



## Lawrence Mathew Martin

April 21, 1924 - November 26, 2018

Lawrence Matthew Martin went to join his Lord on Monday November 26 in hospice care surrounded by his daughters. He was born April 21, 1924 to Claude And Lucille (Curry) Martin. The oldest of seven children. Joe (Belinda) Judy Abram (Keith) Janet Whaley (Dude) Betty Goodman (JoeWayne) Doris Summit

(Jerry Byrd) Leroy (Hisako) His sister Judy is the only surviving sibling. His devoted

Wife of 66 years Marjorie Maxine (Terrell) preceded him in death in 2010. His 3 children include his oldest daughter Linda Diane Martin Deckard (Jerry). Melody Alaine Martin of Bloomington Indiana. Larry Joe Martin (Susie) of Tallahassee Florida. His 5 grandchildren are Jerilynn Deckard Gatch (John) Stephanie Rose Dalphin (Jack) Maryalice Ducette (Ray) Nathan Edington (Tabitha) Luke Matthew Martin. His 4 great grandchildren are Lillian Martin Gatch, Lewis Deckard Gatch and Ceilidh Madeliene Dalphin. Jake Edington. Lawrence has many nieces nephews and extended family.

He was a World War 2 veteran that served for 3 years under General George Patton in the 3rd Army. He was in 11 combat battles and was stationed in France Belgium Ireland and Germany. When day the war ended he was a soldier in the liberation of Dachau concentration camp. He was at the battle of the bulge and the storming of Normandy Beach. He was an avid photographer at that time and carried his camera into every situation possible. He was so personally stricken by the conditions of the Jewish Concentration Camps that

he has been a donating member of many charities in their behalf until the day he died. Upon his return to the states he married Marjorie in January of 1946 who had prepared for their wedding and life together while he was off to war. They built a home in Kirksville Indiana that the family enjoys to this day. He was a quarry worker at Victor Oolitic Stone Co, and then a carpenter for Winger Construction co and then employed at General Electric until he retired at age 62. He and his wife Marjorie were always Gardner's, but they took on a very large project of creating a flower garden with a storybook feel to it, in their retirement years. It was so incredible that many professional photo shoots were taken in that beautiful setting.

Many family weddings and parties were also enjoyed on that unique spot over the years He and mother grew, canned and stored most food they consumed. He was a bird lover and had birds of many species live in their garden sanctuary. He did however, hate moles. Many times, thru the summer he patiently waited in a chair with his gun by his side taking care of that particular problem. He provided natural nature small reserves throughout the property for the wintering of any animals that needed a home. He knew every tree on his property and was blessed with many persimmon trees, walnut, and sassafras. They preserved all the persimmon pulp and every nut. Nothing went to waste. He planted fruit trees that are now plentiful. He and Marjorie attended many auctions buying and reselling. He was an ordained minister at many small Baptist churches nearby, but pastored Mt Calvary and Stinesville Baptist for many years. He was a collector of books and unusual tools. He was an avid reader and many hours a day were devoted to his studies.

He also checked on families in the neighborhood that might have special food needs and tried his best to donate or get help for children in need. He could not bare the sufferings of a child in need or a neighbor without food.

The loves of his life were his devoted wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that he has left with many precious memories, stories, corny jokes, pranks, and laughter. A quiet humble example of what is important in life.

Members of the community and family have shared stories of his generosity over the years.

Please join the family in the celebration of Lawrence's life Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Allen funeral Home & Crematory 4155 S. Old St Rd 37, Visitation will be held from noon until 2:00 Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Walkers Chapel Cemetery with Military Funeral Honors.

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Larry, Alaine, Linda & family,  
Losing your dad can be extremely difficult because you are losing a  
source of strength, stability and consistency in your life. We am  
sorry for your loss.*

*Tara Woods Pierson/Duane Hardwick*

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**Tara Pierson/Duane Hardwick** - December 01, 2018 at 10:18 AM

PS

“ *Patty Silvers lit a candle in memory of  
Lawrence Mathew Martin*



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**Patty Silvers** - November 30, 2018 at 10:51 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I was blessed to read what a wonderful  
man he was. Great will be his reward. I'm very proud and honored  
to say he was my uncle. Love you all Patty*

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**Patty Silvers** - November 30, 2018 at 07:06 PM