



Robert "Bob" Martin

February 5, 1925 - September 14, 2020

Robert "Bob" Martin, 95, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed from his earthly body into eternity and God's glorious presence on Monday, September 14, 2020 at the Missouri Veteran's Home.

He was born February 5, 1925 in Atlanta, Georgia to George F. Martin and Ola M. Pate Martin.

He and Torres Yvonne Halterman were married August 26, 1951 at First Presbyterian Church in Anna, Illinois. She preceded him in death on July 3, 2000.

Bob joined the military at age 17. He served his country for 12 1/2 years serving in both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He served in three branches of the armed forces, the Navy from 1942-1946, the Air Force from 1946-1949 and the Army from 1949-1955. During World War II, Bob, his three brothers and his father were all serving at the same time. Patriotism ran deep in Bob's family.

Throughout his adult life, Bob cooked and baked for a living. He was a cook for the Anna State Hospital in Anna, Illinois for 13 years and the Western State Hospital in Staunton, Virginia for four years. He served as a baker for the Bunny Bread Bakery in Cape Girardeau for 12 years retiring from there.

Bob found great joy and reward as a volunteer at Saint Francis Medical Center where he logged thousands of hours and wore out dozens of pairs of shoes over the course of many years. In 2009, Bob was awarded the Vernice V. Baumstark Award. That award is presented to the person who best represents the Saint Francis Auxiliary's dedication, loyalty and service to the Medical Center. This was one of his proudest recognitions. He loved his time as a volunteer and considered himself to be a proud member of the Saint Francis Medical Center family.

Out of the many things for which he could be remembered, his family feels that Bob would most like to be remembered as a good, caring and generous man who loved people and loved to help and make a difference where he could. He was young at heart, had a kind soul and a warm smile for all.

Survivors include one son, Chuck (Jean) Martin of Cape Girardeau; two grandsons, Christopher M. Martin and Benjamin A. Martin of Cape Girardeau; and a loving niece, Cheryl Martin and her family of Stuart's Draft, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brothers, Frank, Ted and Paul Martin.

Friends may call from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on Friday, September 18, 2020 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 12:30 pm Friday, September 18, 2020 at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Ed Rothenberger officiating.

Burial will be at Anna City Cemetery. There will be graveside military rites.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Humane Society of Southeast Missouri, 2536 Boutin Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701. Bob was a pet lover and a pet owner. He would be pleased to have funds donated to help the Humane Society during their current capital campaign to build a new, modern facility.

Cemetery Details

Anna City Cemetery

Anna, IL 62906

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Service

SEP 18. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Military Honors

SEP 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Anna City Cemetery
Anna, IL 62906

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Was Bob formerly a member of First Presbyterian Church in Cape girardeau? We uncovered a plaque with all the names of members who were WWII veterans. We have tried to find info on them and are including their biographies in a book. We have a name on the plaque and on our membership rolls that says Robert G Martin. Is this your family member?

Brenda Randolph - November 03, 2022 at 03:43 PM

DG

“ Chuck, My deepest sympathy to you at the passing of your dad. I was fortunate to have Bob as a dedicated, caring and generous volunteer! He was truly part of a GREAT GENERATION. May the Lord welcome him home.
Debbie Gibson, ret. volunteer manager

Debbie Gibson - September 17, 2020 at 05:55 PM

DA

“ Chuck, so sorry for your loss. I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for Bob from our old KGIR days. Prayers for your family. Debbie Anderson

Deborah Anderson - September 17, 2020 at 10:54 AM

TR

“ Chuck,

I am sorry to hear about your dad's passing. May our God and Father in heaven comfort you in this time and always.

Tim Roth

Tim Roth - September 17, 2020 at 09:21 AM

BN

“ *May you find comfort and blessings of peace during this time of loss.*

Sincerely,

Brenda



Brenda Newbern - September 16, 2020 at 04:52 PM

TN

“ *Sorry to hear of Bobs' passing. I volunteered at the Veterans Home and enjoyed sitting close to him during bingo. He was a very lucky player! He always had a smile and would say, " here comes trouble", when I walked in the room. May your memories bring you joy and comfort during this time. 🇺🇸🇺🇸.*

Terri Noland - September 16, 2020 at 11:57 AM