



Chester Martin

April 9, 1927 - January 22, 2019

Chester Martin, 91, of Bloomington, passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born on April 9, 1927 in Monroe County, Indiana; the son of Roy and Dora (Corns) Martin.

Chester was a 1946 graduate from Bloomington High School. He worked for RCA as a machine shop test maintenance supervisor for 32 years. And he was the owner and operator of Martin's Enterprise Professional Saw & Tool in Bloomington, when he was 80 years old, he developed a retirement community from his own property.

Chester married his wife, Betty on October 22, 1949 in Bloomington, Indiana and they shared 69 wonderful years of marriage together. He was a member of Ellettsville Christian Church where he served as an Elder and Deacon. He was known for his inventions and engineering skills, he was a craftsman, he loved to read and study to make things better. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and building things with his hands, making furniture for himself and his family. He loved his children and grandchildren and especially enjoyed spending time with them. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Chester is survived by his wife, Betty L. Martin of Bloomington; four children, Dennis (Judy) Martin of Gosport, Linda (Paul) Chambers of Avon, Ken Martin of Bloomington, Twyla Martin of Spencer, fifteen grandchildren; Chris, Lisa, Jared, Jevon, Jesse, Joshua, Sarah, Daniel, Kristen, Bryan, Chad, Tiana, Travis, Joshua and Mackenzie, twenty-seven great grandchildren. And one

great great grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers James, Minor, Emerson Martin, four sisters Catherine Dunning, Coleen Pickett, Exie Summitt and Maxine Franklin, a daughter-in-law Gay Martin and one grandson David Alan Martin and one granddaughter Jennifer Latchman.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Ellettsville Christian Church. With Rev. David Altman officiating. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens. Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old St Rd 37 Bloomington, and from 10:00am to service time Monday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellettsville Christian Church. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com.

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ellettsville Christian Church
731 Independence St
Ellettsville, IN 47429

Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ellettsville Christian Church
731 Independence St
Ellettsville, IN 47429

Tribute Wall

BH

“ We were so sorry to hear of Chester's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort in your memories!

Bill and Vicky Holdeman

Bill and Vicky Holdeman - January 28, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Chester Martin.



January 27, 2019 at 10:45 AM

JF

“ I remember 8 years ago when Chester was at my dad's (Bill Franklin's) 80th birthday party. He got down on his hands and knees on the kitchen floor to play with my grandson and his trucks. He always had time for children and others. He will be missed.
JB Franklin

JB Franklin - January 26, 2019 at 02:52 PM

KM

“ Keisha Myers lit a candle in memory of Chester Martin



keisha Myers - January 26, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Chester Martin.*



January 26, 2019 at 08:28 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Chester Martin.*



January 26, 2019 at 07:03 AM



“ *Linda, I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*



Vickie Carter - January 25, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ *Chester was a wonderful Christain man, a good friend & example to others. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*

Steve Knott - January 25, 2019 at 04:24 PM

HW

“ Betty, Dennis, Ken, Twyla and rest of family. I'm so sorry to learn of Chester's passing.
I greatly admired and respected him. He was a good person, leader, and Christian.
He is in an awesome place now. My prayers are with you. Henry Wichman

HENRY WICHMAN - January 25, 2019 at 03:10 PM

KM

“ Chester was one of the greatest men I know!!! He told stories!! He loved his family so much and his beautiful wife!!! Would do anything for anyone!!! He taught me how to play ping pong!! You will truly be missed!! We all love you!!

keisha Myers - January 25, 2019 at 11:16 AM