



Gino John Martini

April 18, 1929 - May 2, 2021

Gino John Martini, 92, of Kankakee, passed away Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Meadowbrook Manor, Bolingbrook, IL.

He was born April 18, 1929, in Scranton, PA the son of John and Adele (Panettieri) Martini. He married his wife of 65 years, Kathryn Susan Eckhardt, on July 9th, 1955 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony (Allyson) Martini of Aurora, IL and Stephen (Carol) Martini of Milford, DE.; five grandchildren, Andrea (Kris) Gordon, Nicholas (Kristen) Martini, Alex (Kristina) Martini, Sean Martini and Emily Martini; and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sister, Anna (Robert) Corwin, brothers-in-law, Frederick (Dolores) Eckhardt, Edwin (Mary Kay) Eckhardt, sister-in-law, Ionia Eckhardt; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife; parents; brother, Orlando Martini; sisters, Flora Martini, Linda Martini, and Mary Martini; father-in-law, James Eckhardt; mother-in-law, Oneda (Stilley) Eckhardt; brothers/sisters-in-law, Walter (Gracie) Eckhardt, Melvin (Betty Jane Eckhardt) Schnell, and Stanley Eckhardt.

Gino worked as a union bricklayer from 1954 until his retirement in 1991. In his spare time, he was a voracious reader of newspapers and never turned

down a cup of coffee. He especially enjoyed building ornate bird houses and helping his wife, Katie, with her chair caning. For over 60 years, he was a devoted member of Order Sons & Daughters of Italy in America and of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church.

Visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at St. John Paul II Catholic Parish-West Campus (formerly St. Martin of Tours). Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing guidelines. Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 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

Prayer Service

MAY 14. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

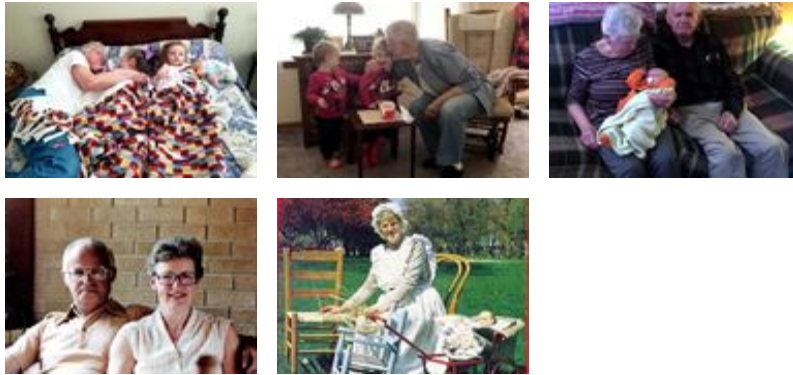
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“ Very sorry for your loss. We met Gino at the Donut King. He was a gentle soul, always ready for a good laugh. After we lost our daughter, he always inquired how the “girls” were doing. (Our 2 granddaughters). He was a caring man. Carmen Schneider

Carmen Schneider - May 13, 2021 at 06:53 PM



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Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - May 12, 2021 at 01:03 PM

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Remembering as a little kid, Steve Martini and I were best friends, his mom and dad were the absolute best you could ask for, My condolences to you and your families, Steve Yarneau

Steve Yarneau - May 13, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ 5.5" EBN Kneeling & Praying Angel was purchased for the family of Gino John Martini.



May 10, 2021 at 12:21 AM



“ This very kind and gentle man will be missed by many. Happy he is again with his beloved, a very kind and gentle woman also missed by many. Rest in peace good sir.

Rose & Gary Mitchell - May 06, 2021 at 03:17 PM



“ I will always miss our brief talks at McDonald's and Sons of Italy. Gino was a fine man.

Gary (Rose) Mitchell - May 06, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ I remember how your parents would sit in the back pew by the windows and how my family would bound at the 8:30 mass. I know my mom and your parents are now sharing stories of both of us as Deacons and our childhood mishaps that others would not know. Know of my thoughts and prayers for you and your entire family.

Deacon Greg Clodi - May 06, 2021 at 10:06 AM