt Martha will truly b missed rest n paradise

Carolyn Dudley Gray - April 16 at 10:51 PM

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“ Vickie Willis Joyner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Vickie Willis Joyner - April 12 at 11:05 PM

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“ BROTHER Billy Dudley and your family, Mardisie and I wish to extend our deepest condolences at this time of bereavement. PLEASE know our prayers are with you and your family at this time. Arthur and Mardisie King

Arthur King - April 12 at 06:20 PM

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“ 110 files added to the album LifeTributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - April 12 at 11:22 AM

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**Martha Lane** - April 12 at 08:28 AM

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“ To the Perkins family, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers and you have our deepest sympathy.  
Frank and Bernadette Blythe

**Bernadette Blythe** - April 11 at 10:11 PM

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“ Aunt Martha my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ms. Martha was a lady that was so sweet and full of LOVE in her heart. She will be truly missed but never forgotten.



**Harvette Brown** - April 11 at 10:01 PM

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“ Her presence will surely be missed and I am praying for comfort and strength for the family during this time! Stephanie Pearsall



**Stephanie Pearsall** - April 11 at 07:21 PM

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“ My only memory is from the Family Reunion in NC 2018. That pretty purple jacket that got left behind. I had the pleasure of securing it so it could be returned to it's rightful owner. Family, it hurts my heart to know I won't get to see Cousin Martha again on this side. I'm praying your strength. Sweet sleep Cousin... You finished the race.

**Yolanda Barrett** - April 11 at 06:52 PM

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“ Vanessa Padgett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



**Vanessa Padgett** - April 11 at 02:59 PM

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“ My sincere condolence to the family. Praying for you during this time.



**Brittney Andrews** - April 11 at 07:16 AM

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“ So sorry to hear about Martha's passing, Definitely praying for the family. Lord give them strength during this hardship



**Barbara Chapman** - April 10 at 09:39 PM

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“ Priscilla Odom lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Priscilla Odom - April 10 at 08:19 PM

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“ Berthony Petitfrere sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Berthony Petitfrere - April 10 at 07:26 PM

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“ To the Perkins family so sorry for your loss, I will be praying for you, Sarah you are in my prayers your mom was a kind and very sweet person to know, I can,t tell you that times heal all wounds, some wounds never heal, you just learn how to lived with them. love you



Lillian Kornegay - April 10 at 04:27 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha Perkins.





“ I will always miss you grandma



**Brian PB Parker** - April 10 at 01:27 PM

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“ Michele Nobles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



**Michele Nobles** - April 10 at 01:07 PM

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“ Lovely Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



**Lovely Jackson** - April 10 at 12:33 PM

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“ Fondly memories will last forever draw on them as you go through this time of loss  
Our prayers are with the family  
Tyrone and Carolyn Perry



**carolyn Johnson Perry** - April 10 at 12:22 PM

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“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory



**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - April 10 at 10:42 AM

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“ Janautica Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



**Janautica Ward** - April 10 at 10:07 AM

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“ Keona Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



**Keona Brown** - April 10 at 09:19 AM

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“ Angela Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Angela Moore - April 09 at 07:11 PM

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“ Love, your Steriles Family at Thermo Fisher purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ms. Martha Perkins.



Love, your Steriles Family at Thermo Fisher - April 09 at 03:07 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Martha Perkins.



April 09 at 01:52 PM

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“ Peggy Slade lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Perkins



Peggy Slade - April 09 at 01:00 PM