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The Haest family regretfully announces the passing of Martin J. Haest Jr. on Good Friday April 9, 2004. A beloved father, brother, son, and friend to all, Marty's love for life was evident in every word, relationship, and accomplishment in which he took part. He lived a truly unique life, from his days in Dallas where he built a successful landscaping company and worked as a stock broker, and as an Oil and Gas Operator in San Angelo Texas. Marty also loved the time he spent in New York City and dreamed of having a home there.

Marty founded a major home building and development company in the NW Arkansas area. Marty's dream was to build affordable homes for the first time homeowner. Marty founded River Valley Homes bringing the dream of home ownership to hundreds who never thought that dream would be possible.

While excelling in every business venture that touched his hands, he was most at home carving turns on the waters of a lake on his O'Brien ski or taking a long ride down a country road on his motorcycle.

He quietly helped many and bestowed his generosity freely. His enthusiasm and passion for life inspired his family, friends, and employees. He will be missed by many whose lives he touched. All who knew him will carry their memories as a living witness of a man with a kind heart and seeking spirit. There are many that never knew him beyond the unique moment of altruism that he touched upon their lives.

Marty was a leader, a man of insight, a listener, a patient teacher, a lover of food, and a great storyteller.

Most of all, his pride and love for his children were the energy behind his life. He is lovingly remembered by his parents Martin and Letty, siblings John, Anne, James, and Barry, and children Julie and son-in-law Dan, Martin, Samuel, and Mariel as well as his dear friend and former wife Tracy.

"Yeah buddy" -30-

A Visitation with the family will be 6-8PM Thursday April 15th (family speaking at 7pm) at the



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Nelson - Berna Funeral Home in Fayetteville.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Springdale, AR on Friday April 16th at 1PM .

Memorials may be made to Habitat For Humanity 308 Park Springdale, AR 72764.

Visitation Date Time Thursday, April 15, 2004 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with the family speaking at 7:00 PM Visitation Location Nelson-Berna Funeral Home Service Date Time Friday, April 16, 1:00 PM Service Location St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Springdale



JL

John And Wendy Andary (Extended Family (In-Laws)) posted:

Dear Martin, Letty, Barry and the entire Haest family, When Barry and Maryalice (John's sister) were married, we were fortunate to meet Marty. Although we didn't have a chance to spend a lot of time with him, we know he brought great joy to his family and friends. We had heard from Barry and Maryalice about the strides he was making for those that might not otherwise have a decent place to call home. Our hearts and prayers go out to the entire Haest family and all of Marty's close friends. God Bless, John and Wendy Andary

August 30 at 10:01 AM

JJ

John O'neill (Friend Of James) posted:

I was sorry to read the obituary for Marty. I don't typically read that part of the paper, but found myself somehow drawn in by a familiar face last Thursday. Since then, your family has been in my thoughts and prayers. Respectfully, John O'Neill

August 30 at 10:01 AM

JW

Julie Mitchell (James Haest Co-Worker) posted:

James, please accept my condolences for you and your family's great loss. Having lost my father at an early age I know the shock and loss it brings to the entire family. Your brother has a lovely family and lived good and happy life. He will be missed. I am so sorry.

August 30 at 10:01 AM

JF

Jim And Joan O'neill (Friend Of Family) posted:

Marty and Letty. We send our prayers and our condolence. We always remember you as a warm and loving family and People we were proud to know. We will remember you all in our thoughts and prayers. Joan

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LE

Leonard Martin (Friend And Employee) posted:

Marty has been a mentor too me over the last year trying to instill his knowledge experiance and dream in me of home building.We shared many of the same loves people,motorcyclesand mostly food.I will miss his father like talks on how things were to be done .His energy would carry you on to finish anything you had to accomplish.The world has lost a great man and heaven gained a new one ...we will all miss him

August 30 at 10:01 AM

GB

Gary Webb/Rogers Group, Inc (Business) posted:

Although I had not seen Marty for many years, I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. At the nadir of my life, he was very kind to me. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

August 30 at 10:01 AM

DP

Denise And Chuck Hartong (Friends Of Parents) posted:

Our deepest sympathies to the entire Haest family. We must take solace in the fact that the Lord's plan for Marty, Jr. could not wait for a later time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you recover.

August 30 at 10:01 AM

NJ

Natalie Etman-Smith (Friend Of Marty Jr.) posted:

Marty,I wanted you to know that I was thinking of you and your family at this time. I hope that you are finding some kind of peace in the midst of all of this. Your father was an awesome person. I love you very much.

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RC

Russell Martin (Old Friend, Neighbor And Classmate) posted:

I remember my friend from our old neighborhood on Laguna and Bluelake Circle.

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Joan Oconnor Pickering (Former Sister In Law) posted:

So sorry to hear of Marty's death. I have very fond memories of our days on "The Farm" spending time riding horses, working in the garden and just enjoying life with Marty around. He loved all the O'Connors and we loved him. He was a strong person who accomplished his dreams. He will be missed by many. My prayer is that God will comfort you during this time of sadness. Love, Joanie

August 30 at 10:01 AM

NH

Nicole Etman-Gallegos (Childhood Friend Of Daughter, Julie Haest) posted:

I grew up with Julie, and saw often what a loving, fun, giving person Marty was to her and her brother. I sincerely feel for Julie and Marty III right now and am thinking of you two.

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ML

Max & Anne Tanner (Friends Of Marty & Letty) posted:

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your son. Max & Anne

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Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers and love are with you and your family.

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CM

Claudette & Michael Lucibello (Kathy Candler's Mother & Friend Of Marty) posted:

Marty you were one in a million. Your warmth and love touched our whole family. Even though we did not have contact for some time you were always in our heart's and we will never forget the wonderful times spent with you. God bless you and your family.

August 30 at 10:01 AM



KF

Kathy-Hearn Candler (Friend) posted:

Marty is and will be forever in my heart and memories. He is a unique human being with many beautiful qualities. His zest, enthusiasm, and love of life was truly contagious to those who spent time with him. He knew no strangers. He could talk with anyone and make them feel special. That was just one of his gifts from God! I know he will be missed by so many. May God bless his children, mom and dad, and siblings and give them peace.

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SD

Susan Adams On Behalf Of My Recently Deceased Brother, Don Tagga (Old Friend From 1980'S Dallas) posted:

While I had lost touch with him over the years, I kept up with him through a mutual friend. Marty had a love for life that was contagious. He will be missed by all that knew him.

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GA

Gary Combs (Acquaintance) posted:

Marty & Letty:Charlotte & I were so very grieved to read about Marty this morning in the Dallas Morning News. We can't imagine what it must be like to lose a child, but we know that your faith in Christ will sustain you this week and in the years to come. God bless your family and may you be comforted in knowing that Marty is now with the Lord. Most sincerely, Harry & Charlotte

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LF

Lana Bearden (Friend) posted:

As Building Division Secretary in The Lowell Fire Department, I came to know Marty while issuing building permits and scheduling inspections for the homes he built in Lowell. He was truly a unique individual, and a joy to know and work with. He will be missed.

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HP

Helen Campbell (Friend Of His Parents) posted:

Letty and Marty, my deepest sympathy in the death of your son, Marty Jr. May the God of peace comfort you.

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MS

Mr & Mrs Ray Stinchcomb (Parents Of Dwight Stinchcomb) posted:

What could I say that would truly honor Marty?? He was a tremendous person, I will miss him so much. He was a best friend, a scholar in the school of life and a true gentleman. He taught me many things, some I hold dear to my heart. He made our dream of owning our first home come true with his company, and growing up as a builder's daughter, he even taught me a few new things, too. Outstanding man, he was. Always will be. I will cherish my memories forever. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, extended and immediate. God Bless all of you, Jerri and family

August 30 at 10:01 AM

KF

Kathy James (Close Friend) posted:

I only wish that we hadn't drifted apart these last few years Marty was a good friend and listened intently to me in a tough time in my life. Even though we had our differences he was always there for me and me for him. We love you Marty and we will miss you.

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KH

Karen Hamilton posted:

Unfortunately I never had the pleasure of our lives to cross but he sounds like he was a wonderful person and I hope I see him and get to know him in heaven.

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MA

Micki Harrington (One Of His Attorneys) posted:

Marty was a terrific good hearted human being with a true passion for all his passions....we all loved working with him. I met him at a city council meeting and we represented him from that time forward, many years ago. We will all miss him very much.

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OF

Otto & Donna Potter (Friends) posted:

A businessman who changed the landscape of Northwest Arkansas through his commitment to provide a community where all people could live and have the opportunity to have a home of their own. Always good for a story and laugh. Will be missed!

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Irene Marie Ranallo posted:

Marty, Matthew left us on 1-2-02, in San Angelo. I pray that you will be together in heaven. He loved you so much. Love always... Irene Marie

August 19 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Martin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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