

Robert "CJ" Martin

May 6, 1983 - February 20, 2016

Robert Craigg Martin IV "CJ", 32, of Shelbyville KY, passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 20, 2016.

CJ was born May 06, 1983, in Frankfort, Ky. He was a lifelong area resident. He worked as an HVAC Technician. He was a long time member and previous instructor at Capital City Martial Arts in Frankfort. CJ joined the US Army after High School and served his country in two Afghanistan tours of duty.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Martin of Shelbyville; two brothers, Brandon Trent of Shelbyville, Jeff Trent and wife Melissa of Olive Hill; his long time fiancé, Donna Smith and children Cayden, Nikki, Alexis, and Melanie all of Frankfort; nieces, Kayla Willoughby and Sierra Trent of Olive Hill; nephews, Tyler Trent of Frankfort, Cody Baker, Jeffrey Trent Jr. ; a great nephew, Braxton Willoughby of Olive Hill; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

His father, Robert Craigg Martin III; grandparents, Katherine and Carl Walling and Alice and Robert C. Martin II, preceded him in death.

CJ was our free spirit. He was deeply loved and will be dearly missed. He was full of life and never met a stranger. He had too many friends to list. If you knew him, you couldn't help but love him.

At the request of CJ's family, there will be no service. A private service to celebrate his life will be held at a later date.

Comments



“ Cj was a free spirited person and always was cool with everyone. In middle and high school everyone had their little crews, but when people found out that Cj was doing Martial arts people respected him more. Probably cause they knew he would kick their asses. Now that I don't live in Frankfort anymore so I don't get to keep up with a lot of my friends. Cj will be missed, its really unfortunate. I'll miss u Cj.

Gary watts - March 28, 2016 at 12:09 AM



“ I remember when C.J. would come downtown and Sit around with his friends. He just had a special way of putting smiles on peoples faces. We would always end up laughing together. Look down on me my friend. :-}
Jeremy Adams.

Jeremy Adams - February 23, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ Play on CJ, a beautiful person whose life was cut short to soon! I will always remember you playing the bongos on St Claire and the smile on your face. Not sure how this happened to such a great guy! Hooah!!

Jane Payne - February 23, 2016 at 07:30 AM



“ Julie Pulliam lit a candle in memory of Robert "CJ" Martin



julie pulliam - February 23, 2016 at 06:59 AM



“ C.J. was my best friend and my brother! Through the years we created a inseparable brotherly bond! We had so many good times together. I remember in high school CJ would run from his moms house out on Owenton rd to high school! Which was a good five miles if not more! I always thought he was amazing in everything he did! While we were always great friends through out school. From about 15 on we were best friends. I remember being his best man at his wedding! And him being in mine! It was a very special thing for him to honor me that way! I remember in 2003 me and him both got on the stage. On Saturday night at the Expo in Frankfort. We then proceeded to announce to everyone out in the crowd that we was throwing a party! Little did we know 100's of people was going to show up LOL! Oh man brother we sure had some great times! For which i am super thankful for! I am so glad i got to meet you and become you best friend! We had our ups and downs. But through it all the ups far surpassed the downs. Your were always wearing that big bright smile that could light up a room! With CJ there was never a dull moment! If you was down it would not be long before he had you smiling. I am thankful to have so many amazing memories with you brother! I cant express how many lives this man touched. But i can assure you there were 10's of thousands. The world has lost one great American Hero! CJ my brother i am going to miss you! I know we will see each other again and that cant be soon enough! Until then i love ya brother and go rest high on that mountain! The angels are waiting for you brother! Guess they needed another good one up there!



Talon Stigers - February 22, 2016 at 07:44 PM



“ CJ. We worked together at Winn Dixie and could always depend on you if I needed anything that needed to be done. With that big smile you always had on your face just made my day if I was down. You were a good friend to me and my sons. You will be missed my friend. THE GOOD DIE YOUNG. You had a big heart. You helped so many people in so many ways. But that smile will never be forgotten. Love you son. My heart breaks for Dorothy and Jeff. May God bring you comfort and peace knowing he is in a better place and not struggling with pain in his heart. Many prayers to you .

Shirley - February 23, 2016 at 02:36 AM



“ Sorry, Talon, I know you guys were close when we were younger. You're defiantly in my prayers!

Mandi - February 23, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ CJ Martin. Little Chip Jr.

You have left the earth much too early young man. I know of your struggles and tried so desparately to help and to no avail. I failed you and never knew. You had so much potential and would have been a really good Hvac technician and you were on your way to master this trade. You had a good heart and soul. Life dealt you many curve balls and you overcame so many of them. It truly breaks my heart that you have left us so early. You will be missed CJ Martin. Bless your heart son.

Chris31958 - February 22, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ I am in shock!! though I only have vague early childhood memories of this family my father worked with them closely and my heart cries out with blessings for you as you grieve the loss of this precious young life. May you be comforted and given peace and guidance to see you through this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss.

Stephanie Bolin Atkins - February 22, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ CJ was one of those special people that illuminated such positive energy – I knew him in high school and I can honestly say that he was a genuine person that always had a big smile – he didn't know a stranger. I send Him and his family my love and prayers

Suzy Hosley - February 22, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ CJ had the biggest heart. You will forever be missed! I could call you anytime if I had a problem and you were right there! I love you brother!!!



cristin norton - February 22, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ Cj had a priceless smile and a huge heart! Heart goes out to his family and especially his kids. Love you sweet friend, rest easy.....

Sandie Brumley Eastman - February 22, 2016 at 03:05 PM



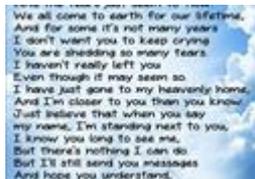
“ Love this guy to death. We have had a long relationship as brothers. There have been ups and down, but through it all we were there for each other. My prayers go out to Dottie and sons, if I can do anything to help through this transition just let me know. So many people are hurt right now because the impression that CJ left on everybody. CJ would want us to be happy, and remember all the good each and every one of us had with him. I raise my glass, and toast to CJ Martin! I love you brother.

Thomas Arnwine

Thomas Arnwine - February 22, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ Cj was a wonderful person I don't recall ever seeing him without that big smile he was sweet and a good friend he will be missed by so many rip fly high cj



Melissa Rose - February 22, 2016 at 12:59 PM



“ CJ was the first friend I ever had. I remember talking to him in the cafeteria at Peaks Mill Elementary, he must have been in the first grade. We shared a common interest (probably Ninja Turtles), and the rest is history. We spent almost everyday searching the farms we lived on, building forts and club houses, and practicing our Martial Arts. CJ introduced me to CHE-LU and John Mason. Both of which became a huge part of my life. I can honestly say I would not be who I am today if it were not for CJ. I do not think I ever saw him without a smile on his face, and without a funny story to tell. He truly set the example of what it means to be kind, helpful, and genuine. He was one of a kind, and I will miss him very much.

To you CJ,

You are my brother. Almost all of my childhood are memories with you in them, and well into our adult lives. Thank you for being a friend when I had none, supporting me when I had no legs, and bringing more joy into my life than I ever could have asked for. You will live forever because of the memories you made, and the love you spread. I love you brother, we will see each other again!

Owen Toole - February 22, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ When I started peaksmill elementary in the 3rd grade I sat next to CJ and we instantly became friends. He was a very caring and sweet person. CJ had a heart as big as Earth. He will be missed

Elvis Hensley - February 22, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ CJ left beat we can dance to in all of our hearts. You will be dearly missed my friend.



Everyone who knew him - February 22, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ He was always the kind of friend you loved to see. Whenever i was down, he could always make me smile

Christina Jones - February 22, 2016 at 12:01 PM