



Frank Arthur Martin

November 20, 1923 - January 4, 2015

Mr. Frank Arthur Martin, age 91, of Fort Payne passed away January 4, 2015 at Crestview Hospital in Huntsville. Mr. Martin was born in Tallassee, Alabama on November 20, 1923 to the late J.D. and Evie Jones Martin. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Fort Payne and the Lions Club. A pilot, he enjoyed flying as well as playing golf, and fishing.

Mr. Martin served his country during World War II as a member of the 8th Army Air Corp where he flew 35 missions as a tail gunner. In the 1950's, he moved to Fort Payne and started M & S Steel, Valley Steel, and Metal Deck, Inc. He owned Martin Builder's Supply in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. He retired in 1985 but continued to run Martin Properties, maintaining the office until just a few weeks ago.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Friday at the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ricky Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 4:00 until 7:00pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations to the 95th Bomb Group Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 6154, Eureka, CA 95502, or the First United Methodist Church, 206 Grand Avenue NW, Fort Payne, AL 35967.

Mr. Martin is survived by his daughter: Kathy Martin; cousins: Betty Ann Kendrick, Liz Johnson; several nieces and nephews; and chosen family Alan

and Marsha Miller, Teresa, Wayne and Jacob Hill. He was preceded in death by his wife: Katherine R. Martin; and brothers: Otis Martin, Paul Martin, Curtis Martin, Tom Martin, and Joe Martin.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home Chapel
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150
wilsonfuneralhome@bellsouth.net
<http://www.wilsonfhinc.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Arthur Martin*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Mr. Frank's passing. I can never forget his kindness and life lessons learned during my brief time working for him. He was a good man I am proud to have known.*
Joe Blackwell

Joe Blackwell - January 11, 2015 at 05:07 PM



“ *John Crow, sent a virtual gift in memory of Frank Arthur Martin*



John Crow, - January 08, 2015 at 02:00 PM



One early memory was Frank judging my science fair project in junior high. I failed his questions but it taught me that anything worthwhile doesn't come easy, and helped me become a better scientist later in life. My fondest memories are the many golf outings with 'lefty' Frank and, flights with Frank and Kathryn. Just a few years ago, I had the great pleasure of hearing many incredible stories of Frank's experiences as a tail gunner in a B-17. My dad later told me that, in 60 years of knowing Frank, he'd never heard these stories, so I felt very privileged. Frank was the embodiment of the Greatest Generation, and I shall miss him a lot.

John Crow, - January 08, 2015 at 02:49 PM

SA

“ So sorry to hear of your dad's passing Kathy. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sharon (Ham) Alexander

Sharon Alexander - January 07, 2015 at 09:47 AM

JB

“ Kathy I am so sorry for the loss of your father and thinking of you during this time. I enjoyed all of the stories about Frank and the few times I was around him. If there is anything I can do please let me know.

Joel Bond

Joel Bond - January 05, 2015 at 03:30 PM