



Homer T. (Theodore) Martin

May 14, 1927 - July 30, 2024

Homer T. (Theodore) Martin of Bradley, IL passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at the age of 97, surrounded by his wife, Mary Therese (Smith) Martin and his children.

Homer was born the son of Ovide L. Martin and Verena (Allagaier) on May 14, 1927. He was preceded in death by his parents; his three brothers, Harry, his twin, Robert and Arthur; and his three sisters, Leola Glassford, Dorothy Byrne, and Betty Martin; and one daughter, Jacquelyn Keller.

Homer married Mary Therese Smith on November 6, 1954 and they have shared a loving marriage for almost 70 years. They were blessed with five children, Barbara (Mike) Henry of Joliet, Jackie (Karl) Keller of Manteno, Patrick (Sheila) Martin of Manteno, Meghan (Mike) Downey of Bourbonnais, and Joanne (Steve) Boettinger of Whitefish Bay, WI. They have fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, of which they have spent many years loving and enjoying all of their activities.

Homer's 97 years were filled with joys of faith, family, construction, gardening, and golf (not necessarily in that order). He was in the National Guard during the Korean Conflict and spent time in Korea and Japan where he and his twin brother played baseball. Homer spent all of his working years in the construction business, first with his father and then with his twin brother. He was a member of the Carpenters' union Local 496. Many of their projects are still standing strong around the Kankakee area today.

Homer was a life-long parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, of

which he helped build. He was a member of the Kankakee Elks Country Club for over 50 years, where he shot his age numerous times and had at least five holes in one. He also was known to cross-country ski the links during the winter.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at Noon on Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Inurnment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to United Hospice in Park Ridge, IL or St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

We are so grateful for the kind and loving care that was given to Homer during his time at Courtyard Estates in Herscher.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 5. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Mass

AUG 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Sorry for your loss. I loved your mom and dad. I sang in the choir with Mary and bought your Aunt Betty's car. They will always hold a special place in my heart ❤️ prayers and hugs.

Cheryle Strother - August 09, 2024 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ Mary & family. I didn't know him well, but I knew he had a sense of humor. Keeping you in my prayers at this time of your loss.

Cathie (Sederstrand) Miedema



cathie miedema - August 03, 2024 at 08:19 PM

CB

“ Homer was quite a guy. He was the last of Uncle Pete and Aunt Verena's children. His humor was a typical Martin trait. He was physically amazing, still up on a ladder 3 years ago, cleaning out his gutters. Mary, the sweetest ever, was his rock. My sister Marilyn was in his class with Harry, and she was sad to hear of his passing. My sympathy to the family, especially Mary, on the passing of a wonderful, unique man, love, Claudia Martin Blake.

Claudia Blake - August 03, 2024 at 07:41 PM

KB

“ Meghan, Pat, Karl and family - My prayers are with you as you remember and celebrate your dad's life. I have very fond memories of your dad, uncles and aunts from the Elks Country Club. I recall him as a kind, fun-loving individual. Peace to all of you.

Kevin Boudreau - August 03, 2024 at 09:47 AM

JW

“ Pat & Sheila so sorry for your loss.

Jan Walling - August 02, 2024 at 05:23 PM

JJ

“ Homer and Harry were on my Dad's basketball team (Joe Jepsen) and I remember him well. A very impressive life! Many blessings on your family!

Judy Jepsen-Popel - August 02, 2024 at 04:05 PM

DB

“ Mary Therese, I'm so sorry for your loss. Love Dorothy Ann

Dorothy Bernhard - August 02, 2024 at 12:10 PM

KM

Mary therese so sorry my prayers for you and the family,

Kathy McGrath - August 04, 2024 at 10:21 PM

JH

“ What a lovely obituary - he was quite a guy and left his legacy in his family - all wonderful people - I'm lucky to call them friends.

Jane Hove - August 02, 2024 at 08:05 AM

DW

“ Pat and family, so very sorry for your loss.
Dennis Wittenborn.

Dennis Wittenborn - August 01, 2024 at 06:55 PM

RB

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to Pat and Sheila on the loss of his father. Thinking of you and your family. A life well lived!*
Robin Batka

Robin Batka - August 01, 2024 at 10:47 AM

CB

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Cindy Bossinger - August 01, 2024 at 10:41 AM

TE

“ *Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Homer T. (Theodore) Martin*



Tim and Connie Eaker - August 01, 2024 at 10:09 AM

PJ

“ *Pat & Family sending my condolences on the passing of your dad. Thinking of you & Sheila and your family.*
Sincerely, Pam Johnson

Pam Johnson - August 01, 2024 at 10:04 AM