



Donald Martin

March 4, 1942 - December 24, 2025

Donald Martin, 83, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 24, 2025. Born in Benton, Illinois, on March 4, 1942, to Harry Lee Martin and Lillian (Bain) Martin.

Donald was a proud veteran, having served honorably with the United States Marine Corps. His disciplined and compassionate nature, solidified during his military service, remained with him throughout his life. Professionally, Donald dedicated his career to the Murray Center, where his work left a lasting impact on those he served and worked alongside.

A cherished resident of Centralia, Donald was an active life member of the Moose Lodge. He relished the camaraderie and sense of brotherhood found within the organization. Beyond his community service, Donald was an avid golfer, often finding joy and relaxation on the greens, where he built enduring friendships and cherished memories.

Donald is survived by his devoted wife, Patty Martin of Centralia; his son, Ronnie Martin and wife Cindy of Centralia; and his stepdaughter, Teresa White and husband Colt of Salem. He will be dearly missed by his sisters Joyce Oakley and Marsha Wilson of Benton; his grandchildren, Nick, Braxton, and Tyson, along with his great-grandson Gavin, who will carry forward his legacy of kindness, integrity, and love.

Donald had been preceded in death by his beloved parents, Harry and Lillian Martin, as well as his brothers-in-law, Tim Wilson and Kenny Oakley. His large extended family of aunts and uncles, who have all passed, awaited him with loving arms.

Family, friends, and those whose lives Donald touched are invited to honor and celebrate his life at a service on Monday, January 5, 2025, at 1:00pm at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Arrangements are being handled by Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Donald's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Donald's unwavering love, gentle spirit, and immense contributions to both family and community will forever be remembered and cherished by all who knew him. His legacy will live on in the hearts of his loved ones and in the spirit of the community he so dearly loved and served.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 5. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
2500 Old Highway 51 North
Sandoval, IL 62882

Tribute Wall

KA

“ I hadn't seen Don in years. I only saw him once after he came back from Florida. I met him when he moved to Arline Drive.. We took many float trips on the Current River and other rivers also. He had a camper and we took trips with him then too. He would give you the shirt off his back to help someone. He worked on people's cars and I would watch him and learned a lot from him. I will never forget him. You couldn't ask for a better friend.

Ken Arning

Ken Arning - January 05 at 10:37 AM

TS

“ I was sad to hear of his passing. I knew Don ever since I was a very little kid growing up on "the block" which was E. 4th Street and Arline Drive. I was a big Adam-12 fan and he used to get me those security hats which were like the police hats that they wore on Adam-12. I have many great childhood memories growing up on the block which Don was a part of. Every time I am in town, I drive through the old neighborhood and remember all of the people which Don was a part of. Being in Florida, I won't be able to make the service but will be thinking of him. Best wishes to Patty and Ronnie during this time.

Tom Smith - December 30, 2025 at 11:13 PM

PB

“ I loved working with Don at the Moose Lodge. His dedication to the fraternity was unwavering. My condolences to Patty and the rest of the family. He will be missed by many.

Pamela Boettcher - December 30, 2025 at 11:49 AM

RS

“ *My condolences to the family Don had a heart of gold*



Robin Sermons - December 29, 2025 at 10:46 PM

DR

“ *Don was a great person who helped anybody that needed it . I was lucky to call him my friend . We once took a cruise together with our Friend Larry Williams to Nassau and bought cheap rooms which was below the rooms the help slept in and all got sea sick . My thoughts and prayers go out to Ron and Don’s family . He was simply a “good guy”.*

Danny Ramey - December 29, 2025 at 05:14 PM