



## Lavern Charles Martin

May 7, 1935 - April 22, 2015

LaVern C. Martin, 79, of Bourbonnais passed away April 22, 2015 at Faith Place in Danforth, IL. Vern was born May 7, 1935 in Kankakee to Charles and Velma (Schultz) Martin. He grew up on a farm with his parents and siblings. Vern proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. After the Army he worked for General foods for over 30 years. After retirement Vern was reunited with an old friend, Sylvia who he has been happily married to for the last 13 years. Even after retirement, Vern went back to work at Miedemas' farm and enjoyed working at local farmers markets. During the winter Vern and Sylvia would often travel out of state to Arizona. Vern enjoyed gardening, talking about old cars and motorcycles, or just flipping through different car magazines. Vern cared most about is his family and close friends.

LaVern is survived by his wife Sylvia, of Bourbonnais, one daughter and son-in-law, Jackie (Gary) Birr of Dayton, OH; two sons and daughters-in-law; Barry (Kim) Martin of St. Louis, MO; Mike (Lauri) Martin of Bourbonnais, IL, two sisters and brother-in-law; Elenor (Larry) Rosenbrock of Lowell, IN, Maggie Gieken of Kankakee, IL, and one brother and two sisters in law Gerald (Vonda) Martin and Mary Martin all of St. Anne, IL, and eight grandchildren; J.C., Ryan, Niki Birr, Megan, Kelli Martin, Emily, Luke and Mia Martin; along with several Nieces and Nephews. Also surviving are two stepdaughters; Marianne (Dave) Shimanek, Tracy (Bill) Steiner, a step son; Mike (Maggie) Mahler, and step granddaughters; Ami Shimanek, Becky and Ryan Balber, Laura and James Shaw, Jenny, Nicky, Jessie Steiner, Hanah Mahler, step grandsons, Billy and Andrea Steiner, Josh Wilson, Jacob Mahler, step great granddaughters; Isbella Steiner, Megan Balber and Step great grandsons; David Balber, Gregory Shimanek and Noah Shaw.

LaVern was preceded in death by his Parents; identical twin brother Leroy Martin and nephew, Bob Martin.

A memorial visitation will be Sunday from 2pm to 5pm at the Bourbonnais Chapel of the Schreffler Funeral Home. The service will be Monday at 11am also at the funeral home. Burial will be at Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

# Cemetery Details

## Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 26. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel  
1100 N. Convent St.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-2421

## Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Bourbonnais Chapel  
1100 N. Convent St.  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-2421

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavern Charles Martin*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *we will miss his smile and happy demeanor, he was always pleasant to be around.*

**jerry and kathy kramer** - May 03, 2015 at 07:07 PM



“ *I was blessed to know Vern when he came in to drink coffee with the boys at McDonald's. I apologize to Sylvia that I just found out about Vern's passing. I pray for everyone in the family and the friends of Vern. He was a great gentleman.*

**jennifer love** - April 29, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ *So sorry Silvia for your loss. He was a great man, and he will be missed.  
Ken and Chris Adkins*

**Chris Adkins** - April 29, 2015 at 11:08 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Vern's passing. Vern will be missed at Orangewood. Keeping the family in our thought's & prayer's. May God place His loving spirit upon you during your loss. Earl & Jo Moss*

**Jo Moss** - April 28, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ *Dear Sylvia and Family,  
Gene and I send our deepest condolences. We always enjoy Vern so much. He was one of the most pleasant gentleman we knew here in Orangewood Shadows. He has been missed this last year and will be always. May he rest in peace and may you find peace in your memories of a very nice man.  
Sincerely, Jan and Gene Morrow*

**Janice Morrow** - April 26, 2015 at 05:23 PM

CW

“ Christopher Wilcox lit a candle in memory of Lavern Charles Martin



Christopher Wilcox - April 26, 2015 at 03:33 PM

MW

“ Dear Sylvia and family  
We will miss seeing Vern's happy face as he rode around OWS.  
Our prayers and sympathy to you all.  
OWS friends  
Marj and Doug Wells

Marj Wells - April 26, 2015 at 01:26 PM

AW

“ To: Barry, Jackie, Mike, Jake, Vonda, Joey, and the entire Martin family. Our deepest sympathy. Alan and Brooke Wyatt. I'm sure he's back in that white '71 corvette, windows down and shifting into third!

Alan Wyatt - April 26, 2015 at 12:41 PM

MH

“ Sylvia,  
  
We are both so sorry to hear about Vern. We will always remember the great times we had at OWS. He will be missed by so many people, and will think of him often. You take care Sylvia  
Roger & Marian #142 like he always called us

Marian Hemmersbach - April 25, 2015 at 10:10 PM

WH

“ we played volleyball with Vern at Orangewood shadows in Mesa Arizona. We all had a great time. My prayers are with Sylvia and the family. Wanda Hulbert

Wanda Hulbert - April 25, 2015 at 07:05 PM

BB

“ Bruce And Janet Blake lit a candle in memory of Lavern Charles Martin



Bruce and Janet Blake - April 25, 2015 at 05:31 PM

BB

“ So sorry to hear of Lavern's passing, My husband and I both worked with him at General Foods. Lavern was an easy going guy who was always smiling, very good natured and had a story to tell you. He will be missed.

Bruce and Janet Blake - April 25, 2015 at 05:30 PM

VT

“ Knew Lavern from General Foods

Viator & Janet Trudeau

Viator & Janet Trudeau - April 24, 2015 at 07:47 PM

FB

Sorry to hear about Vern, have a lot of great memories, knowing him at OWS. One of the guys, loved to visit with him. We will miss him, may he rest in peace, we know that he is in a better place.

Fred&Betty Berneking - April 25, 2015 at 06:57 PM

HO

“ Mike & Lauri & Martin Family:

So sorry to hear of Lavern's passing. Our sympathy is with your family as our prayers go to you...Randy & Lori Hoekstra

Hoekstra - April 24, 2015 at 04:03 PM



We were so sorry to hear of Vern's passing. We have many happy memories of times we spent with Vern and Sylvia in Arizona. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you Sylvia and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Ken and Sharon Willis

Sharon Willis - April 25, 2015 at 07:13 PM