



## Kitty Marie Martz

July 23, 1946 - January 10, 2026

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Ms. Kitty Marie Martz.

Miss Kitty, as she was affectionately known by many, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, January 10, 2026, following complications from open-heart surgery.

Born on July 23, 1946, in Edinburg, Virginia, Kitty was the daughter of George “Scorcher” Martz and Mary Catt Martz. She was raised to be a strong, hardworking, and honest woman, shaped deeply by her parents’ influence. Her father—her living, breathing hero—carried with him the hard lessons of the Great Depression in rural Appalachia and passed them on to Kitty. From him, she learned how to shoot, how to get by with almost nothing, the value of hard work, and the importance of treating others with respect.

Her mother taught her the skills and strength needed to be the pillar of a family, especially how to be an exceptional mother—lessons Kitty carried with her throughout her life.

After graduating from Central High School in 1964, Kitty began her career at Shenandoah Telephone Company as a switchboard operator. She later advanced into accounting and payroll, all while raising her three children. In

1987, she packed up her family and moved to Willow, Alaska, where they owned and operated Pioneer Lodge.

Kitty moved her family back home to Virginia in 1991 and continued working in banking, bartending, and management. She loved interacting with people and had a remarkable gift for making lifelong friends wherever she went.

Her children were the pride of her life and her greatest accomplishment. They often heard her say that she was “so tired she couldn’t see straight,” but nothing ever stopped her from providing for them. She willingly went without so her children would never have to.

Kitty was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Charles “Grubby” Martz; and her sister, Mary Sue Burch.

She is survived by her daughter, Renee Hawkins; her sons, Daryle Minnick (Lisa) and Heath Silcott; Grandchildren, Anthony Minnick, Gabrielle Minnick, and Christopher Taylor; Great-Grand daughter, Layla Minnick; her sister, Betty Martz; her “adopted” son, Bo Hall; her lifelong best friends, Sandra & Podge Green and Ruth Smith; and her friend, Houston "Butch" Toman Jr.

Miss Kitty will be remembered for her strength, sacrifice, humor, resilience, and unwavering devotion to her family and God.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 17th at Valley Funeral Service in Edinburg, from 6pm to 8pm. Funeral service will be conducted by Pastor Brian Duncan and Randy Whetzel on Sunday, Jan. 18th at 2pm, at Valley Funeral Service. Graveside service will follow at Cedarwood cemetery in Edinburg.

A celebration of life will be held at the Edinburg VFW, immediately after the service.

Pallbearers - Daryle Minnick, Heath Silcott, John Stevenson, Rex Bowman, Bo Hall, and Brian Hepler.

Honorary pallbearers - Houston "Butch" Toman Jr., Christopher Taylor, Sandra Green, Podge Green, Ruth Smith, and Jason Ryman.

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedarwood Cemetery

214 S. Main St  
Edinburg, VA 22824

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Valley Funeral Service  
14116 South Middle Road  
Edinburg, VA 22824  
(540) 984-3700  
secretary.valleyfs@yahoo.com  
<https://www.valleyfs.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *She was always good to talk to and a pleasure to see at Cooter's on Saturday. She will be missed dearly.*

Nancy Deavers - January 17 at 04:55 PM

KR

“ *Ken Christo MSGT USMC Retired planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kitty Marie Martz.*

Ken Christo MSGT USMC Retired - January 16 at 09:43 PM

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“ *Ken Christo MSGT USMC Retired purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kitty Marie Martz.*



Ken Christo MSGT USMC Retired - January 16 at 09:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kitty Marie Martz.*



January 16 at 05:52 PM

SD

“ Miss Kitty to those of us who had the pleasure of knowing you thank you! Go ride high on that big gray elephant in the sky! To your beautiful children you each were touched by one beautiful lady, always know that each of you were the lights in her life!

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**Sheilah Delgallo** - January 14 at 09:43 PM

CA

“ Kitty and I were friends from the first day of grade school riding the bus to Edinburg Elementary. We had so many fun days hunting Easter eggs, trimming the pole for May Day and going to Ken's Store where we always got into "Good Trouble". We lost touch over the years, and I moved away, but I'll always remember her spunky personality.  
Condolences and blessings to Kitty's family. May God give you strength and warm memories during this difficult time.

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**Claudia Jeanne Ward Agentis** - January 14 at 03:27 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Kitty. She was a wonderful woman that we've known for years.  
Thoughts & prayers for family & friends

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**Mike & Debbie Good** - January 14 at 02:15 PM

SH

“ Shooter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kitty Marie Martz.

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**Shooter** - January 14 at 01:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kitty Marie Martz.*



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January 14 at 01:33 PM



“ *DARYL AND FAMILY, Sorry to hear about your mom. She was a friend at heart  
May God be with u all in the coming days. RIP KITTY UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. Karen Burner and family*

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**Karen Burner** - January 13 at 10:57 AM



“ *I had many experiences with Kitty over the years. She was a wonderful woman and friend. Always polite, smiling and offering a hand to many. She will be missed.  
God bless you children and be proud to have her as a moma.*

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**kay pool** - January 13 at 10:53 AM



*Kitty was a god friend to me at Central High. She was a little older but let me hang out with her and some of her friends. We took the same school bus and talked a lot then. I always admired her neat hair styles and her long sleek hair when she was older. Bye, Bye, sweet girl*

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**BONNIE (BERCHDORF) MILLER** - January 13 at 03:07 PM



“ *"Cheers" to a life Well lived Kitty. May You rest in Peace till We meet again. Prayers for Your Family in this difficult time.*

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**Steve Sager** - January 13 at 09:52 AM