



Weldon Stevens Martin

August 8, 1926 - November 7, 2013

Weldon Stevens Martin, 87, died Thursday, November 7, in Wharton, Texas at Avalon Place where he resided the last two years. He was born in Estacado, Texas on August 8, 1926 to Acklas and Ethel Stevens Martin. He lived in El Campo from 1968 until 2011, moving here from Seminole, Texas where he resided for 13 years. Martin was a retired newspaper linotype operator and shop foreman, a career that he began at the age of 12. He worked at the Seminole Sentinel and then worked for the El Campo Leader News until retirement.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his wife of 43 years, Betty Lou Nipper Martin . He also is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Brown Mickelson Martin, and also by his wife, Dorothy York, Martin. Martin is also preceded in death by his daughter, Judy Martin Merta, and his brother, Clyde Dale Martin.

Survivors include his daughter, Linda Alderson and her husband, Mike Alderson of Louise, and their family: Amy and Tracy Simms and their children, Lauryn Wasicek, Kyle Wasicek, and Megan Simms of Houston; Scott and Mary Alderson and their sons, Carter, and Travis of Houston; Skeet and Lisha Alderson and their children, Jack, Caden, Claire, Lyla and Jude of Pinehurst, Texas. He also is survived by Kristy Merta of San Antonio. Mr. Martin is survived by step-children and their families: Beverly Brumlow of Spring, Kathleen Ambrose of Humble, Bill Mickelson of Houston, Sandra Moore of Bryan, Brenda Beisel of East Bernard, Glenda Legler of Wharton, Melinda

Labay of El Campo, Robert York of El Campo, Bill York of Boling, and Timothy York of El Campo.

After serving in World War II in both France and Germany, Weldon Martin returned to the newspaper business as his career. He had a passion for sports and often served as the statistician for the Seminole and El Campo radio stations. As a veteran, he had been active in both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

While in Avalon Place, Martin had served for over 18 months as the Resident Council President and was active in all of the activities.

Visitation will be 3 pm to 6 pm Sunday at Triska Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, November 11, 2013 at Triska Funeral Home in El Campo with Mr. Martin's grandson, Reverend Skeet Alderson, senior pastor at Tomball Bible Church officiating. The service will be followed by a luncheon reception at the Danevang Lutheran Church Hall. Honorary Pallbearers are the staff members of Avalon Place in Wharton, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family.*

Bart and Mary Arredondo - El Campo, TX - friends - January 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Weldon, I have known you since 1970.....enjoyed working with you and having you as a step father-in-law.... You took great care of my mother-in-law in her sickness. People like you are happened on way to rarely in this life and you will be missed.... Thank you for your service to our country, our communities and and our family. We will set an extra place for you at Thanksgiving.*

Bill Beisel - Lissie - November 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My heart was saddened when I read of Mr. Martin's passing. We and his wife Betty were such sweet people. My condolences to his family.*

Rita G. Dornak - Port Lavaca, TX - November 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will always treasure my friendship with Papa Martin. May God comfort my good friend Linda and all of her family.*

Marie Medina - Floresville, TX - Friend - November 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *There isn't enough space to reflect on how much I enjoyed working with and being around 'Round Boy.' He taught me so many different things at the newspaper. He loved to laugh, and made us laugh quite a bit in the back shop.*

*One heck of a guy. Although we shared a fairly large age-gap, I learned some of my best 'cuss words' from him. I still have the first exacto knife he ever let me use in the back shop. 'Don't lose this d--
- thing, kid,' he said. And I haven't.*

*His rough and tough exterior was mirrored by his gentle spirit.
I'll miss my friend.*

Rena Dluhos - El Campo, TX - former co-worker, friend - November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM