



## Gil Bryan Martin

October 21, 1951 - May 23, 2024

Gil Bryan Martin, age 72, passed away on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at Greenville Memorial Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina. Born on October 21, 1951, he was the son of Ralph and Shirley Martin.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I had a little brother with a crooked foot, ears that stuck straight out, a childhood lisp and a natural Sean Penn scowl above his long chin. He could see them coming at him on the playground and took no shat from anybody. It’s how I learned to fight. Gil must have taken the same rash all his life, and he developed a sarcastic wit that was professional grade. Underneath the crust, Gil had a kindness that peeked out in all the people he helped over the years including Kathleen. He never talked about it, but social workers that I knew would tell me about Gil bringing someone into the office, trying to get them some help. Gil’ deserves a tribute. Here’s mine. He bore the weight of life and helped folks who needed it most. I have a mental image, given to me by our friend Neil, of Gil on Bourbon Street wearing Birkenstock sandals over calf-high black socks and plaid shorts with a silly-ass grin for anyone who gave him a double take. My old friend, Gil.

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