



Lindel R. Martin

September 20, 1933 - April 27, 2021

Lindel R. Martin, age 87 of Mattoon, IL passed away Tuesday morning, April 27, 2021 at 6:03 AM, at Odd-Fellow Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL.

A private family service will be held at noon, Saturday, May 1, 2021 at The First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Reverend Matthew Froeschle will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Bethel Cemetery. Military Rites will be conducted. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 is in charge of services.

Lindel was born on September 20, 1933 in Black, MO the son of the late Elmer E. and Maude C. (Mathis) Martin. He then met the love of his life, Betty Jean Wood and they married on July 5, 1957. He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Betty J. Martin of Mattoon, IL; one son, Stephen L. Martin of Louisville, KY; two daughters, Kimberly A. Dalton of Middleburg, FL, Tamara S. Overton and husband Myles of Mattoon, IL; five grandchildren: Joshua A. Martin and wife Rochelle of Coryton, IN, Jessica L. Ryan and husband Nathan of St. Louis, MO, Kyndall R. Kaufman and husband Adam, Tayli M. Frantz and husband Zac, Logan M. Thornton and husband Bryce, all of Mattoon, IL; eleven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Ira Martin and wife Judy of Black, MO. He is preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

After receiving his degree from Southern Illinois University, Lindel joined the United States Airforce where he proudly and honorably served our country as Captain during the Korean Conflict. He then began his impressive forty-year career in teaching and counseling for Mattoon Community School District #2. During the summer months he worked at the Army Corp of Engineers in Shelbyville, IL. After his retirement he continued his joy of education as an instructor at Eastern Illinois University.

He was a member of The Illinois Teachers Association and former member of Mattoon Eagles Lodge. Lindel enjoyed all sports but particularly enjoyed rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals.

A faithful and devout member of the First Presbyterian Church, Lindel actively participated as an Elder for services. He was a humble man and quietly charitable, he graciously contributed to many organizations within the community.

Lindel was a kind, generous and caring man who above all adored his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial donations in his honor may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 10 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Cemetery

Previous Events

Private Service

MAY 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
Mattoon, IL 61938

Tribute Wall



“ *Lindel R. Martin*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Mr Martin was a good man and a good teacher. He was an inspiration to many including me.*

Jim Conyers - July 26, 2021 at 08:21 PM



“ *MR Martin was always so friendly and talked to me a lot. I never had him in classes but never failed me even as a personal friend*

Mary - May 06, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *Saddened by the news...prayers for Lindel and his family.*



Edward U. Ohm - May 05, 2021 at 09:25 AM



“ *Tammy, Steve and family,
We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a kind and gentle man and so respected and liked as a teacher. I know he will be greatly missed.*

Scott and Brenda Stoltzfus - April 30, 2021 at 10:22 AM

PS

“ I knew Lindel as a caring and compassionate person at MHS where I taught. May he Rest In Peace,

Pam Sundheim, former French Teacher at MHS.

Pam Sundheim - April 29, 2021 at 05:30 PM

VL

“ Through out my life Uncle Lindel has always been there for me with kind words and wisdom. When we were kids, he would check up on my brother and I. During this time, he would take us to the Burger King for icecream. When I was about twelve he taught me how to paint and gave me my fist job doing so. As I became a man he showed me how a good man should live and act. He was always there to help. I will truly miss him.

Victor Lloyd

Victor Lloyd - April 29, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lindel R. Martin.



April 29, 2021 at 11:43 AM

TF

“ *The Griffith, Moye and Awalt Families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lindel R. Martin.*



The Griffith, Moye and Awalt Families - April 29, 2021 at 11:22 AM

KC

“ *Kathi L Cobble lit a candle in memory of Lindel R. Martin*



kathi l cobble - April 29, 2021 at 08:44 AM

TG

“ *a wonderful person.. great man... I first met Lindel as a student at Mattoon in the class of 1962... I met with him through the years but it is never enough... recently saw a sign that said Be The Good... Lindel was the good... Prayers and best wishes to family and friends...*
Tom Gover, Mattoon

Tom A Gover - April 29, 2021 at 02:40 AM

JG

“ Truly an amazing man! Grandpa, thank you and Grandma for welcoming me into your home with your granddaughter, Jessica, many many years ago when we were kids. I am honored to have met you both and been considered part of the family (from Louisville)! Steve, Jess, you and your family are in my prayers always. I love you all!

Jennifer Greene - April 28, 2021 at 11:28 PM

CF

“ Cheryl Burke Allen and Family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lindel R. Martin.



Cheryl Burke Allen and Family. - April 28, 2021 at 06:46 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss. Mr Martin was a great neighbor teacher and family friend



Robin McDowell - April 28, 2021 at 02:46 PM

HB

“ I always thought Uncle Lindel was a very smart man and wish I could have seen him more along with my cousins and my beautiful Aunt Betty. Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences to all.

Harlen Burke - April 28, 2021 at 02:25 PM