



Mr. Martin Eby Gehman

April 28, 1936 - November 3, 2024

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Pastor, business-owner, and radio broadcaster Martin Eby Gehman, 88, of Atmore, Ala., went home to be with Jesus at 5:15pm on Sunday November 3, 2024 while in the care of North Baldwin Infirmary in Bay Minette. Mr. Gehman, or “Marty” as he was lovingly known, was in the presence of family when he entered his Heavenly rest.

Martin (Marty) was born on April 28, 1936 near Selinsgrove, Pa. to the late Harry and Sarah (Eby) Gehman. As the youngest of 8 children, Marty follows three brothers and three sisters to Glory – Arthur Gehman, John Gehman, Lester Gehman, Edith (Gehman) Groff, Grace (Gehman) Aungst, and Lucy (Gehman) Rudy. He is survived by his brother Jacob Gehman.

Martin shared the joys and sorrows of a full life with his dear wife, the late Vernie Lee (Barnhill) Gehman. They married on July 11, 1956 and spent 65 years together building their family and ministering to the Atmore community as pastors of Gospel Light Church. They shared a deep love for Vernie’s Creek Nation family and dedicated their lives to serving them in Christ.

Martin was the beloved father of the late Randy “Dale” (Darlene) Gehman, Ephrata, Pa.; Martin Gerald “Jerry” (Faith) Gehman, Atmore; David Wayne (Shyrell) Gehman, Atmore; Joseph “Joe” Lynn (Rhonda) Gehman, Pelham,

Ala.; and Martha Elaine Gehman (Todd) Gookin, Atmore. Martin was a cherished Grandfather to 16 grandchildren and to 18 beautiful great grandchildren. As Psalm 127 says, Martin delighted in his quiver-full and kept them daily in his prayers and love.

Martin ministered to countless lives through his service as a missionary, a lead pastor, owner of Marty's Cabinet Shop and Furniture Company, and a radio station operator/producer for WASG, WYDH, and recently, WGYJ-LP. Many in Atmore enjoyed "Mom 'n Pop's Suppertime Gospel" which Martin and Vernie hosted together. Martin's radio ministry reached listeners around the world with Contemporary Christian and Gospel music as well as preaching "The Whole Gospel for the Whole World".

Martin took great joy in nature and gardening. He always had fresh peppers on the Sunday dinner table and would grin while offering them to guests. He is remembered as a man of integrity and passion for sharing the Gospel message of salvation. This passion, Martin would say, was a result of transformation and Providence in his own life. Martin was orphaned by age 11 when both of his parents died tragically within a year. He temporarily lived on a farm where he experienced abuse, but was removed to a new farm with the Henry Garber family who supported and loved him as one of their own.

At age 16, Martin was operating a tractor on a hillside field when the tractor rolled over, pinning him underneath its sharp steel wheels. Martin often shared a vivid memory of an angel protecting him from a crushing death. He survived with not even a broken bone and described the miracle as the moment he experienced God's grace and salvation.

Martin began attending local camp meetings and one night when the altar call came, he answered with his whole heart. Over time, Martin participated in the Brunk tent revivals and became a close partner in ministry with Lawrence Brunk. He helped facilitate a Brunk tent revival being held in Poarch, Ala. out

of love for the Creek nation. Through the Brunk revivals, Martin was convicted of his need for second blessing holiness and entire sanctification. God called him to new life and a new purpose - to teach the world that the Holy Spirit empowers us to live apart from the world and dedicated in service to God. That is what Martin believed and what he lived. His obedience and faith transformed his life into a beautiful heritage. Those he leaves behind will miss him dearly.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Petty Funeral Home located at 9260 Highway 31, Atmore, AL 36502. A funeral service will be held at November 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Unity Baptist Church located at 10310 Hwy 31, Atmore, AL. Interment will follow in a public ceremony at Serenity Gardens Cemetery located on Highway 31, East of Atmore near the municipal airport.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens Cemetery

Atmore, AL 36502

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Petty Funeral Homes LLC
9260 US-31
Atmore, AL 36502
(251) 368-4540
eastsidechapel@hotmail.com
<http://www.pettyfuneralhomes.com>

Service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Unity Baptist Church
10310 Highway 31
Atmore, AL 36502

Tribute Wall

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“ Praying you will feel God’s presence near as you grieve your loss !
My Dad was Samuel Gehman son of Noah Gehman. We visited
your Dad, Marty, occasionally when we were nearby. We lived in
Colquitt , Ga. at the time.

Janet Gehman Henry - November 06, 2024 at 07:55 PM

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“ Tom Koehn & Billie Snook & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Mr. Martin Eby Gehman.

Tom Koehn & Billie Snook & Family - November 06, 2024 at 11:04 AM

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“ Tom Koehn & Billie Snook & Family purchased
the Springtime Wishes for the family of Mr. Martin
Eby Gehman.



Tom Koehn & Billie Snook & Family - November 06, 2024 at
11:04 AM

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“ Mr. Gehman will be missed by all whose life he touched (as was
mine) .May God bless and comfort his family during this time, and
may his memory be eternal. Jimmy Nasser and family

Jimmy Nasser - November 06, 2024 at 10:53 AM