



## Mary Asseff Martien

June 27, 1928 - August 4, 2019

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 11:00 AM in Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel in Lafayette for Mary Asseff Martien, 91. Ms. Martien died on Sunday, August 4, 2019 at her daughter's residence in Lafayette surrounded by her family.

Interment will be in Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery.

The Reverend Michael J. Bordelon, Rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Lafayette, will conduct the funeral services.

Survivors include one daughter, Helen Martien Wofford and her husband, Glen Wofford, Sr.; one son, Edgar R. Martien and his wife, Annette; one sister, Barbara Creamer and her husband, Aaron; four brothers, Sam Asseff, Robert Asseff, Dr. Walter Asseff and John Asseff; four grandchildren, Nicole McCelvey and her husband, Lucius, Glen Wofford, Jr. and his wife, Katie, Tim Wofford and his wife, Cloey, and Sydney Martien Duhon and her husband, Manning; six great grandchildren and one on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Waddy George Asseff and Helen Ellis Asseff; one brother, George Asseff II; and one sister-in-law, Carol Asseff.

Mary Asseff Martien was a native of Mansfield, Louisiana and currently resided in Lafayette. She graduated from LSU with a degree in education and began her teaching career in Tensas Parish. Mary continued her exemplary career in Patterson, Louisiana. She was a great teacher, who cared for her students and always went the extra mile. She would often help with homecoming activities, floats and prom. Mary was a kind, generous, loving person, who never met a stranger. Her family was the center of her world. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Pallbearers will be Glen Wofford, Sr., Glen Wofford, Jr. Tim Wofford, Manning Duhon, Ethan Wofford, and Ricky Creamer.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's SOUTHSIDE location on Thursday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and will continue on Friday from 9:00 AM until time of services.

Memorial contributions can be made in Mrs. Martien's name to the Autism Society of America, 4340 East West Hwy., Suite 350, Bethesda, MD 20814.

View the obituary and guestbook online at [www.mourning.com](http://www.mourning.com)

Martin & Castille-SOUTHSIDE-600 E. Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508, 337-984-2811

# Cemetery

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## Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery

2111 W Pinhook Rd  
Lafayette, LA, 70508

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Martin & Castille - SOUTHSIDE  
600 E. Farrel Rd, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

**AUG** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Southside  
Location  
600 East Farrel Rd., Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

**AUG** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel  
600 E. Farrel Road, Lafayette, LA, US, 70508

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Martin & Castille Funeral Home** - August 07, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ I and we all loved Ms. Martien when we were in high school in the late 60's. She was a wonderful woman for so many of us. I can see she was as well for her devoted family. God bless you all as God Blessed us all for her being in our lives.

Nolan Roberts

**Nolan Roberts** - August 07, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ Sending deepest sympathies to all of the family for such a great loss. I was blessed to have Mrs. Martein as a teacher at Patterson High School. She was definitely a leader and she is one teacher that I will never forget.

May the Lord comfort you all at this most difficult time and may she Rest In Peace.

With Deepest Sympathies,

Maria Cardinale Tabor

**Maria Cardinale Tabor** - August 07, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ Thank you for your wonderful tribute! We love hearing from Mom's former students. She loved you all!

**Glen Wofford** - August 07, 2019 at 10:43 PM



“ Mrs. Martien was indeed one of our favorite teachers. She certainly was one of mine! So patient with us and as everyone recalls, was always smiling. The only time I saw her flustered was when a swarm of termites invaded her classroom! No shorthand that day! We were fortunate to have had her as a teacher, just as you were fortunate to have had her in your family. My condolences, Michele Stewart Calandro

**michele calandro** - August 08, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ After reading all the tributes, they tell a history of such a wonderful person. Thank You Mrs Martien for being there for me.

Still typing thanks to you. She Blessing to Patterson. RIP

**Mike Millic** - August 09, 2019 at 09:45 AM



“ Ms. Martien was my teacher more than 50 years ago at Patterson High School. She taught me business principals then that remain with me today. I recall her as a dedicated, supportive and warm person who naturally attracted students. One could tell that she enjoyed her profession and that watching students learn and thrive were so very important to her.

I had dozens and dozens of teachers over the years and it is a tribute in itself that I

remember Ms. Martien so fondly all these many years later. While I am very sorry for your loss, please know that she made a difference in the lives of many, many students.

Chuck Plattsmier (PHS class of 1972)

**Charles Plattsmier** - August 09, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ Thank you, Chuck for your very kind words! My mother was a great lady, and I so appreciate your acknowledgement! I'm sure she enjoyed teaching you!

Sincerely,  
Helen

**Glen Wofford** - August 14, 2019 at 09:37 AM

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“ I feel very lucky to have known Ms. Mary! Though we only met a short while ago and on too few occasions, she quickly made her way into my heart. It didn't take long to know she was salt of the Earth and full of God's grace. I would also like to say that it was a tremendous gift to witness her loving relationship with her daughter, Helen, who I now count as a friend. It was truly an honor to bring and share the gifts of God's table with this special mother-daughter duo!

With love,

Connie Herndon

**Connie Herndon** - August 08, 2019 at 06:47 PM



“ Thank you, so much, Mrs. Connie! I so appreciate your kind words and will treasure them in the years to come! You are one of God's blessings!

Sincerely,  
Helen Wofford

**Glen Wofford** - August 14, 2019 at 09:40 AM

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“ All respect and admiration for a lady who made my life better in my high school years of the early 1960's. She was a great one.

**Tim McCann** - August 08, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ Thank you, sir, for your kind words! My mother's students meant the world to her! She often shared her many happy memories with us before she passed away.

Helen

**Glen Wofford** - August 14, 2019 at 09:42 AM

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“ Joe & Phyliss Fontenot : Abner & Lacy Williamson purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



Joe & Phyliss Fontenot : Abner & Lacy Williamson - August 08, 2019 at 02:27 PM

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“ To Helen and Glen, Annette and Eddie, please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss. I will cherish the many fond memories I have of Mrs. Martien back at ole PHS. She was a wonderful lady who was loved and respected by all of her students. Wishing you all God's Blessings, Jerry Adams

Jerry Adams - August 08, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ Thank you for the kind words! We all appreciate knowing how our mother impacted the lives of her students.

Helen

Glen Wofford - August 14, 2019 at 09:45 AM

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“ Helen  
John and I were so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Please accept our condolences and prayers to you and your family.  
May the care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead.  
Prayers  
Gail Liggio

gail liggio - August 08, 2019 at 06:39 AM



“ Thank you both for your sweet condolences! I know she is in a better place.

Sincerely,

Helen

Glen Wofford - August 14, 2019 at 09:47 AM

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“ I do not think I ever saw Mrs. Martien without a smile on her face, I graduated 1981 and she was one of my favorite and inspiring teachers. God give you all peace, joy and loving memories to hold on to. R.I.P. dear Mrs. Martiene



**Kelly Wall** - August 07, 2019 at 11:10 PM



“ Thank you for the very kind words! She loved you all and had such fond memories of her teaching career.

Sincerely,  
Helen

**Glen Wofford** - August 14, 2019 at 09:49 AM

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“ Ms Martien chose a profession that was in her fate. As one of her students, I can say she was one of the few teachers that i'll Cherish. She was a great teacher with passion and love. Stern, yet loving and focused on education. Thankful to have had her in Patterson and especially as my teacher

**Donna Cheely** - August 07, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ Thank you for the kind remembrances of my mom. She loved teaching and had a genuine love for her students!

Helen

**Glen Wofford** - August 14, 2019 at 09:50 AM

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“ Ms. Martien - Thank you for always being a shining light to us students at PHS. I hope you can read all the kind comments people are saying. You always smiled and made us feel loved. Thank you & God Bless you. You were truly a good teacher who cared.

**Ann Cutrera Heard** - August 07, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ Thank you so much for your sweet comments! I was just thinking the same thing as I read that you hoped she could read the comments! She touched many lives in such an inspiring way!

Helen

**Glen Wofford** - August 14, 2019 at 09:52 AM



“ All our love, Gerard, Valencia & Heather purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



All our love, Gerard, Valencia & Heather - August 07, 2019 at 10:16 PM

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“ Mrs. Martien was one of the sweetest ladies I have had the pleasure of knowing. The skills and confidence she instilled in me has taken me far in my career. Many times I have remembered her saying “a boss is only as good as his secretary”. And because of her, I have had a few truly great bosses. She will have my respect and love always. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Tina Masek - August 07, 2019 at 10:08 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words! I hope she can read all of these beautiful comments! I loved the quote from my mom!

Helen

Glen Wofford - August 14, 2019 at 09:54 AM

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“ Ms. Martien taught me at Patterson High. I graduated in 1974 and she had taught me all the skills I needed to be a great secretary and an asset to the companies where I worked. She was a wonderful person and I will always remember her sweet smile. Blessing to her for meeting Jesus! She lived a long and fruitful life!

Stephanie Blanco Dupre - August 07, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ I know she is with Jesus! She loved and cared about each and every student she met! Thanks for your kind remembrance of her.

Helen

Glen Wofford - August 14, 2019 at 09:57 AM

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“ 51 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - August 07, 2019 at 04:23 PM

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“ Wonderful person and teacher. I graduated from PHS in 1982 and very often think about the impact she’s had in my life and career.

Todd Fontenot - August 07, 2019 at 03:50 PM



“ She taught me typing, general business, bookkeeping and office practice. She let me help out on the newspaper and gave me valuable tips when I was on the yearbook staff. I was in her class when the principal came on over the P A to announce that the President of the United States had just been killed. She taught me a lot but a over all she taught me how great it feels when someone believes in you. Thank you so much for believing in me.

Felix - August 08, 2019 at 11:01 PM



“ Thank you, Mr. Todd and Mr. Felix, for your very kind words in remembrance of my mother. I will always appreciate your sentiments! I loved my mother dearly and know she had lots of love to give to her family, students, and friends until the day she died. I miss her so much!  
Helen

Glen Wofford - August 14, 2019 at 10:02 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



August 07, 2019 at 12:05 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



August 07, 2019 at 11:14 AM

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“ 18 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - August 07, 2019 at 10:04 AM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



August 06, 2019 at 05:53 PM

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“ Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



August 06, 2019 at 05:35 PM

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“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



August 06, 2019 at 05:23 PM

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“ Ms. Martien was one of my favorite teachers at Patterson High School. So sorry for your loss.

**Diane** - August 06, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ Thank you, Ms. Diane, for your kind words!  
Helen

**Glen Wofford** - August 14, 2019 at 10:05 AM

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“ Dan & Anna Callens purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



**Dan & Anna Callens** - August 06, 2019 at 12:25 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



August 05, 2019 at 08:26 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Asseff Martien.



August 05, 2019 at 05:01 PM