



## Mrs. Sharon Kay Martin

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Sharon Kay Martin, 69, of Plant City, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on January 20, 2026. Born on July 24, 1956, in Syracuse, New York, Sharon lived a life defined by faith, family, and a heart that never stopped giving.

Sharon was a proud retired School Bus Driver with Hillsborough County School Transportation. She didn't just drive a route, she carried precious lives. To her, every student mattered. Every child was someone to protect, encourage, and love. Sharon built bonds with the kids she transported, and many of them will remember her as more than a bus driver. She was a safe place, a steady presence, and a familiar smile when the world felt heavy. Her dedication and skill were recognized when she won the County Bus Rodeo and proudly placed second in the State Rodeo, accomplishments that reflected her hard work, focus, and excellence.

A God-loving and God-fearing woman, Sharon's faith was not something she wore for show, it was the foundation of who she was. She loved deeply, prayed fiercely, and stood strong through whatever life placed in her path. She loved her family more than life itself, and the devotion she poured into her home and the people she cherished is a legacy that will outlive any words

written here.

Sharon had a creative spirit and found peace in the simple beauty of life. She enjoyed seeing, observing the world around her, and expressing what she felt through drawing. She had a quiet talent and a gentle way of bringing comfort through the things she created and the way she lived.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband, Edward Richman Martin; her daughter, Frances Dawkins (BJ); her son, Richard "Richie" Johann Martin, all of Plant City; her grandchildren, Austin Talley and Kaylynn Talley; seven great-grandchildren; and her beloved grand fur-baby, Shelly. She is also survived by her siblings, Laura Hewitt (Bobby) and David Ware (Debbie), and she is reunited in Heaven with her brother, Jerry Ware, who preceded her in death.

Sharon Kay Martin was the kind of woman you don't replace. She was love in motion, faith in action, and strength wrapped in kindness. Though her absence leaves an ache that cannot be explained, her family finds comfort in knowing she is at peace, held in the arms of the God she loved so much.

Her life was a blessing.

Her memory is a treasure.

And her love will live on forever.

# Tribute Wall



“ *She absolutely loved everyone but she adored her great grandbabies. They brought her such joy as she did to them. Quick story .. my oldest granddaughter told me today that she was going to miss fixing her Grans hair (she would always comb Mama's hair and put bows in them) what a sad moment right but then it takes a turn and she says but it's okay because now God's doing Grans hair and she's happy. Awwwwww God is so good! Turned a moment of sad silence to God did that!*

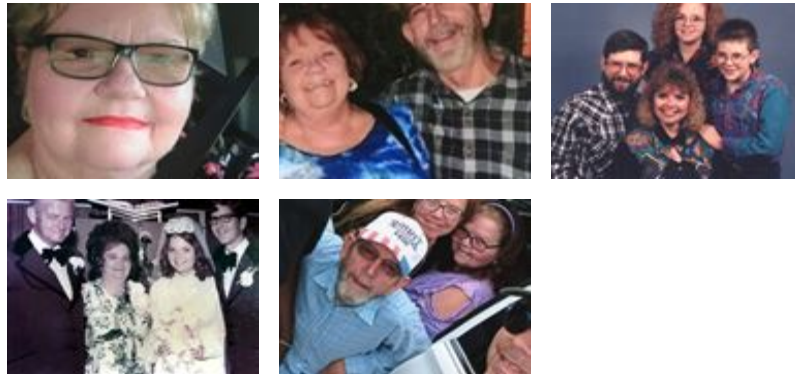


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**Franci Dawkins** - February 06 at 06:14 PM



“ *45 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - February 06 at 02:38 PM

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“ I remember i use to play on her school bus, and she would let me get on as she was coming home from her routes, as she parked her bus. I believe i was only 3 or 4 years old. She was so sweet and loving!

Kirstan McQuinn (Jennings) - January 30 at 12:45 PM

RM

*She loved you baby girl!*

Richard Martin - February 07 at 07:38 PM

EW

“ Martin I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom is at peace and reunited with others. I'm sure she had a good life and was surrounded by a beautiful family. RIP till we allert again



Elaine Wilt - January 29 at 05:31 PM

EW

*All meet again*

Elaine Wilt - January 29 at 05:32 PM

RM

*Thank you my sweet friend! Love you!*

Richard Martin - February 07 at 07:37 PM

KS

“ Sharon was one of the sweetest ladies I had the pleasure of driving with. Always had a smile and a kind word. I have been retired a long time but remember her fondly. Give my mama a big hug Sharon. She'll be one of the other Plant City drivers in heaven.



Kimberly Shirley - January 23 at 06:03 PM

GH

Sharon was like a sister to me, always loving and caring❤️ Life has a way of keeping friends apart but we always caught up and kept in touch. She is loved and very much missed❤️

Gloria Howard - January 24 at 10:48 AM

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SHE WAS ONE OF MY BUS DRIVERS AND CO WORKERS I WAS HER DEES ATTENDANT FOR YEARS MY CONDOLENCES TO EDDIE AND THE FAMILY.. LOVE TONYA GORDON

Tonya Gordon - January 24 at 03:37 PM



I remeber when Sharon and I were teenagers and she just got her driver's license. I didn't have mine yet. She wanted to go for a spin and introduce me to some of her friends. She said, come on Katy and get in the car. We got in and before we took off, she reached down and took off her flip-flops and threw them in the back seat. She said, I don't drive with my shoes on and don't tell mom. Sharon is my cousin and I will miss her dearly, especially her laughter and sense of humor.

Katy Jensen - January 29 at 05:32 PM

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Thank you all for sharing these memories! Much love! She loved all of you!

Richard Martin - February 07 at 07:38 PM



“ Leslie L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Sharon Kay Martin.

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**Leslie L.** - January 23 at 02:10 PM