

Gerald L. Martin

August 11, 1931 - January 12, 2020

Gerald L. Martin, age 88, of Gilman, passed away Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Gerald was born August 11, 1931 in Buckley, the son of Joseph M. & Alta M. Goslin Martin.

He was a farmer and a horseman.

Gerald was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are one son, Gregory Michael Martin of Gilman; two daughters, Kimberly Kay Howard of Scottsdale, AZ and Susan Lynn Martin of Bourbonnais; one sister, Joanne Walton of Champaign; one brother, Stan Martin of Springfield; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

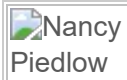
He is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

A celebration of life will be held May 24, 2020 at the American Legion in Buckley.

Inurnment will be held at Buckley Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



Nancy
Piedlow

“ We boarded our horse at Gerry's for a couple of years. He was a great guy and will be missed

Nancy Piedlow - February 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM



LG

“ I boarded my horses at Gerry's farm for a few years. He was always there to offer a helping hand or give advice. Such a nice guy, always wanting to share stories. He was a beloved member of the Trail Riders of DuPage County, and because of that, everyone knew Gerry. He was always willing to take me and my mare on the trailer when he went to local parades. I enjoyed quite a few pot luck dinners and TROD picnics there at his ranch. My condolences to his family, who I know he loved so much.



Liz Gutzwiler - February 16, 2020 at 07:51 PM

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“ So many memories to recall: numerous TROD parades, TROD picnics at his farm on Munger Rd Wayne, IL. Set up and tear down. He taught me how to make his famous potato salad recipe and how to spice the chicken for the BBQ. I spend 8 hours at his house helping him get ready for our annual TROD picnic. We had it at his place a couple of years. Steve and Merri Odell crawled up in the attic and got the chairs down for the picnic. There was a lot of prep and he always had a bon fire the night of the picnic for TROD and his neighbors on Munger.

I helped feed his boarded horses in the cold when he was sick. I helped him move.

Some of his boarders came to our barn after he closed and moved. I used to help him distribute bread weekly. He would get it from the local food pantry and distribute it to people who had need. I showed his house, when it was up for sale and tried to sell it for him.

Many, many TROD board meetings, Christmas parties, picnics, trail rides and events. Gerry always voiced his opinion. I called him once and said "Gerry, why is it when a horse dies, that it is always your best horse?" His response, "It is gonna be your best horse and every other horse, because that is what horses do they die!" Yes every living thing dies, but the memories live on in our hearts forever!

*Sharon Nolan
TROD President
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Sharon Nolan TROD President - February 16, 2020 at 05:38 AM

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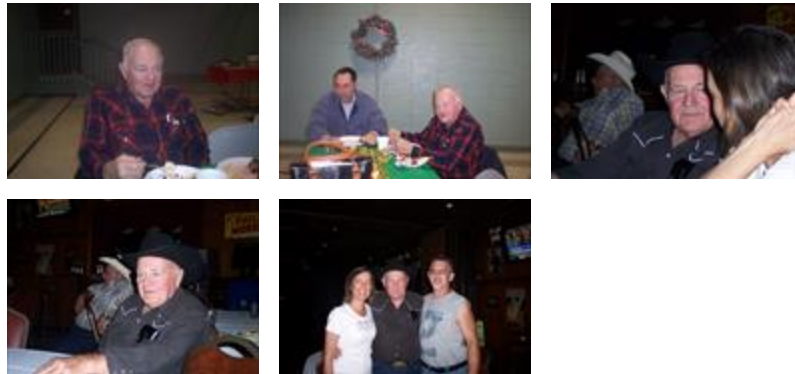
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Sharon Nolan TROD President - February 16, 2020 at 04:49 AM

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Sharon Nolan TROD President - February 16, 2020 at 04:27 AM

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“ Gerry helped me pick out my first rate western saddle thirty years ago and I'm still using it. I think it was worth more than my car at the time.

He was always there for the horses and took care of mine when 'Smarty' got sick and I was out of town. Always happy to give a smile and a helping hand- great night rides. The world was a better place with Gerry Martin in it! 🐾

Kathryn Kozak - January 17, 2020 at 01:27 PM

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“ GERRY AND I BECAME FRIENDS AND "SADDLE" PALS IN THE LATE 90'S. TOGETHER WE SPENT MANY HAPPY HOURS IN THE SADDLE AND ENJOYING EACH OTHERS COMPANY OFF THE TRAIL. WE BOTH MOVED TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, BUT THE MEMORIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WITH ME. I CALL HIM FRIEND AND I WILL MISS HIM. SINCERE SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY.

TOM & KRIS

Tom Kris Scarpelli - January 17, 2020 at 12:19 PM

BG

“ After the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. My condolences to you Susan and Family.

Bridgette Gray

Bridgette Gray - January 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM

SM

“ I hope you are back with Kojak riding everyday Dad. I will always cherish every moment and kind words you provided me. I will miss your daily calls, smiling face and surprise visits. You gave me so much and were always the positive influence in my life. You were loved by so many and will be greatly missed.



Sue Martin - January 15, 2020 at 05:35 AM

JS

He will be missed he was a great guy I used to ride with him helping with the horses he help me a lot learned a lot from him he will be missed

jackie spurling - January 17, 2020 at 06:52 PM

DE

Looked like a fine man and horsemen

Debbi Early-DePriest - January 17, 2020 at 07:00 PM

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Happy Birthday in heaven Mr. Jerry. He was a patient at Letizia Dental Assoc in Bloomingdale, that is where I met him. What an amazing man with such a kind soul. I got to see the ranch in Kankakee once before I moved to FL. I've wondered about Mr. Jerry alot over the years, my phone just alerted me that today is his birthday so I googled him and landed here. Hugs for you in Heaven Sir!

Peggy Gilley - August 31, 2021 at 12:00 PM