



Robert O. Martin

December 28, 1921 - January 27, 2012

Visitation for Robert O. Martin, 90, of Bradley, will be from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or to the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. Mr. Martin died Friday (Jan. 27, 2012) at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

Mr. Martin was the acting mayor of Bradley from Oct. 14, 1999 to April 28, 2001. He was police chief in Bradley from 1961 to 1987. He was born Dec. 28, 1921, in Bradley, the son of Ovide L. and Varena Allgaier Martin. His wife, the former Betty J. Kassman, whom he married May 27, 1950, at St. Joseph Rectory, died Oct. 13, 1992. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a member of the 104th Infantry Division "Timberwolves" in Europe and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a graduate of Bradley High School, where he was an accomplished four-sport athlete. He was a member of the basketball state tournament team in 1939 and a member of the first area team to make it to the Sweet 16. He was elected to the BBCHS Athletic Hall of Fame. He coached baseball. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society, the Bradley

Village Board, the Elks, the Moose, Kankakee County Tourism, the Bradley VFW Post 6502, the Bradley American Legion Post 0766, the Hundred Club of Kankakee County, the BBCHS District 307 Board of Education for 12 years and Kankakee County Crimestoppers. He was an avid golfer at the Kankakee Elks Country Club. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, dancing and being with his family.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joshua and Kimberly Martin, of Bradley, Samuel Martin, of Manteno, and Jason and Allison Martin, of Bradley; eight grandchildren, Benjamin Martin, Jacob Martin, Maxwell Martin, Nathan Martin, Nicole Martin, Ian Graham, Ryan Graham and Kaleigh Martin; one sister, Betty J. Martin, of Bradley; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harry and Mary Martin, of Kankakee, and Homer and Mary Martin, of Bradley; and special friend, Anita Sue Greenstreet, of Bradley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Dorothy Byrne and Leola Glassford; and one brother, Art Martin.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert O. Martin



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ Richardson Bradshaw Unz lit a candle in memory of Robert O. Martin



Richardson Bradshaw Unz - March 29, 2012 at 07:40 PM

Jl

“ Julie Morgan IVHM lit a candle in memory of Robert O. Martin



Julie Morgan IVHM - February 02, 2012 at 07:08 AM

BS

“ My sympathies to the Martin Family. I remember Bob as the chief of police but what I really remember is that Bob and Betty were friends of my mom and Dad, Clarence and Leota Stoltz. I remember the trips to Lake Lawn in Wisconsin. My Dad took videos which my family just watched this weekend because we were all together for my Mom's funeral. There were some great shots of Betty walking into the water with her swimming cap on and the first person who splashed her was Bob.

Once again my heart goes out to the Martin family....Becky Stoltz Sangster

Becky Stoltz Sangster - February 01, 2012 at 04:31 PM

EC

“ Dear Josh, Sam, and Jason,
Your father was a Bradley legend both as a young athlete, a war hero, and as a long-serving police officer and chief. His death marks the passing of another member of the greatest generation. He and my dad were cousins and good friends throughout their lives, and although they are gone, their legend lives on in all of us who will always love and remember them. Our families were neighbors on Wabash Avenue, and I remember your dad's warm smile and teasing ways. I like to think that Bob and my Dad are playing golf or maybe basketball up in heaven, now that they no longer are suffering the ravages of sickness and old age.

Please accept my sympathy and fond memories of your wonderful father, and Susie, know that I am thinking of you with deep sympathy today.

Love,

Emily Sue Martin Clott (Daughter of Shaky and Mary)

Emily Martin Clott - January 31, 2012 at 03:20 PM

JB

“ My sympathy to Josh, Sam and Jason on the loss of your wonderful dad. Thinking of him makes me think of my dad, who I miss very much. I feel so lucky to have been a part of the Martin family. God bless you and yours.

Jennifer Martin Broadway (One of Shakey's daughters)

Jennifer Martin Broadway - January 31, 2012 at 12:39 PM

PJ

“ Sam, we were saddened to hear of your dad's passing. We are thinking of you at this difficult time. Brian said he enjoyed caring for him at the Veterans Home. In his 90 years we are sure you have lots of good memories to cherish.

Pam, Fred & Brian Johnson

Pamela S Johnson - January 31, 2012 at 12:18 PM

RL

“ Bob & I are in Florida. We just heard about Bob's Passing. Our prayers are with all the family.

Bob & Regina LaFontaine

Regina LaFontaine - January 31, 2012 at 09:30 AM



JC

“ John And Cindy Cahill lit a candle in memory of Robert O. Martin



John and Cindy Cahill - January 30, 2012 at 11:12 PM

JC

This is in memory of Bob and for Sue who remains a close friend. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

John and Cindy Cahill - January 30, 2012 at 11:14 PM

JP

“ *Robert was a real leader of our Town. Sorry we can not make the service But you will be in our prayers.*
Jerry Papineau

Jerry Papineau - January 30, 2012 at 08:51 PM

DR

“ *We were sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Plese know our prayers and thoughts are with the family. Bob always had a smile on his face. A warm and friendly gentle person. Brenda and Dominic Randazzo*

Dominic Randazzo - January 30, 2012 at 07:00 PM

DC

“ *I met Mr. Martin at the Illinois Veterans Home, as he was one of my patients. We had a few rough patches, but the good times outweighed those. It was a privilege to know and care for Robert and he will truely be missed. God Bless him and his family in this time of sorrow!*

Denise Camp - January 30, 2012 at 06:49 PM

DC

“ *Denise Camp lit a candle in memory of Robert O. Martin*



Denise Camp - January 30, 2012 at 06:41 PM

JF

“ *The entire Martin family will be in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.*

*The Hinkleman family,
Jon, Page, Kiley, Connor*

Jon & Page Hinkleman and family - January 30, 2012 at 03:39 PM

BH

Bob was a wonderful public servant. I was honored to have him as a friend. I always looked forward to the game when he joined us on the golf course. Our prayers are with him and and for strength and courage of his family.

Bruce Huot

Bruce Huot - January 30, 2012 at 04:08 PM

BE

“ *Bob was a good man. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Brian & Julie Ebersole
Bradley*

Brian & Julie Ebersole - January 30, 2012 at 12:48 PM

JH

“ *Chief Martin was a straight shooter and a really nice guy. I remember a few meetings with him along with Officer Scherer when I was a youngster and he was firm but fair in getting his point across. I give credit to him in keeping me on the straight and narrow!*

The world has lost another of The Greatest generation and doubly so with the loss of Bob Martin!

Godspeed Soldier!

Johnny Holt - January 30, 2012 at 10:25 AM

CG

“ Josh & Family:

Your dad defined what a gentleman is all about; what a wonderful man and a dedicated civic leader. Had the honor of meeting and talking to him several times covering news over the years. A real loss for all of us...if only we all be as kind as caring. My prayers go out to all of Mr. Martin's family.

*-Carl Gerdovich
Watseka*

Carl gerdovich - January 30, 2012 at 08:30 AM

BF

“ *Your dad was a friend to everyone. I had the privilege of knowing and playing golf with him for forty years !! He was a true gentleman and a great competitor !! I will always cherish that I knew him !! I'm sorry for your loss Josh, Sam, Jason, Homer and Harry !! Bob Ferrias
South Shore Golf Club*

Bob Patty Ferrias - January 29, 2012 at 07:39 AM

NA

“ *I will turn home at last once more
Knowing that a true soldier's rest
Once earned is sweet
His peace complete
Who gave until the last his best*

*National Timberwolf Association
104th Infantry Division*

National Timberwolf Association - January 27, 2012 at 08:03 PM

JM

I am one of his wolves and I met him for the last time in Lombard 2 years ago. He looked real dapper. I am till in an old peoples home. How did he survive the carnage that we saw? Good luck Bob and have one on me. jack mahoney the medic.

jack mahoney - January 29, 2012 at 07:34 PM