



Dirk Timothy Martin

September 14, 1951 - October 7, 2025

Dirk Timothy Martin, Age 74, passed away suddenly on October 7th, 2025 at his home in Edwards, MO. Dirk was born and raised in Joliet, IL, the son of George and Rita Martin (Sullivan).

Dirk grew up on a farm, gathering eggs and getting into trouble with his brother, four sisters, and many cousins. He graduated from Joliet East High School in 1969, where he also ran track. After high school, he served in the U.S. Navy and traveled the world for 4 years. He became an Electrician working out of Local #176 in Joliet, started his own company, Martin Electric, and raised 3 daughters.

When his father retired, he took over Martin Campground and ran it for many years. He married his wife, Julie, September 3rd, 2005 in Joliet and gained an amazing bonus family, the Grants.

When he was finally able to retire, he built the home of his dreams in Missouri on Lake of the Ozarks and spent his later years hunting, fishing, boating, clearing land, identifying birds, seining for minnows in the creeks, searching for deer sheds and arrowheads in the woods, entertaining the constant flow of visiting family and friends, and loving every minute of it. He served as Chairman of the Lakes and Wildlife Committee in Forbes Lake of the Ozarks. He was an outdoorsman through and through and would always be found outside working on a project or walking his land with his Labrador retriever, Sky, by his side.

He was an avid reader of anything history, war, or horror. He loved westerns,

his all-time favorite being “Lonesome Dove,” and he was a life-long Chicago Bears fan.

He loved to tell stories, tell you all about what he’s been up to lately, tell you what his next plans were, and just talk about life. He never slowed down and he never stopped dreaming, scheming, and planning his next project or great adventure.

He was a guiding light, stern voice of reason, and true and humble friend to many and he will be greatly missed by all who love him.

Dirk is survived by his wife, Julie Martin (Grant), daughters, Samantha Martin of San Antonio, TX, Cassandra Martin of San Antonio, TX, Angela Martin of Wichita, KS, Cynthia Nowman (Jason), Alice Fox (Jesse), 5 grandchildren, Adeline, Avery, Thomas, Kas, and Hannah, all of Kankakee, 3 sisters, Rebecca Ferro, Linda Martin, Barbara Bodoh, 6 sisters-in-law, Kristen Grant, Denys Grant, Laurie Bass, Lisa Grant, Martine Berghouse, Danita Swanson, and 6 brothers-in-law, David Grant (Terri), Patrick Grant, Jeffrey Grant (Beth), Thomas Grant (Jill), Matthew Grant (Kathy), and Peter Grant (Lesley), and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, George Martin, mother Rita Martin (Sullivan), step-mother Rose Martin, older brother Raymond Martin, sister Mary Gray, mother-in-law Elizabeth Grant, brother-in-law Dana Grant, sister-in-law Donna Grant, brother-in-law Kurt Berghouse, and son-in-law Patrick Wilda.

A memorial visitation will be held from 3:00pm- 7:00pm on Monday, October 27th, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, IL. Memorial Mass will be held on Tuesday, October 28th at 10:00am at St. John Paul II Catholic Church-West Campus in Kankakee, IL followed by military honors ceremony at St. Joseph Cemetery in Manteno, IL
Memorials may be made to Three River’s Hospice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **27**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

PD

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending lots of thoughts and prayers to your families. His memory will live on forever. Dave and Polly

Polly Demers - October 28, 2025 at 12:13 PM

SS

“ I have many fond memories of Dirk and my brother Dana sharing great times together. I was lucky that they often allowed a bratty teen like me hang out with them. My mom always loved Dirk and he was truly like a member of the family. God bless him.

Scott Shay

Scott Shay - October 24, 2025 at 06:36 PM

KR

“ Worked with Dirk many times over the years. That blank stare he would give you when you did something stupid. RIP Brother Kurt Rohrbach Local 176

kurt rohrbach - October 22, 2025 at 12:34 PM

LS

“ Larry Suprenant lit a candle in memory of Dirk Timothy Martin



Larry Suprenant - October 21, 2025 at 02:57 PM

LS

so sorry for your loss Julie, rip dirk

Larry Suprenant - October 21, 2025 at 03:00 PM

LD

Julie, Words cannot describe how sorry I am to hear of your loss. Please know that I'm thinking of you and the Martin/Grant families. You're in my prayers, Jules.

Linda Doran - October 22, 2025 at 09:48 AM

SR

Stacey are I are deeply saddened by your loss. We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May his memory be eternal.

Steve Rakich - October 22, 2025 at 03:13 PM