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Company Name: MARTIN, CORNELIUS A.

**Description: Mr. Martin a resident of Bowling Green, Age 57
Born August 4, 1948 in Greenville, KY
President, CEO Martin Management Group died Saturday June 3, 2006 at 10:45 a.m. in Russellville, KY.
Preceded in death by Father Herbert Martin and Mother Beatrice Tutt Martin. Survivors include his wife: Gail Burrus Martin, One daughter: Amber L. Martin-Bowling Green, Two sons: Chadwick A. Martin, and Coleman A. Martin both of Bowling Green, Brothers: Finis Martin & wife Wanda-Springfield, OH, Howitt Martin & wife Roberta-Bowling Green, Sisters: Erestine Benning & husband Charles-Springfield, OH, Unita Lawrence-Springfield, OH, Naomi Horton-Greenville, KY, Barbara Swain & husband Arthur-Springfield, OH, Anna Drake & husband Edmond-Louisville, KY, Shirley McIntosh-Springfield, OH, and several nieces & nephews.
Preceded in death by 3 brothers: Roy Martin, Hume Martin, Lorenzo Martin and 3 sisters: Marjorie Martin, Viola Mapp, Rosetta Ratchford.
He was born in Greenville, Kentucky where he attended a one room school in the first and second grades. His childhood and early teenage years were spent working on the family farm in Greenville, which he still owns along with his brothers and sisters.
The farm has since been incorporated under the name of Martin Acres and he serves as the Vice President of the Corporation.
After graduation from Muhlenberg Central High School in Greenville, he moved to the Dayton, Ohio area where he began working the the automobile business while attending Wright State University.
As his career in the automobile business advanced he entered and graduated from the General Motors Dealer Academy at the General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan.
In 1985 Martin had the opportunity to purchase an Oldsmobile-Cadillac dealership in Bowling Green, Kentucky, which he still operates today. In 1990, he formed The Martin Automotive Group with the intention of expanding his rech in the automotive business and as the parent company of his future acquisitions. The Martin Automotive Group maintains its headquarters in Bowling Green.
Since the inception of the Martin**

Automotive Group. martin has acquired or built more than 15 auto dealerships in Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Iowa, California and Arizona.

In 1989, Martin was selected the Bowling Green-Warren County Small Business Person of the Year. In 1996, Saturn of Dayton South was named one of ten Good Housekeeping and Automotive News Automotive Dealership Service Excellence Award winners nationwide for 1996.

Martin was named in 1997 the Automobile Dealer of the Year by Black Enterprise magazine, a national publication.

In February 1998, Martin formed Co-Mar Aviation, Inc. and won the bid to become the fixed base operator that is responsible for all ground flight support operations at the Bowling Green-Warren County Regional Airport in Kentucky.

Martin was awarded the Harley Davidson franchise for Bowling Green, Kentucky which he opened
in December of 2003 and opened his second Harley Davidson dealership located in Louisville
in January, 2006.

Martin was the 2003 Business Hall of Fame Laureate from Junior Achievement in recognition
for his long time support.

In 2004, Martin was selected by General Motors Minority Dealer Development to participate
in their GM People goodwill and national print advertisement campaigns.

Dealer Magazine, an automobile industry magazine, featured Martin as its cover story in the
October 2004 issue. He was also the featured cover in the May 2005 Megadealer 100 issue of Ward's Dealer Business magazine.

Martin has held numerous leadership positions in both civic and professional organizations on local, state and national levels, including:

* Appointed to a three-year term in 2002 to the Board of Directors of the Louisville branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and reappointed January 2005 to a three-year term and current Chairman.
* Was the current Chairman of the Board of Regents at Western Kentucky University.
* Current Board Member for Wright State University Foundation.
* Current Board Member of Bowling Green Warren County Depot Authority.
* Board Member and vice President of South Central Kentucky Minority Economic Development
Council.
* Board of Directors Member

Kentucky Automobile Dealers Association
*
Member National Automobile Dealer Association
Presidents Club
* Served as Chairman of the
Board of Regents of Western Kentucky
University
* Served on Executive Committee
of Board of Directors of the National Corvette
Museum
* Served on Kentucky
Governor's Commission on Quality and
Efficiency in State Government
* Past
Chairman of Bowling Green Municipal Utilities
Board
* Past Member United Way of
Kentucky Board of Directors
* Past
President and Campaign Chairman of United
Way of Southern Kentucky
* Past Board of
Directors Member Bowling Green Warren
County Chamber of Commerce
* Past
Advisory Board Member Western Kentucky
University Institute for Economic
Development
* Past Board of Directors
Member of Bowling Green Warren County
Tourism and Economic
Development
Council
* Past Board of Directors Member of
Bowling Green Warren County Arts
Commission
* Past President of National
Oldsmobile Marketing Association
* Past
Board of Directors Member and past Treasurer
of Kentucky-Indiana-Michigan Cadillac
Marketing Association
* Past Member of
Saturn Corporation Image Task Force
* Past
Member of Saturn Corporation Franchise
Operations Team

Since September
1985, The Martin Automotive Group has
developed into one of the most
successful
and respected automobile retail organizations in
the nation. Martin's goal
of
professional growth through customer and
employee satisfaction, coupled with hard
work,
continues to draw national attention
and the respect of his
peers.

Martin's wife, Gail, and
their three children, Amber, Chadwick and
Coleman, are also very
active in the
community, participating in the arts and
volunteering their time to many
charitable
causes.

VISITATION: Wednesday June
7, 2006 12-9p.m. at J.C. KIRBY and SON
LOVERS LANE CHAPEL
Thursday June 8,
2006 9a.m. until time of services at Living Hope
Baptist church

FUNERAL SERVICES:
Thursday June 8, 2006 11:00a.m. at the Living
Hope Baptist Church
1805 Westen Ave.
Bowling Green, Kentucky
42104

BURIAL: Reynolds Cemetery -

Greenville, Kentucky at 5:00p.m.
Thursday

Expressions of Sympathy:

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Fund
1906 College Heights
Blvd.
Bowling Green, KY
42101-9977

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Martin Lecture Series
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Bowling Green, KY
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