

George Martens

March 11, 1944 - December 13, 2024

George Martens, 80, of Milford, formerly of Ames, Fort Dodge and Pocahontas passed away on Friday, December 13, 2024, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

A private family burial will take place in the Union Cemetery in Pomeroy, IA, at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

George Lee Martens was born on March 11, 1944, to Gerd and Verona (Knierim) Martens in Pocahontas, IA. He graduated from Pocahontas High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering from Iowa State University. George proudly served his country in the US Navy where he boldly flew over 196 missions in enemy territory. His job was as an aviation electronic tech. He flew off of the USS Hancock, Kitty Hawk, Constellation, and the Enterprise. He worked as a Civil Engineer for the Iowa Department of Transportation building highways. He married his high school sweetheart Sally Herrick in 2021, in Las Vegas, NV.

In his free time, besides taking pride in his work, George was an avid Studebaker car fan. He loved to work on them, drive them and was a proud member of the Studebaker Club. He was very proud of his grandson following in his footsteps to continue the passion of Studebakers.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Sally Martens of Milford; daughter Liz Schaeffer of Casa Grande, AZ; step sons Tim McClelland of Vermillion, SD

and Paul (Kate) McClelland of Salita, CO; grandchildren Justin of Grimes, IA; Emily and Ben Kozak of Vermillion, SD; Hannah and Alec of Vermillion, SD; Neal McClelland and Forrest McClelland of Salita, CO; sister Phyllis Ekstrand of Chicago, IL; sister in laws Ursela Schnch of AZ; and Jerrie Martens; and a brother in law Mike Lee of WI; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Dr. Dean Martens and Robert Martens, and sisters Joyce Krueger and Carol Lee.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

1949 Marengo Ave.
Pomeroy, IA 50575

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *Sal, I'm so sorry for your loss of George. I remember your posts on Facebook when you and your sweetheart were married a few years ago. What a wonderful moment. As grief ebbs and flows , draw on your beautiful memories that you and George got to share. 💕💕*



Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - December 22, 2024 at 06:19 PM

MU

“ *Marlys Unrau lit a candle in memory of George Martens*



Marlys Unrau - December 21, 2024 at 10:02 AM

JK

“ *My deepest condolences to his family....my heart aches...my Georgie...see you on the other side.*



Julie Kaatz - December 20, 2024 at 10:09 AM

BS

“ *Bev Sill lit a candle in memory of George Martens*



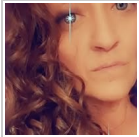
Bev Sill - December 18, 2024 at 10:10 PM

KM

“ *Thank you for all the memories and for taking such wonderful care of Sal! What a blessing to share your life together again* 🤍



Kate McClelland - December 16, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, Sal - and to all of George's family. He seemed to be a very kind man when I met him those few years back and I know how much you loved him! My sincerest condolences to you during this difficult time. Sending you love and peace.*

Monica Lea - December 15, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ellen Feters - December 14, 2024 at 08:20 PM



Love you George Godspeed my brother in-law you are loved and missed

Ellen Fetters - December 14, 2024 at 08:21 PM

JV

So sorry. Hugs to you my sister. Love you.

JoyceJoyce Vote - December 16, 2024 at 02:11 PM

KS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Stoller - December 14, 2024 at 08:17 PM

JM

“ Jon Martens

Uncle George have a lot of memories growing up with you and rest of the family on the farm.

The baseball glove you brought back with you on leave from the service.

Now you my dad(Bob), Aunt Joyce, Aunt Carol, Uncle Dean and Grandpa and Grandma are having coffee and enjoying each other company.

Will miss you

Jon Martens - December 14, 2024 at 06:22 PM

JR

Uncle George you and I have shared so many memories! Riding my Harley to Grandma Verona's and you would be there, and just the three of us spending time together. All the times in AZ when we lived there, and the horses and Liz! The last ones were bring lunch to Ames many times when we had moved back to Iowa, and we would sit and talk about everything all afternoon, you became a 2nd dad to me as I had lost my dad your brother, then all the trees we cut in Ames from storms, we did as a family, I was thrilled when you got with Sally, I remembered her from my childhood at the farm! You were and are so Loved, I know I will see you all again and what a time we will all have!!!!

Janet (Martens) Reed - December 17, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CB

“ *I am so sorry Sal, for your loss. He made you so happy again. Hold on to all those precious moments. Praying for God's comfort for you and all who loved him.*



Carla Bjork - December 14, 2024 at 02:55 PM

MC

“ *So sorry Sal, thinking of you and prayers to you and the family ❤️🙏*



Martha Carlson - December 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM

IS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort during this hard time 🙏*



Irma Schaffer - December 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ *Sal, so sorry for your loss...*

Chris Baker - December 14, 2024 at 10:53 AM