



## Mary Jo Martin

January 12, 1932 - January 25, 2021

Graveside services for Mary Jo Martin will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2021, at the Alva Municipal Cemetery with Rev. Paul Kirk officiating. Interment is under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. Masks are requested at the service. The service will be live streamed on the Marshall Funeral Home Facebook page. Viewing will be Thursday, January 28 at the funeral home from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Mary Jo (Stewart) Martin passed away peacefully on Monday, January 25, 2021 at the age of 89. She was a loving wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma. She will be greatly missed. Mary Jo was born on January 12, 1932 in Anthony, Kansas to Minnie and Walter Stewart. While attending school in Anthony, she participated in numerous activities and organizations and was the piano accompanist for several music groups. She was the co-salutatorian of her graduating class. After high school, Mary Jo went to Emporia State College, where she met Robert (Bob) Martin. They were married on April 20, 1952, and made their home in Chanute, Kansas, where both of their children, Bob Jr. and Dana, were born.

Mary Jo and Bob moved to Alva in 1958. Mary Jo stayed home with the children until 1962, when she went to work as a legal secretary for attorney Richard Downer. It was originally meant to be a temporary position, but after seeing many lawyers come and go, Mary Jo finally retired from her “temporary

job” 56 years later, in 2018! She loved her job and the fact that it gave her the opportunity to meet and help so many people.

In her younger years, she loved playing bridge, bowling in a league, and dancing with Bob. Together, they enjoyed going to NWOSU football and basketball games. After their grandsons were born, many weekends were spent going to soccer, t-ball, baseball and football games.

Mary Jo was a wonderful cook and enjoyed cooking for her family. Her most “famous” dishes included pot roast, lasagna, spaghetti, homemade chicken noodles, and lemon meringue pie. In later years she also enjoyed doing crosswords and reading, as well as watching the OKC Thunder and the Dallas Cowboys play ball. She was beloved by her great-grandchildren, who liked to dance, sing, talk and read with her.

Mary was also a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Alva, where she served in many different capacities.

Mary Jo is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bob; son, Bob Jr, and one brother and his wife, Bob and Neva Stewart.

She is survived by her daughter, Dana Golbek of Kingfisher, OK; two grandsons and their wives, Eric and Requil Golbek, and their children Ethan, Andrew, and Emily of Tulsa, OK; and Mark and Chelsea Golbek and their children Cord and Chloe of Kingfisher, OK.

Mary Jo is also survived by 7 nieces and nephews who reside in Colorado and Kansas, and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her name under the direction of the funeral home to the First Presbyterian Church of Alva or the

NWOSU Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Graveside service

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Jo Martin*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - January 29, 2021 at 04:22 PM



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - January 28, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Martin.



January 28, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ Mary Jo's family, we were a very close friends of Bob and Mary Jo's back when I was initiated into the Alva Elks lodge. We have so many fond memories over the years before Bob passed and we all got older. Mary Jo will be missed by so many, many friends and family. .Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all at this time of sorrow. and may GOD wrap his arms around you.. We are very sorry of your loss.



**JIM & MARILYN DAVISON** - January 28, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Martin.



January 27, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ Dana & family, I've known your Mother for years. We were beyond excited, when she sold her home to us. May special memories fill your hearts with warmth & peace. Please know I care!

**DaleVaughna Schmidt** - January 27, 2021 at 09:52 AM