Celebrating the Life of



Rian A. Martin

Sunrise: August 31, 1988 Sunset: June 22, 2020

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My Dearest Mom, I wish I was with you but God said, "It's time Rian, your work is done."

Ma I love you always!

Rian Andrea Martin was born on August 31, 1988 in New York City to Dale Caryn Martin and Eric Kevin Hopkins. She was happy, fun and loving without strings, very freely. She just gave Love!

On June 22, 2020, Rian was called to Heaven. She leaves to treasure her memories: her loving mother, Dale Caryn Martin and father, Eric Kevin Hopkins; two sisters, Erica and Ebony; three brothers, Anthony, Evin and Eric; her Special buddy from the beginning, Sarah Hall; her loving godmother, Diane Staggers; three aunts, Debra Brown of Atlanta, Patricia Scott of New York and Trina Hopkins of New York; two uncles, Melvin Hall of New York and Kyle of New York; also a host of other relatives and friends.

Letter From Mother

My Dearest Rian,

As I send this letter to you, my heart fills with both sadness and love for you, and I ask myself, what am I going to do without you Rian? Who will I wake up to? Who will I go to sleep with? It's so hard to believe that you are gone. I keep thinking I am going to wake up and it's all a dream. It's not a dream, so I write.

The presence of God blessed our home with life, love, joy and peace. You were the center of my joy. You were one of the greatest gift that God blessed me with.

You were a child of God. Your presence and smile would light up a room and you brought so much love to everyone you met.

You always gave without expecting anything in return. I thank God for the beautiful flower he allowed me to raise and cherish for 31 years. God said, "It's time Rian, your work is done."

I know you will always be with me as you watch me from the Heavens above. Rian, it's only been a few days since you were called to heaven and I miss you more than words can explain. I pray that one day we will

be together in each others arms once again. I am going to miss that smile and your loving heart. I am going to miss our shopping, movies, concerts, hair appointments, nail salon appointments, our doctors visits and just hanging out and spending time with you with whatever we would do. I was happy just as long as I was with you. My world feels torn apart knowing we are far apart. Rian, even though you were hit with an incurable illness at such a young age, you were the bravest person, I know, through it all. You fought like a true fighter, so determined to pull through, even down to your last breath. Rian, you are my inspiration to be strong. Your memory remains safe in my heart where it will always belong.

I watched you close your eyes to go to sleep to transition to heaven. What a beautiful angel you were, so peaceful. There was heaven waiting for you to open the door. God held your hand and said, "You shall not be in pain no more." I am going to try to be strong because that is the one thing that you taught me. I was truly blessed to have you for my daughter. I will love you forever. I will miss you. Thank you for being a wonderful daughter.

Rest my baby girl in peace. No more pain. You are now in the arms of God!

Love Mommy

Letter from Dad

My Dear Rian,

No words I write can ever say how much I love you. I think of you in silence. But all I have are memories and photos in a frame. No one knows my sorrow. No one sees me weep, but the love I have for you is in my heart for you. It is in my heart I will keep. I've never stopped loving you and I never will. Deep inside my heart, you are with me and with me still. Heartaches in this world are many but mine is worse than any. The things we feel so deeply are often the hardest to say! But I just can't keep quiet anymore. So, I'll tell you anyway. There is a place in my heart that no one else can fill.

Rest in Heaven my sweet daughter.
I love you!

Dad

Interment
Mount Hope Cemetery
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My Life's been full, I savoured much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

Acknowledgement

The Martin family wishes to express our sincere gratitude to those who support us during this difficult time of our loss.

Thanks for your prayers and telephone calls.

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