



Gary Lynn Martin

February 2, 1941 - June 6, 2009

Born February 2, 1941 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to Pat Thompson Martin and Opal Estelle "Jackie" Chambers Martin. Gary attended grade school in Tecumseh and Lindsay. He graduated from Lindsay High school in 1959. He joined the United States Navy in 1964 and proudly served his country until his honorable discharge in 1967. Gary passed from this life on June 6, 2009 in Payne, Oklahoma at the age of 68.

Mr. Martin is survived by his two sons, Chade Lynn Martin and his wife Amiee of Edmond and Todd Martin and his wife Julie of Lindsay.

He is also survived by three grandchildren, Elizabeth Tate Martin and Jack Fulton Martin of Edmond and Jaycee Lou Martin of Lindsay and by one brother William Kent Martin and wife Mary Rae of Maysville, Oklahoma as well as long time companion Donna Shinn and her sons Rob Shinn and John Shinn. Other survivors include three nieces Renee Surowicz, Angie Martin and Darcy Burch and a brother-in-law, Don Burch.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Deborah Pat Martin Burch. Gary was retired having been self employed as owner of an Oilfield Trucking Company.

His hobbies included Politics, Golf, Lindsay Leopard Athletics, Travel, Hunting

and Fishing and he was a Master Mechanic.

He was a member of the Lindsay City Council, Weather Watchers and CB Club and served as president of the Lindsay Quarterback Club in 1979 and 1980. He was a Little League Umpire and announcer and as a member of the First Baptist Church in Lindsay he taught a Sunday School Class for young men.

Gary worked with the Special Olympics in Noble, Oklahoma and funded the first group of Special Needs children to go to Six Flags, a tradition that continues today. Gary had an enthusiasm and excitement that was hard to contain. He was always entertaining and there was never a dull moment when he was around. He was a loyal friend and possessed a passion for his school and town. He was a proud Lindsay Leopard and a devoted supporter of Lindsay Athletics as was his mother Jackie who never missed a Leopard event. He was looking forward to his 50th class reunion scheduled for July 4th. The class will greatly miss his presence.

Funeral services for Mr. Martin are set for ten o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, June 10th, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Bro. Randy Allen officiating. Interment will be at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of B.G. Boydston Funeral Home of Lindsay, Oklahoma. There will also be a memorial service held for Mr. Martin on Saturday, June 20th, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Luther United Methodist Church. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Donna and Chad, I'm so sorry to hear about Gary & your Dad. I know that no words alone will take the pain and emptiness away but he's in God company now. He's certainly in Heaven keeping everybody in laughter and lifting their spirits if that is possible.

I had the honor of getting to know him better when he moved to Luther. Donna I will never forget that day that you brought him into Luther Food Center (that was definitely a blast from the past. From that day on he always kept my employees in a better mood everytime he came in the door. Chad all he could do everytime we talked was praise you. He was very proud of you and your brother. I had not seem him since I moved away from Luther and was shocked to hear of his death and your families loss. I know that God will get all of you through this tough time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Keep the faith.

Jeff Hale - June 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I'm so very sorry that you've lost your loved one. Gary was such a special person and a good friend, to all who knew him. Please know that many of us sincerely share in your sorrow.

Carol Anne - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Todd and Chade,

I was so sorry to hear of your loss. When I read The Lindsay News, floods of memories came to mind when I saw your dad's name. Know that you and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rae Linda

Rae Linda Magby-FitzPatrick - June 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Chad, Todd and Family we are very sorry to hear of the death of your father, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jack and Evelyn Gregory - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Todd, Chad and Family. We have known Gary for a long time and served with him in the Lindsay Athletic Booster Club. Always friendly and a good friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill & Darla Clements - June 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Martin Family,

I am sorry for your loss. Gary will be missed. I remember him and his humor from holidays when he would stop by my Grandpa and Grandma's house (Lloyd and Ethel Sanders). When he arrived the laughter level went up.

Greg Palmer - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Chade and Family

I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Rely on God to get you through this hard time. Please know I will keep you in my prayers.

Amanda Price - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Todd and Chade,

I am so sorry about the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. You are both special to me. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Love you both.

Kristi (Kennedy) Herd - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Todd and Chad and Martin Family. My thoughts and Prayers go out to you for the loss of your loved one. Gary was a lifelong friend and we had good times together. We will miss him.*

Don Earl Simms - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Donna, Chad, & Todd: My thoughts and prayers are with you. My God lift you up and carry you through this time.*

Krystle Kelly Davis - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Martin family...Gary and I were classmates & graduates of the 1959 class at Lindsay High School. Was so looking forward to seeing him at the reunion next month. I am saddened at his untimely death, as is everyone. My prayers are with you at this time of grieving...may God wrap you in his arms.*

Linda Banks Renick - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Todd and family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Joe and Misti Southern - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Bill and Donna: Gary will be missed by all fortunate enough to have known him. He was one of the outstanding all-time Leopard athletes and a good friend to all.*

Lanny Smith - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's death. Gary was one of a kind, and I know you will miss him.

Louanne (Ward) Trueblood - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Chade and Todd, I am sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I know that you will remember the good times you had with him. I can't make it to the services but you will be in my prayers at this time. Love, Mary

Mary Wilson - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM