



Robert L. Martin

July 6, 1929 - September 24, 2016

Funeral services for Robert Leo Martin will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2016, at the First Presbyterian Church with Martha Evans officiating. Interment will be the in Alva Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. There will be a visitation Wednesday with the family from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robert L. Martin, Sr., was born in Barnard, Lincoln County, Kansas, on July 6, 1929, the son of Leo Howell and Mabelle Anna Robison Martin. He passed away Saturday, September 24, 2016, at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Enid, Oklahoma

Mr. Martin attended public school in Concordia, Kansas and in 1951, he earned a BS Degree in speech, English, and psychology from Kansas State Teacher's College in Emporia, Kansas. He also earned a MS degree in communications from KSTS in 1956. Active in community affairs, Bob was the first director and president of the Alva Community Theatre (1972). As a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, he served as the District Deputy from 1968 to 1969 and vice-president of the Oklahoma Elks Association in 1973 and 1974. Bob served multiple terms as the exalted ruler of the local Alva Elks Lodge and served on the Elks National Foundation. He is a past president of the Alva Rotary and served as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church.

Bob and Mary Jo were married in April, 1952 and made their first home in Chanute, Kansas, where Bob taught at Neosha County Community College. In 1958, they moved to Alva where Bob was the general manager of KALV radio. In 1966, Bob joined the faculty at Northwestern Oklahoma State College where he was an assistant professor of speech until his retirement in 1994. He received the John Sheffield Teacher of the Year Award in 1994. His teaching interests covered the fields of theater, radio, television, public speaking, oral interpretation, and debate.

Besides his parents, Bob was preceded in death by one sister, Geneva Weaver.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Jo, and his children, Robert Jr. of Grove, Oklahoma and Dana Golbek of Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Additional family members include two grandsons and their wives, Eric and Requil Golbek and their children, Ethan, Andrew and Emily of Tulsa and Mark and Chelsea Golbek and their children, Cord and Chloe of Kingfisher. Bob is also survived by his sister, Maxine White Branine of Pueblo, Colorado and seven nieces and nephews who reside in Colorado and Kansas, other relatives and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made through the funeral home in Mr. Martin's name to the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation or the Alva Presbyterian Church Organ Renovation Fund.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert L. Martin*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Bob Martin was a mentor, great instructor and a friend. As I have grown older I have come to realize professors like Bob Martin impact many more lives during their careers than they will every know. Bob set me on the path to a 30 year career as a broadcast professor at three different universities. As the current Interim Executive Director of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority I owe a great deal to this truly great teacher. He will be missed.*

Mark Norman - October 25, 2016 at 09:06 PM



“ *Mary Jo. our prayers are with you and your family. Sorry we could not be there at the funeral but our thoughts were.*



Jim & Marilyn Davison - October 02, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *Mr. Martin was a kind and gentle soul. Never really witnessed him angry. He guided many of us through our time at NWOSU with love. He, and a handful of my other professors, helped make my decision to become an instructor of mass communication an easy one. He helped me learn tolerance of other people's taste in music and to find that little spark in each student to guide them to success. He will be missed.*

Dean Percy - September 30, 2016 at 07:52 AM

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“ *Uncle Bob will be missed greatly. I loved when he would stop by La Junta Colorado and to see me. Aunt Mary Jo has been such an inspiration to me for her strength as well.*

Mary Jo Osborn - September 29, 2016 at 03:13 PM

KD

“ *Sending thoughts to Aunt Mary Jo, Bobby and Dana today. My thoughts are with you. Celebrate the great life you all had with Uncle Bob. He will be missed, but always present. Sorry I could not be there in person, but always in my thoughts.*

Kathy Dolgan

kathy dolgan - September 29, 2016 at 09:09 AM

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“ *Mr. Martin was my Mass Communications advisor at NWOSU from 1993-95. I have such wonderful memories. We would spend hours talking about radio in his office. He's the one that got me in the broadcasting business. I learned a lot from Mr. Martin about radio broadcasting. His humor, smile, and positive attitude kept me going throughout my college career. He was proud of me when I got my first radio gig at KALV. He will be missed!!*

Adam W. Hooper - September 29, 2016 at 12:50 AM



“ *In hind sight Bob must have had the patience of a Saint, because if I think I would have unloaded on student like he had. And yes, of which was one. 1980 and NWOSU had a debate team. Only there was only one guy. Pretty good kid out of Kansas named Roland. Somehow Bob and Roland gathered three goobers out of the student body, and with little preparation, less training and no hope, Bob drove us all over the country side. We got beat up in all kinds of places by all kinds of schools.*

Actually we improved little, which is saying a lot considering the lack of resources or talent. I never knew if it was hardest on Roland, the talented student, or Bob the teacher. We were kids then. We may never have known the importance of saying, nor the importance of hearing words of appreciation. We didn't just appreciate all Bob did for us, we loved him because he was one of us.

Cris Campbell - September 29, 2016 at 12:19 AM

CE

“ *Mr. Martin will always hold a special place in my heart. He cared about his students and Northwestern. I have great memories of KNSU and Mr. Martin's fun sense of humor. He had a knack for making people smile. He played an important part in professional pathway too. He made a positive impact on hundreds of college students and the broadcasting industry.*

Cheryl Evans - September 28, 2016 at 11:52 PM

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“ I have so many fond memories of Uncle Bob. What I remember most about him was his sense of humor. I loved how he would do things and it was obvious he was just trying to get a rise out of Aunt Mary Jo. I also remember how loving and kind he was to all of his friends and family. I am sorry that I cannot attend his funeral as life has its way of dictating circumstances. He will definitely be missed by anyone who knew him.

Eric Knight - September 28, 2016 at 02:05 PM

MC

“ I was surprised and saddened to hear of Bob's passing. He was a great guy and has been in my lifetime memories since I was a child. I remember a ski trip to Colorado when Bob and I played a game of pool. I was knocked over how good of a player he was! We had a lot of laughs that night and I will remember his wit on many other occasions. I will miss him!

Popo Hinkle Cahoj

Mika Cahoj - September 28, 2016 at 11:59 AM

JK

“ My Uncle Bob always made me laugh. He had a great sense of humor and just was an all around great person. I'll miss him!

Judy Knight - September 28, 2016 at 09:20 AM