



# Jeannie Martin

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**J**eannie Martin, beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend, went to be with the Lord on December 21, 2024, at the age of 78. Born on May 16, 1946, in Peru, Indiana, Jeannie was the cherished daughter of Stephen and Helen Dobler and the younger sister of Steve and Rich Dobler.

A proud graduate of Peru High School, Jeannie pursued her passion for teaching at Purdue University. In April 1974, she married Craig Martin, embarking on a life filled with love, adventure, and a growing family. Together, they raised five children: Jim (Monica) Davidson, Jennifer (Todd) Beaufort, Brian (Janay) Martin, David (Melissa) Martin, and Kristin (Michael) Rinker.

Jeannie and Craig built their life together on the family farm in Deer Creek, Indiana, before moving to Clayton, North Carolina; Terre Haute, Indiana; Ames, Iowa; and finally, Fort Myers, Florida, in 2009.

Jeannie's life was a testament to her passion for helping others. Early in her career, she worked as the Technology Coordinator at Carroll Elementary School, inspiring a love of learning in young minds. She also served as a mentor and leader in her community, dedicating her time to organizations such as 4-H, the Home Economics Club, MOPS, and the Fort Myers Women's Club, where she served as Past President. Her contributions extended to roles as President of Florida Gulf Coast University's Town and Gown organization and as a Board Member of the Fort Myers Community Concert Association.

A woman of deep Christian faith, Jeannie was a devoted member of Fort Myers New Hope Presbyterian Church, serving as both an Elder and a Deacon. Her guidance, compassion, and leadership were gifts to her congregation and community.

Jeannie's legacy will live on in the lives she touched through her unwavering kindness, passion for service, and enduring faith. She was the consummate hostess and loved to entertain. Her love for



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deep conversation accompanied by fine wine is well documented. Her family, friends, and community will forever cherish memories of her determination, compassion, and generous spirit.

A celebration of Jeannie's life will be held at New Hope Presbyterian Church on January 10th (receiving line at 12:00 PM and a service at 1:00 PM). An additional celebration will take place in Indiana on June 29 (details forthcoming). In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Jeannie's name to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 10051 Plantation Rd., Fort Myers, FL 33966.

Jeannie is survived by her loving husband, Craig; her five children: Jim, Jennifer, Brian, David, and Kristin; her brother, Rich Dobler; and her 12 grandchildren: Tyler "Tee" Martin, Ashton (Juan) Reveles, Lauryn Martin, Grayden Beaufort, Elle Davidson, Cortney Martin, Justice Martin, Jackson Beaufort, Jake Martin, Jacob Rinker, Owen Martin, and Joshua Rinker. She is also survived by countless friends and loved ones whose lives she enriched.

Jeannie will be deeply missed but fondly remembered as a beacon of love, faith, and service.




# Events

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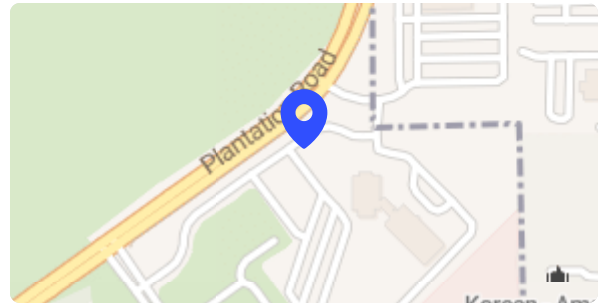
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## Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, January 10, 2025

 1:00 PM ET

 **New Hope Presbyterian Church**  
10051 Plantation Road, Fort Myers FL 33966





# Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Martin family.



January 7 at 2:03 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Jeannie.



January 7 at 2:03 PM



**Shari McMinn** posted:

Jeannie became a friend to me while we attended New Hope. I was the new kid in town and she warmly greeted me with her loving and warm conversations. As we swapped stories about our mutual farmwife backgrounds, her love for her husband, family, and friends was evident. As her body failed, her smile and laughter continued on and that is how I'll always remember her. I'll miss my friend for now but will spend eternity with her in the presence of our Savior Jesus.

December 29 at 1:11 PM



**Tuesday Shannon** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Jeannie was always willing to help. I first met her through Fort Myers Woman's Community Club. We were getting ready for a ball and she was one of the people in charge of food (to feed the volunteers). I remember her in her frilly apron! Then we worked together on different teas for the club. However, this year she was on the membership committee that I was leading. I can not say enough about what she has done. She was always there to support me with a phone call, a text or showing up as recent as November. She came to the sip and shop after the hurricane when we were trying to raise everyone's spirits. I wish I had more photos of her smile. She always had a smile. God Bless her as I know she is with him. I pray that we can all support Craig and the family in their time of need. Jeannie was certainly an angel.



December 23 at 12:56 PM



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DM

**Danielle Martin** posted:

When we first moved to Gateway ten years ago we learned that the house we had bought had been built by Jeannie and Craig Martin years before. Jeannie and Craig were probably the first neighbors to greet us. Jeannie had a big heart and great soul. Our street will never be the same without her. Our prayers go to Craig and all of the family. She will be missed but will forever be in our hearts. Danielle and John Martin 🙏🙏🙏

December 24 at 7:27 AM

DK

**Di Knight** posted:

Jeannie was a dear friend for 25 years. We had so much fun at New Hope with Mops and decorating for so many functions. I dreamed about her last night. I can into church and there she was--- healthy just beautiful. I said " they told me you passed away--- She grinned that grin of hers and said" No. I am more alive than I have ever been". And she is.

December 23 at 12:56 PM



Tuesday Shannon shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 28 at 11:13 AM



at Ives Sip and Shop for FMWCC



at November's Brushes and Bubbly FMWCC



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jeannie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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