



Robert J. Martin Sr.

May 4, 1941 - September 29, 2009

Martin, Robert J. Sr. Age 68, died on September 29, 2009. Beloved Son of Madeline and the Late Joseph Martin. Loving Father of Sandra Hani Jamalieh, RobertGloria Martin Jr., Joseph Lindsey Martin, and Paul Martin. Dear brother of Richard Donna Martin, Russell Debbie Martin, Suzanne Martin, Francis Diane Martin, Charles Jean Martin and the late Michael Martin. Proud Grandfather of Haifa Jamalieh, Brandon Martin and Shannon Martin. Robert was married to Charlene VanThomme for 34 years and Dianne Rabaut Martin for 11 years. He was an accomplished entrepreneur and inventor, a friend to many, and loved flying. Visitation Wednesday 5.-9 p.m. and Thursday 3-9 p.m.at the Wm Sullivan Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road 3 Blks E. of Van Dyke Utica. Funeral Service Friday 11a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials appreciated to Capuchin Soup Kitchen Share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

MI

“ *What a wonderful Step-Dad Bob was to me. I miss him already. Such an awesome example of love. Every visit to my Mom's which is often Bob would tell me how much he loved my mom, loved me and my family. What a great relationship he had with my children, he really loved them all. They loved their Pappa so much! He has taught me a lot which will always stay with me. I thank God that my family has such wonderful memories of Bob, and that is something no one can ever take away !!!*

Missy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Lindsey, Joseph and the Martin Family, We want you to know how we are saddened by the loss of your most loved father. May you feel the love of family and friends at this difficult time. Our Condolences, The Staff at Holly High School*

Holly High School - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *We will never forget the blessing Bob has been to us and the love he shared. He was "grandpa" to our girls after my dad died, showering them with hugs and love when he would fly to Ohio with my sister to visit. I hope Jesus lets you help Him "prepare a place" for us because I know it will a good one! We'll see you when we get there. Tony, Julie, Elise and Erica Burnett.*

Julie Burnett - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dearest Suzie, Madeline and all the Martins, God bless you all at this very difficult time. Know that we are all thinking of you and praying for your family. You all have a very special place in the hearts of my family. With love and prayer, Janny Deveney Chapoton

Janice Deveney Chapoton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Although I did not know Bob personally, my prayers are with Dianne and the family. May you find peace and comfort in the presence of our Lord, and a glimpse of the joy that Bob has entered into. Love, Teri Anderson Fuller

Teri Anderson Fuller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ To the Martin family: Our deepest condolences in the loss of Bob. We know that you have all cared for him and made him as comfortable as possible. We wish you the best in reflecting about his wonderful life and the positive impact he made on all of you.

Tim & Hannah Ricci - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ To Bob Martin Sr. Family: We're thinking of all of you in this most difficult time. Bob is now in a much better place. Let the Holidays & New Year bring you Peace, Closure, and New Beginnings.

Greg & Liz Papsdorf - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My prayers are with you all in this season. I stopped a few times during the day and chatted with Bob, that was a few years ago. I always enjoyed doing that, even if he was busy he would stop and chat a bit. I was just telling my wife about him a few weeks ago. I have even shared his testimony with people I have crossed paths with over the years. He will be greatly missed down here. As I sit here and write this it is like I can see Bob getting every question he ever had being answered sitting at the feet in awe of our Lord. You are all in my prayers. Blessings Dave Beauchamp

Dave Beauchamp - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ When I reflect back into life, I think of Bob as one of most intelligent persons I've known. From pilot to business man, he was always kind and generous. I remember every Christmas when Bob would walk the long streets of Oakland Township and pass out plants to his neighbors. I remember how proud he was when young Bobby bulldozed my property when he was about ten years old. And most importantly to Katherine and I, how he responded to our young Son Mike 4 yrs old being missing and assisting the state police by sending all of his employees to join the search party. Mike was found walking on a frozen pond miles from home and who drove up with Mike in the car? Bob Martin. Thanks for being a part of our lives Bob.

Katherine and Vernon Zang - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Diane words just cannot express the deep sorrow we are feeling and yet rejoicing that Bob is with his Father. Diane you and Bob have played a special part in our lives and gave phil a chance when no other would and we are eternally grateful. Bob was truly a Spiritual father and mentor to my son and because of his love and care is where he is at today. Diane you always have and will always be my spiritual sister and dear friend, though we are miles apart you are still close in my heart. love and miss you.

Sheryl and Dan McGeary - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My deepest condolences to my sister, Dianne, and the Martin family on your great loss. Bob was a great husband to my sister and a wonderful brother-in-law. The courage he showed during this past year can only be attributed to his enduring faith and strength of character. He will be sorely missed by our family.

Mary Garavaglia - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ What a spectacular man of God! When I heard the news last night my heart just dropped...I have so many memories and thoughts. For years, Bob would walk into the church office and ask me how the world's greatest church secretary was and completely brighten my day. I think his heart was always turned outward; there wasn't a selfish bone in his body. Ben and I agree that our favorite memory was the night we had dinner at your house and heard Bob say, "Come here babies..." and more deer than we've ever seen came out of the woods at his tender call! He will be sorely missed. We love you Dianne! - Rebekah

Ben & Rebekah Pinchback - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Bob was brilliant and one of the most intelligent men I have ever met. He also had a big heart and loved people. Bob gave me work and a home to stay in during some difficult times in my life and a provided an opportunity for me to get on my feet again. I am living successfully and working in ministry these days. Bob, you loved enough. Thank you.

Philip McGeary - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear Diane, we are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Our prayers are with you right now. Our entire family loved Bob, and he touched all of our lives. Tabatha's fondest memory is when he took her up flying. She will treasure that in her heart forever. Todd Jr., learned alot at the shop, and really looked up to Bob. He reminded Tiffany of her grandpa, and she loved that in itself. As for Todd and I, we couldn't say enough about him, and our favorite memory is hanging out at your home that one day, when we were both very tired, emotionally. Both you and Bob prayed with us, talked with us, and gave us the strength to go on. Our lives were changed for the better knowing Bob. We will always be grateful for his contributions to the River of God. All our love, Holcomb's

Todd, Tammy, Tabatha, Todd Jr. & Tiffany Holcomb - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dianne, I am so very sorry for your loss, God has gained a great companion for eternity. Love, Steve & Mary Mackinder

Steve & Mary Mackinder - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Diane, I will be praying for you in the days ahead. I know that God will be walking this walk with you. He will be your comforter as you go through this time. If you should ever need anything, do not hesitate to call. Your sister in the Lord, Brenda McGowan.*

Brenda McGowan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Bob and Diane both always had time for a positive word when needed most, a friendly handshake, and a smile. I could always see the reflection of Christ upon them both. I hope I can be more like them as I mature. Bob, with Christ at your side, you do not need an airplane to fly anymore my friend. Diane, all our love and prayers. God bless and keep you. Sincerely, Tod and Heidi Allen*

Tod and Heidi Allen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *We loved Robert when we knew him at River of God and thank God for the gift he was to everyone he knew. Blessings upon all his family members.*

Don & Anne Powder - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Bob was always such a blessing to be around and although we are sad to hear of his passing, we know he must be rejoicing to be in the presence of the Lord.*

Joe & Sue Katona - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ Aunt Madeline and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time of loss of a son, husband, brother and father. May God's Blessings look down upon your family at this time. Tom and Laurie VanSteenkiste

Tom and Laurie VanSteenkiste - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Our hearts remember warm hugs from one of the most gracious and sincere Christian men we have ever known. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Dianne, our most loving friend, as well as to the entire Martin family. May God comfort you all ~ as only His touch can. Lovingly, Lee & Cheryl Coots

Lee & Cheryl Coots - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ May Bob rest in peace after his long battle with cancer. Cudos to Joey, Lindsey, Bobby, Gloria, Sandy, and Hani for their strength and devotion to their father father-in-law during this time. With love, Kris & Paul Ricci

Kris Ricci - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Bob was a kind and Christian man and a wonderful husband to my sister, Dianne. I'm honored that he touched my life over the past 12 or so years. I'll never forget his thoughtfulness. My sympathy to Dianne and the entire Martin family.

Pat Rabaut Miller - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Farewell Bob. You're "good and gettin better". I will miss you.
Michelle Sanborn

michelle sanborn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Our deepest sympathy to Diane, his wife, Madeline his mother, and especially Bobs children. Bob was a great man. Love, Uncle Lawrence and Joyce

Lawrence Joyce DeHondt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ My sincere condolences to the entire Martin family. Bob and I spent many hours together. I have marveled at his creativity and zest for life. May you all take comfort in the fact that he is at peace in the presence of the Divine.

Ron Taylor - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Dianne, You and Bob were an amazing couple! Our family so loved being with you both. The peace and love of God just poured out from you guys. What an example! We will so miss Bob, Our prayers are have been and are with you. The two of you have touched so many. You truly were unique, just thinking of you and Bob is blessing. Kind, funny, warm, generous just to name a few. Jesus with skin, consistently. With great stories too! We will always remember. Now Bob is with his Jesus!!! Peace, Love and Joy to you Dear Dianne.

Curt and Barb Schewe - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dianne, Bob was a wonderful man of God and I am truly blessed for having him in my life. The love you and Bob shared was so amazing. You are the most kind and giving people and always made everyone feel welcome at the bible studies in your home. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love and God bless you, Larry

Larry Mikkola - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM