



## MARTEN TRANSPORT PUTS FAMILY FIRST, SAYS DRIVER JEFF MCWHORTER

When professional driver Jeff McWhorter's grandfather passed away in 2008, all he wanted to be able to do was to make it home to be with his family. However, when he asked for the time off, the company he was working for at the time wanted McWhorter to finish his route, causing him to miss the funeral. The moment McWhorter returned home, he began applying for jobs with other companies.

"I said, 'family comes first,' and they said, 'no, the company does,'" explains McWhorter, who lives in Arkansas. "I was completely taken back by the fact that even in a family emergency I wasn't able to get home when I needed to."

McWhorter's search for a family-oriented company led him to Marten Transport. It didn't take long for him to realize he'd found a company that truly valued the importance of family. The month after McWhorter started working for Marten, his cousin passed away. When he let the company know he needed to get home for the funeral, plans were instantly put into motion to help get him there.

"They just had me leave my trailer in Fort

Worth and had another driver pick it up. I was able to spend a whole week with my family," McWhorter adds. "When I was ready to get back to work, they already had a loaded trailer waiting for me ready to go and it was for a longer route to help me make up some miles. They really took care of me, even though I hadn't been there for very long."

Marten's commitment to its drivers, says McWhorter, is what gives the company its solid reputation among drivers. The company is known for following through on its promises to drivers and having an open-door policy that puts drivers on a first-name basis with Marten staff. For McWhorter, this is the perfect environment for any driver to thrive.

"You can sit and talk with your fleet manager and get problems solved. The mechanics take the time to help you learn why something happened and help you understand how to be a better driver. Marten is the place that puts your family first. People know your name and face," he says. "This is more than just a company – it's a family."

