



## Nathalie Ann Martin

February 14, 1928 - January 5, 2021

Nathalie Ann Martin went to be with the Lord on January 5, 2021, at the age of 92. She was born on February 14, 1928, in Hot Springs, Ar., to William E. (Mickey) and Annette Wakowitz Martin. At the time of her death, Nat had the distinction of being the second oldest baptized member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where she was active for years in the St. Mary's choir and in recent times in the "Hands of Mary" women's group. She was also a long-time volunteer at the Garland County Historical Society. To say that Nat had an outgoing personality would be an understatement. In fact, she never met a stranger and will always be remembered for her witty and fun-loving nature. Nat was affectionately referred to either as "Cuz" by the Favorites and Meggers or "Aunt Nat" by the Elsers and others. In social gatherings, she was quick to introduce herself as the "Rich" Aunt Nat. She will be sorely missed by a wide circle of friends and by all who knew and loved her.

Nat was preceded in death by her parents; her brother William, "Bill" and sister-in-law Mary L Webb Martin; a niece Mickey Ann and husband Gene Randle. She is survived by a niece Pat and husband Dennis Cherry; a great niece; three great nephews; and several great-great nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Saturday, Jan. 9, at

11:00 a. m. with a rosary recited at 10:30 a. m. Both will be livestreamed at [facebook.com/stmaryofthesprings](https://facebook.com/stmaryofthesprings). The celebrant will be her godson, Rev. Bill (Will to her) Elser. Pallbearers will be Jim, Danny, and Mark Elser, J. R. Ross,

Joe Bill Morton, and Joseph Henderlong.

Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery with arrangements by Hot Springs Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or to the Garland County Historical Society.

## Cemetery Details

### **Calvary Cemetery**

Hot Springs, AR

## Previous Events

### **CHURCH SERVICE**

JAN 9. 11:00 AM.

Calvary Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ My brother and I have known “Aunt” Nat all of our lives. Our mother and Nat were friends all the way back to elementary school and were roommates their freshman year at Henderson. We all loved Nat so much! She was always funny and quick witted. When we were grown and came back to Hot Springs, she would bravely take all of our children out for lunch and the mall (or various places) without the parents! The kids loved it! During the last few years of my mother’s life, Nat was such a blessing as she took mom to doctors appointments and checked on her. We will miss her so much, just the mention of her name made you smile and it always will in years to come. What a lovely legacy she left us!

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**Carla Merritt Whisenhunt** - January 22, 2021 at 09:44 AM

ER

“ My condolences to Nathalie's family and friends. Nathalie was the best! She had the greatest sense of humor and our family loved her! We will never forget summer evenings in Hot Springs and her dog Puddin', the pond in the back full of tadpoles and roars of laughter whenever we were able to visit. What a source of beautiful light; she will be missed tremendously. Peace and comfort to all, Erika (Gerdeman) Deweese

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**ERIKA** - January 12, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JM

“ Hello, I am Joy McClard Metzger, daughter of the late James A. "Jimmy" and Betty McClard, and "Cuz" was a distant relative of mine. When I first read her obituary in the newspaper, I was at once saddened and then I felt heartened. A woman of such spirit and faith must surely be basking in the warmth of Jesus light right now...how wonderful! I first met Cuz at a family gathering at Dusty and Joann Favorite's house many years ago when my Aunt Giddle was in town. She had sharp wit and obvious intelligence, and when she had a conversation with you, you felt as if you were the only one in the room. She had a gift for interacting with people. But the one thing that was most apparent was how much she loved her family and how much she appreciated her lineage. It was because of our shared lineage that I came to know her better over the years through her work with the Garland County Historical Association. She even called me this past Spring to tell me she had learned something new about the McClards. My husband, Bill, and I often sat in the pew directly behind her during Saturday afternoon mass at St. Mary's. We will miss her.

*To her family and close friends, may God provide you all the love, comfort and support you so richly deserve. We are sending a donation in Cuz's name to the church we all love.*

*God bless,  
Bill and Joy McClard Metzger and Betty McClard*

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**Joy Metzger** - January 09, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Nathalie Ann Martin.



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January 08, 2021 at 03:59 PM

CD

“ Nat has been a friend of my family for 50 plus years. She & I have stayed in contact the last 20 years since a lot of the family members have passed away. Loved Nat for her wit. She will be missed greatly. Our last conversation was the Monday after Christmas. Love you, Nat.

Charlotte Daniel - January 08, 2021 at 01:35 PM

RM

“ We got to know Nat when we lived up on Park Ave, thru Park Ave. Community org. & of course, the Historical Society~!She & Liz helped us looking up some history on our house. Nat was a smart, dear person~! I'm sure she will be missed by many~! Bobbie Morningstar & Keith Hoffman; formerly of 734 Park Ave.

Roberta Morningstar - January 08, 2021 at 10:09 AM

JH

“ Nat was the historian for St Mary's! We shared many happy times with her and she was very supportive of Dc. Joe all the time! She used to tell him to speak up cause she was hard of hearing! She loved to tease us and we loved her!🙏🙏🙏

Joe and Betty Harrison - January 07, 2021 at 04:27 PM

MS

Aunt Nat was a part of my family's life since we were very young in Subiaco. She was a great Coury House friend of our parents. The friendship continued even when our parents passed away because Nat would join my sisters & friends on our girls trips, & of course she was the life of the party! I miss her already.

Marge Rockenhaus Snider - January 07, 2021 at 09:51 PM