



## Viola H. Martin

January 1, 1911 - June 22, 2011

Martin, Viola H. nee Groh Age 100, a resident of Royal Oak for over 74 years, peacefully passed away at her daughter's home on June 22, 2011. She was born on January 1, 1911 in Detroit, MI. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Harold, her daughters Doris Clayton, and Patricia Giering, her son, Roger Martin, and grandchildren Julie, Jeffrey, Ryan and Gary. Mrs. Martin is survived by her children Marilyn Gary Peters, Thomas Jean Martin, Carol Forgione, Kaye Jackola, Pamela James Lowe and Nancy Martin. She was the loving grandmother of 32, great grandmother of 44 and great-great grandmother of 7. Mrs. Martin worked for B&B Cleaners, Royal Oak, for many years before her retirement. She also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Service Monday 11:00 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Visitation Sunday 2-6 p.m. Memorial donations to Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley Rd., Ste. A, Canton, MI 48187.

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ Grandma had a quiet strength and humility that was very endearing. I asked her one time why she never learned to drive and she said "I had no reason to drive, I could walk everywhere I needed to go". I recall at my sister Lynda's wedding reception, the buffet line was rather long and I was asked to get grandma a plate. I asked her what she wanted and she said, "anything it doesn't matter". I brought her back a plate piled as high as any in the room and set it in front of her pausing for her reaction to this massive amount of food. She just looked at it and then at the plate next to her and said "Timothy where's my potatoes?" I learned a very important lesson that day about an Irish woman and her potatoes! I hope she gets her potatoes every day in heaven!

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**Tim Peters** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ May the hope at Isaiah 25:8 bring the Martin family much comfort, here God assures us that death will be swallowed up or removed from all the earth. This is something that we can look forward to in the near future.

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**ariel** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Grama Martin - The most inspirational person in my entire life. She lived her life active, compassionate, and inquisitive. She was always thoughtful of others. As her oldest grandchild, I was able to live and grow from her. I always wanted to spend time with her and my aunts and uncles. She gave me the happiest memories ever. She was able to persevere thru everything. I would like to think that her life was full of the memories and all those pictures she took as a footprint for us all to follow. Her life was truly blessed and we were blessed to of had her all these years. Sandy Clayton Feuerhammer saundrafeu@yahoo.com

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**Sandy** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ In the few times I was able to meet Nana, she radiated such strong warmth and kindness. She brought happiness to her family and everyone around her. Thank you for being a wonderful person, Nana!

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**Rachael Perretta** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ When I think of how long my great-grandmother was on this earth, of all the cultural shifts she witnessed, and of all the joy and sadness she experienced, it is humbling, to say the least. I am 23 and presume to know a few things about the world, but when I think of her, a woman whose life spanned incredibly over 100 years, I remember that I haven't seen anything yet. Rest in peace, Nana. You will be missed.

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**Kyle Austin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ My Great Grandma Martin or 'Nana' as us kids called her was a simply amazing woman. In my relatively short time knowing her, I came to learn just how much she'd done for our family and countless others. Her determination in life from early on and into her later years was awe-inspiring to the say the least. I'm also very glad she was able to meet my daughter Sofia and even take a five-generation picture with my Mother Lynda and Grandma Marilyn. Not a lot of people can say they've even had a great grandmother, but I got to grow up with the best one any kid could ask for. In starting my own family and continuing the one she helped along like no one else could, I hope I can do half the job that my Nana did.

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**Eric Austin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My dear Auntie Vie, you touched so many peoples lives with your love. You were truely one of God's angles here on earth and will be greatly missed. You will always be in our hearts. May Gods peace be with you. Love you!!! Mary Ann

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**Mary Ann** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Our extended family, the Hoemke's and Saunders', send our condolences. Vi was a dear friend of our mom, Pat Hoemke, and the two spent many hours visiting, shopping and just sharing the lives of their large, loving families and the happenings at Barton Tower. She was such a lovely lady...may we all live as full a life as Vi!

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**Barry and Edie Saunders** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our hearts are heavy with the loss of our dear Aunt Viola. She was the last connection we had to that generation and our father Fred Groh Sr. What a beautiful person our aunt was. She will be dearly missed by many. Love you Aunt Vi... Mary & Sandy

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**Mary & Sandy Ferguson** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Mom has left us a legacy that will never be forgotten and will live on and on. I will miss her dearly. She will always be my hero.

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**Pam** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Hi folks from Mike Peters - my Grandma Martin meant the world to me. No matter where I was, she always mailed me a birthday card. Over the years, her messages in the cards to me became more personal and she spoke more about why she was here on this Earth. I was just glad she was alive. I will miss her and her warm laughter very much.

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**Michael Peters** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM