



## Kenneth Martin

November 12, 1931 - September 24, 2012

### Obituary of Kenneth Martin

Kenneth Mortimer Martin, 80, of Bushnell, Florida died on Monday, September 24, 2012 at his home. He was born on November 12, 1931 in Windsor Ontario, Canada. At the age of 3, his family moved to Dearborn, Michigan. While attending Dearborn High, Mr. Martin excelled in sports, achieving numerous accolades which include being named to the 1950 Detroit Free Press Michigan All State football team. He was awarded a full scholarship to Western Michigan University. Because of his athletic prowess and skill, he received several conference defensive player honors from 1951 through 1952. After college, Kenneth became an officer with the Detroit Police Department. His passion for criminology drove him to obtain a degree in law enforcement from the University of Detroit-Mercy. After 25 years of service, he retired and remained a member of the Detroit Police Officer Association. In 1978, he and his family moved to Bushnell. Since moving to Florida, he has been an active parishioner of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and an Altar Society member. His dedication to his faith moved him to establish and implement a Catholic Prison Ministry program to serve the Sumter Correctional Institute for the past 34 years. Mr. Martin was a loving husband and father who built his family home himself. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping at Disney with his family. He and his wife were inseparable and shared 54 beautiful years of marriage blessed by God. His

children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were loved unconditionally and cherished by him.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Martin; 13 children, Shirlee O'Neill, Nancy (Chet) Colton, Kenneth Martin, Mary (Bruce) Furca, Karen Martin, Antoinette (Kevin) Bonnett, Frank (Gerri) Martin, Kathleen Durham, Fred Martin, Colleen Martin, Ronald (Kristy) Martin, Christopher Martin and Robert (Lasha) Martin; 26 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; sister, Sally (Jack) McNamara; brother, Leonard (Gay) Martin

#### Visitation

Visitation will be held at the Purcell Funeral Home, Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

#### Services

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Bushnell, FL on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 10:00 am, Father Pedro Zapata will preside.

#### Interment

Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.



# Tribute Wall

NC

“ I just came accross this page and wanted to let the world know what a wonderful ,caring and loving husband, father, and grandfather he was. The heavens were truly blessed with an angel and he is so dearly missed. I love you with all my heart dad and hope someday that I can good enough to join you in your new heavenly home.

Nancy Colton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ My mind is over run with thoughts of what a beautiful person that God had created. I can only thank God that he gave me the privilge to call him DAD!!! He will be so sadly missed by so many family members and I commend him for the way he raised his children to be loving and respectful of each other. I also thank God that he was able to enjoy a life with his beautiful wife that loved him and cared for him for so many years. I'm not sure who was more blessed, him or us, but i'll have to call it a draw. I pray that someday I am worthy to see his beautiful face in heaven, and look forward to the day that I am fortunetate enough to see his handsome face and give him the kisses he deserves and to tell hm how much I truly love him. God gave us the best.... and we shred him with the rest. I will always miss and love you with all my heart. <3

Nancy Colton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Annie: So many of your friends want to comfort you & your family. But sadly, no words can do that. We are all praying for comfort & peace for you all. My heart aches for you. I'm just so, so sorry. May God wrap His loving arms around your family tightly and bring the peace that only He can give. Love, Chris Piermatteo & Family

chris piermatteo - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ *What a great man. He was more spiritual than many men of the clergy. He was always giving in anyway that he could. He taught his children how to live and to love. He directed them toward the future and how to get there. He is truly missed by us both.*

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**Jan & Ron Zdrojewski** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *He always called me beautiful even when I wan't and he always hugged and kissed me good-by and told me he loved me. I know he meant it. He wasn't just my father-in-law, he was my second dad. I brushed his hair for him one time several years ago and I unknowingly did it the wrong direction. He just smiled and let me. He didnt want to burst my bubble. That's just the way he was. I miss him.*

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**Kristy Lester Martin** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *There is no one to replace the man that you were, you were one of a kind, a breed apart from the rest. You looked for the good in everyone, and if it wasn't there, you gave a second look. You reached out and so many reaced back. You were all that God wants his people to be... You were a channel of Gods Peace. I pray that when my name is called, I will be in the same good grace that you were so I too may earn the rewards of Heaven and see your loving face once again. I love you, Annie*

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**Antoinette Martin Brown Bonnett** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Kathleen and Family; Sorrow touches the heart in such a personal, private way. My caring thoughts are with all of you now and in the days to come. Kenneth will be missed but will always remain a part of our lives in some special way known only to us. My deepest Sympathy is offered to you now and forever. Cousin Melvin Rodak

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**Melvin Rodak** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Tom and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. We pray that God's love and comfort will come to you in the many acts of kindness from friends and family. We regret that we are away on vacation and cannot be there to offer our sympathy and hugs in person.

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**Tom and Jackie Peterson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Grandpa, i regret not always being around. Even if i hadn't been to the big house in months, you still greeted me with the biggest and most heart warming smile known to man. Being the only grandpa i ever had, ever knew, and ever got to love, I will miss you. I will always be your frog. Thank you fr always encouraging me, even when i didn't make the best desicions. You made me proud to be a (former) martin. I will miss that emmaculate smile of yours, and i will miss hearing your voice calling me your beautiful frog. i'll even miss tapping you on your shoulder during christmas to keep you up with everyone! the world is missing one of the best men ever, but I'm so happy i got to call him my GRANDPA. I love you, your frog.

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**Sarah Durham - Grandpas Frog** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Kenneth Martin

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