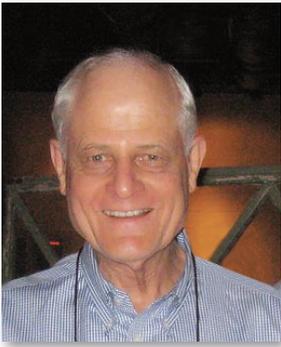


## Earle Martin – Speaker, Author



EARLE MARTIN is the author of *The Boy Who Saved My Life: Walking Into the Light With My Autistic Grandson* (Bright Sky Press), an inspirational story of love and redemption that introduces special needs children and adults in a way that encourages readers to explore how they can find and help their special needs persons... and be found and helped all the more by them.

*The Boy Who Saved My Life* won the book award for the 2012 Barbara Jordan Media Awards, indicating this book has helped, perhaps in some ways more than any other book in 2012, to change people's attitudes towards those with disabilities.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to support the Brookwood Community, a God-centered educational, residential, and entrepreneurial community for adults with functional disabilities.

In his presentations and lectures, Earle Martin draws upon his experiences in the priesthood, psychotherapy practice and as the grandfather of Charlie, who has autism. He works with families, grandparents groups, teachers, and volunteers who care for children and adults with special needs to help them better understand how each one can best help their special person and how that special person, can in turn, help them.

### In Earle's talks, topics include:

- **Special Needs...Special Gifts** – Earle shares his personal story of how his special needs grandson saved his life and rescued his soul. He shows us how to find those special gifts in each of the special people in our lives.
- **A Family's Response to Autism** – When Earle's grandson suddenly stopped talking and wouldn't look at anyone, the family was afraid they would lose him in his world. Earle explains how the family worked together, and with therapists and teachers, to help bring Charlie back to them...to find him and be found by him.
- **Walking Into The Light** – Earle had been living for years with depression. His soul had receded into the shadows. When Charlie stopped speaking at age two-and-a-half, Earle realized how much Charlie needed his help. Earle forced himself to come out of his own darkness to meet Charlie in a way he had never done with anyone. He was haunted by the fear that he wouldn't have enough in himself to give to Charlie – but he discovered Charlie had enough in him to save Earle's life and rescue his soul.

Earle Martin was an Episcopal priest for 12 years before leaving the ministry and receiving a Master's Degree in Social Work. Following a brief time at the Family Service Association, he was for many years in private practice in psychotherapy, and is now retired. He and his wife Kristi live in Houston. Earle also wrote *Dear Charlie – A Grandfather's Love Letter to his Grandson with Autism* (Future Horizons).

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