



Frank J. Martin

February 13, 1925 - September 2, 2012

Frank J. Martin, age 87, a veteran newspaperman, who worked on a number of papers in the East and Midwest, died September 2, 2012 in Tempe, AZ. A former resident of Huntington Woods, he was born in New York City. He held degrees in English and History from Columbia University and was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. A reporter and copy editor, he worked for, among others, the Providence Journal and Toledo Times. In Detroit, he worked for the Detroit Times, Detroit Free Press, Automotive News and the Detroit News. He was on the sports desk at the Detroit News for many years before switching to the main news desk, where he was chief copy editor. He retired in 1990. He was preceded in death by his wife Marguerite, his daughter Anne and son Paul. He is survived by his daughters, Constance Martin of Huntington Woods, Marie Gordon of Knightdale, NC, Louise Baker of Rockford, MI and Ellen Pope of Tempe, AZ; sons, James of Houston, TX and Matthew of Denver, CO; sister, Mary Koleski of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Visitation Friday 3-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. In state Saturday 10:30 a.m. until time of Mass 11 a.m. at St. Dennis Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Memorials appreciated to Hospice of the Valley, hov.org or Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Thanks to one of the first players to introduce me to handball. RIP partner. Dennis

Dennis Hannon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Frank was my mentor at The Detroit News. A tough perfectionist on the copy desk -- but a softie underneath that gruff exterior. He was a generous, caring man who was the best I've seen at his craft. I have many great memories of Frank -- I'm sure you, his family, will call upon your special memories to keep him alive in your hearts always.

Mary Kay Dodero - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Ellen and all family members: My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Sadly, all the neighbors on the block are slowly leaving me. Treasure all your memories of the best times of your life in Huntington Woods.

Jan Kobert - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I am deeply sorry for the loss of your father. I owe my career to him as much as anybody. He taught me more than all my years in college combined. He was a wonderful man with a big heart and he loved his family more than anything and spoke of you often. I will miss him and cherish every memory of him growling at me or his twinkling eyes when I came up with a snappy headline.

Maryann Struman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Debra and I knew Frank for more than two decades through our Daughter, Jennifer, married to Matt Martin. Frank was the solid rock for the Martin family. He will be missed. Our sympathies go out to the Family.

John and Debra Harper - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our prayers are with Frank's family, and we will hold him in our hearts.

Doris and Dan Saad - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Somehow, words seem inadequate for apparent losses and times like this? Perhaps, one word's too many, and thousands not enough? My sense is that your dad, grandpa, would have us remember him with loving Lightness, joy and kindness. There is a land of the living and a land of the dead and the bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning. My thoughts are with you Connie, Brendan and Melanie at this time!!

Joanne Baker - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ When you look up the definition of newspaperman in the dictionary, Frank Martin's picture will be there. He practiced his craft with consummate skill and left an indelible impression on his peers. All those who remember him from The News wish him Godspeed. Our sympathies to his family.

Michael Trojanowski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Dear Ellen and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. Ellen, how blessed your father was to have lived next door to you the last several years....you have been so devoted. He must have been so proud to have you for a daughter. Ellen, when I hear Sinatra, I will think of your dad! God bless you and your whole family. With love and deepest sympathy, Nancy & Pastor John Schaeffel

Nancy Schaeffel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and family at this time!

Jennie Dorsett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Ellen, I know you and Tony and your sons made the last 3 years of your dad's life far more fulfilling than they would have been if you hadn't moved him to AZ. Take comfort in remembering all the family time you were able to spend together. Love, Ann

Ann Sansone - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ellen, I am so sorry to have read your father has passed. It was obvious how much he loved you, and how much you loved him, and taking care of him for so many years. I pray he did not suffer in the end. Always keep the years you had him with you close to your heart. I definitely have many memories of him and your Mom during our swimming years that I have not, and will not forget. I wish nothing but to be able to be there with you right now, but since that is not possible, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. HUGS

Robyn Der Pilibosian Farwell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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KB

“ Wish we could be with you Ellen, you're in our hearts. Karyn, Gabrielle & Nicolette

Karyn Banner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ My thoughts are with his family, especially Ellen. I know he loved you but had interesting way of showing it! You were a brave & gracious daughter to the end. My best, vicki

Vicki Nave Moreland - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Condolences to all. Rest in peace, Mr. Martin.

Shirley Summers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM