



John Wesley Martin

October 1, 1929 - April 22, 2018

John Wesley Martin passed away quietly at age 88 near his home in Denton, TX on Sunday, April 22, surrounded by his family. He was a dedicated husband, loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to all he met.

A native of Athens, TX, John grew up near Lake Texoma and married his high school sweetheart, Ruby Holder, forming a marriage that spanned almost 69 years. John and Ruby enjoyed traveling, boating, league bowling and visiting their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren during a 28-year retirement.

John was a U.S. Air Force veteran who served in occupied Japan at the end of WWII. Skills he learned in the service launched a life-long career in aircraft manufacturing. He was proud of his contribution to the defense of our country, working on many military aircraft throughout a career of nearly 40 years. After starting as a P-51 Mustang mechanic in 1946, John retired in 1990 as Director of Quality Assurance for the F-15 Eagle fighter program at the McDonnell-Douglas Corporation in St. Louis, MO.

John is survived by his wife, Ruby, son David Martin and wife Susan of Corinth, TX, daughter Teresa and husband David Studebaker of St. Charles, MO, son Duane Martin and wife Nannette of Ocean Isle Beach, NC, grandchildren Jeffrey Martin and wife Jami of Houston, TX, Kristina Martin of Denton, TX, Crystal Carraway of Indianapolis, IN, Joshua Pace and wife Catriona of Winfield, MO (their 3 children, Jackson, Corbin, and Elliott), Natalie and husband Ryan Buckley of Culver City, CA and Andrew Martin of Carrboro, NC. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made in memory of John to:

The Foundation for End of Life Care

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“ Uncle John, may you rest in peace. Your calm, steady presence will always be with me in my heart and mind. I'll always remember all the help, advice, love and support you gave me when mom passed away. My mother was so fortunate to have a brother in law such as yourself.

Thank you for being an amazing husband and father to your family. The love they have for you is evidence of how much you gave to them.

I'm also very thankful for the time spent with you and Aunt Ruby on your last trip to California. Thank you for taking me under your wing and calling every few months to check in with me and find out how all of us were doing. Love you and miss you so much!

My prayers go out to Aunt Ruby and the entire Martin clan.

With love,
Kelli Abatangelo-Gault
Castro Valley, CA

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“ I have many fond memories of John! He and his wife Ruby always made my daughters Amanda and Andrea feel like family when we visited. As my family expanded with the addition of my son-in-laws Matt (Amanda's husband) & Josh (Annie's husband), grandchildren Aidan, Ruby, Harper and Witt the warmth and hospitality was extended to them as well. I will always remember John as being a noble, intelligent and wonderful husband and father as well as being thankful that my sister Nannette was lucky enough to have him as a father-in-law. I know in my heart he is resting peacefully in heaven enjoying the memory of a life well lived.
Love to the entire Martin family,
Michelle Whitworth
St. Peter's, Missouri

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