

Biographical Sketch for Joy Martin

Joy Rice Martin is the 6th daughter of Dr. & Mrs. John R. Rice. Growing up in the home of an outstanding evangelist, Joy put her trust in Christ as her Savior as a small girl, and then was nurtured by the daily Bible reading and ardent prayer life of her family circle. She longed to be used of God, and so surrendered her life to do whatever He wanted, whether to be a missionary, a pastor's wife, or any other way she could serve Him.

She graduated from Wheaton College, majoring in literature. Here she began dating a wonderful young preacher, Roger Martin, and after 4 years of dating, they were married. Both Roger and Joy attended Bob Jones University Graduate School where she taught Freshman English as a grad assistant. After graduating from BJU with a Master of Fine arts degree in music and speech, Joy served with her pastor-husband in churches in Missouri, Colorado, and Chattanooga. Then God called them to Tennessee Temple University where they have been on the faculty for many years. She earned a Masters degree from Temple Baptist Seminary and is currently working on a PhD in Leadership! She loves reading, watching videos with her husband of more than 50 years, taking walks, decorating, and spending time with her family. She sometimes wonders what she will do when she grows up!

Joy was co-editor with her father, Dr. Rice, of the hymnbook *Soul Stirring Songs and Hymns* and she and her husband have written 3 books of Bible crossword puzzles. She has written several books and has had the privilege in speaking in women's conferences in the US, including Alaska and Hawaii, in Australia, England, Germany, and Singapore, and visiting more than 35 countries. She and her husband have also led numerous Holy Land Tours. Currently they team teach a course in Corinthians at TTU, and Joy teaches speech, personal Bible study, and women's ministry courses as well. They also teach an adult Sunday School group in their church in Chattanooga. In 1977 she and the Rice family helped establish *Joyful Woman Jubilees*, the *Joyful Woman* magazine, and currently the *Joyful Living Newsletter* which can be viewed by visiting the website Joyful Christian Ministries.org which provides devotions, articles, and other resources.

The Martins have 3 sons, all in ministry, and 3 daughters, and now have 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

A down to earth speaker who opens both the Bible and her heart when she speaks to women, she delights in sharing God's Word and encouraging women today. She says, "Don't put me on a pedestal. I'm just an ordinary wife and mother and teacher. I struggle with the same problems that many of you do. We too have experienced times of distress and difficulty. But we have an extraordinary God who loves us and promises to be with us when with go through the storms of life."

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