



Neil Richard Martin

July 4, 1968 - December 9, 2025

Neil Richard Martin 57, of Statesville, NC, passed away unexpectedly on December 9th, 2025, at Wake Forest Medical Center in Forsyth County, North Carolina, surrounded by his loving family.

Neil was born on July 4th, 1968, in Springfield, Massachusetts to Sharon Malo Martin and Daniel Neil Martin. He was a graduate of North Iredell High School in Statesville, NC and earned his bachelor's degree in Bible studies at East Coast Bible College. Neil's biggest passion was his missionary called Brother in Christ. (BIC Missionary). He was able visit Uganda where he formed many friendships and fellowship. He had a heart of gold and genuinely kind spirit. Throughout Neil's life, he loved spending time with his family and friends, always loved a good joke, even the silly ones, and often told many himself. With his birthday being on the 4th of July he would provide a spectacular fireworks display for his family and friends every year. You could often find Neil taking trips in his power chair in or around town to see what was going on.

In addition to his mother (who was also his caretaker), and father. He is survived by three sisters, Shelly Martin (Neil), Jackie Martin (Todd), and Jill Martin, and his nephews, Dillon Kerley, Matthew Kerley, Wesley Lytton, and his niece, Evelyn Lowe; great nephew, Elijah Kerley all of Statesville, NC; special friend, Ray Smith and his much-loved Shih tzu, Lexi. He is also survived by a large extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins, and numerous friends he loved from all over the world.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to give thanks to the medical team of Wake Forest Medical Center for their care, to all the family and friends who have reached out to support and express their sympathy, and to Neil's friends overseas who loved him like their own brother. Neil was one of a kind, loved everyone as they are, and always put others before himself.

Cavin Cook Funeral Home of Mooresville will be servicing the family.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Family and Friends

JUL 4 (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory
494 East Plaza Drive (PO Box 977)
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

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“ I went to school with Neil and a neighbor of his for many years. He was always such a sweet caring person. Keeping the Martin family in my thoughts and prayers. Anita Deal Weaver

Anita Deal Weaver - December 17, 2025 at 10:04 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Neil Richard Martin.



December 17, 2025 at 03:02 PM

JM

“ You are loved so much, Neil...and will forever be missed. He had the most contagious laugh, and it would always come out of nowhere sometimes, which made it even funnier. Neil was the strongest man I've ever known and always remained positive, regardless of what was going on. Neil's big heart will forever be an inspiration to me and his spirit will never be forgotten.

Jill Martin - December 17, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ I will miss Neil, his smile his silly jokes his sharp wit, he was the toughest guy I knew who had many struggles to overcome in his life. may he rest in peace,
we love you,
Randy & Cathy

Cathy Heller - December 15, 2025 at 06:35 AM

DM

I will too, for the same reasons. And all the time we spent together, in the nursing home for 3 weeks, going to PT together, having meals together, and his relentless pursuit of getting better. All the silly clips he sent me. Going out to eat together. Always fun. Strongest guy I ever knew.

David Malo - December 15, 2025 at 09:24 AM

JM

Although I know neither of you were thrilled to be in the nursing home, I'm glad the timing worked out the way it did. I'm sure it made both your stays more enjoyable.

Jill Martin - December 17, 2025 at 01:06 PM