



Martin Willard Waechter

February 1, 1941 - December 1, 2024

Martin Willard Waechter, 83, passed away at his home in Bushnell, Florida on December 1, 2024. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 1, 1941 to Willard and Harriet, the second of six kids. Marty was larger than life and lived it to the fullest. He never met a stranger, and a joke was always ready to go (“does anyone have a hammerfore?”). Most often he brought life and vigor to any group he was a part of. He spent his life in Construction, and enjoyed travel, fishing, card playing and telling stories. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Marty worked to become a General Contractor, specializing in remodeling structures, and later he worked in parts Fabrication for Bethlehem Steel in Burns Harbor, Indiana. After retiring he moved from Portage, Indiana to Bushnell, Florida where he had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Bushnell for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, Helen (nee Kindle) of 59 years of Hammond, Indiana and then Bushnell, Florida; Sons: Michael (Natalie) Waechter of Chicago, Illinois; James (Liana) Waechter of Chesterton, Indiana; David (Susannah) Waechter of Valparaiso, Indiana; Grandchildren: Evelyn, Charles, Claire, Alice, Austin, Grace, Caleb, Jack, and Liv; Great Grandchildren: Atticus and Eziah; Sisters: Janet (Ed) Shelton of Franklin Wisconsin; Judy (Ron) Slippy of Krakow Wisconsin; Brothers: David (Katherine) Waechter of Travelers Rest, S.C. Martin is preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Harriet and sister Linda Wood. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Bushnell from 10am-11am and the service starting at 11am. In lieu of flowers a donation of

goods or financial support can be made to the Shoebox Ministry at the first Baptist Church of Bushnell. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.purcellfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Beyer Funeral Home-Purcell Chapel, Bushnell, Florida. Interment will be at the Florida National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin Willard Waechter*



Beyers Funeral Home - December 03, 2024 at 05:19 PM

LB

We're so sorry to hear about Martin. Gordon and I are expressing our heartfelt condolences for your loss. We can't imagine how difficult this must be for the entire family, especially to Helen Waechter, his beloved wife, who took such good care of him, and we know she's going to be so relieved that he's no longer suffering. We'll all miss him so much, but we know he's in a better place now ❤️ May his soul rest in eternal peace 🙏

Lizeth & Gordon Benton - December 10, 2024 at 09:41 PM

LB

*Sincerely,
Lizeth and Gordon Benton*

Lizeth & Gordon Benton - December 10, 2024 at 09:42 PM

LB

“ *Lizeth B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martin Willard Waechter.*

Lizeth B. - December 10, 2024 at 09:20 PM

MM

“ Prayers for all the family, remember Martin and you coming to our house and Dutch and him talking construction, and doing a lot of laughing, I especially remember your wedding, and how happy you both were. What great memories you have made, and what a celebration of life, just knowing he's in Heaven. Love to you and all your family

Myrtle Lou (cousin to Helen Marie - December 04, 2024 at 01:22 PM

MB

“ I am sad for Helen and the family, but so happy for Marty as he and his Lord are trying to top each with their jokes. I am blessed to have had this couple in my life when I lived in Bushnell. Love, Marilyn Barnes

Marilyn Barnes - December 03, 2024 at 06:16 PM

DG

“ Don & Sandy Gentry purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martin Willard Waechter.



Don & Sandy Gentry - December 03, 2024 at 03:49 PM

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Don & Sandy Gentry - December 03, 2024 at 03:49 PM

MW

“ 1 file added to the album Dad



Michael Waechter - December 03, 2024 at 02:31 PM

MW

“ Dad loved life and he taught us to love life, to take advantage of opportunities, and to be the best. Thank you, Dad. I will miss you, but know you live on in our lives. Enjoy the video!



Michael Waechter - December 03, 2024 at 01:54 PM

HW

I could not have been more blessed than I was enjoying life with this man.

Helen Waechter - December 03, 2024 at 11:27 PM