



Francis D. Martin

December 5, 1924 - September 20, 2018

Francis D. Martin, 93, passed away peacefully at Mary Immaculate Nursing/Restorative Center in Lawrence on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

Francis was born December 5, 1924 in Lawrence to the late Frank and Anne (McEachern) Martin. After graduating from Lawrence High School, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He was a signalman aboard a patrol craft in the Mediterranean and is a veteran of the battle of Anzio. Following his North African, Middle Eastern and European service he was transferred to the U.S.S Everett F. Larson. As plank holding member of the Larson's inaugural crew, he was in route to Japan when the war ended in 1945. The Larson aided in post war Japanese disarmament. Frank was honorably discharged in 1946.

In 1948 he joined the Lawrence Fire Department and served for 25 years. As a member of the Pipefitters Local 537 he worked as a plumber in North Andover until his retirement.

After retirement he enjoyed woodworking, genealogy and traveling. His greatest joy was summers spent at Salisbury Beach with his family especially his grandchildren.

He was the husband of the late Marie (Flathers) Martin with whom he shared 64 years of marriage. Francis was a lifelong and active member of St. Patrick Parish serving in many ministries including Holy Name Society, Pre-Cana and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He truly lived his catholic faith by serving those in need and especially in caring for his wife as she battled Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by his children Margaret Martin of Lawrence, Daniel and his wife Corinne Martin of Methuen, Charles Martin of Salisbury, Claire and her husband David Coco and Donald Martin of Methuen and Mary Lou and her husband William Kennedy of Atkinson, NH. His grandchildren Alyssa and her husband Jacob Elwell, Jeffery, Caitlyn and Patrick Martin and Connor and Liam Kennedy.

He is also survived by his brother in law Neil and his wife Eleanor Flathers of Hingham

and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers Alan, Leo and John Martin.

The family would like to thank the staff of Unit 3A at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home for the great love and care they gave Frank over the past year. The culture of care was evident daily and it brought great comfort knowing he was there.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. in St. Patrick's Church, 118 South Broadway, Lawrence, MA. Burial will follow in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in North Andover, MA. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made in Francis' memory to Mary Immaculate Nursing/Restorative Center, 172 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA. 01841 or Cor Unum Meal Center, 191 Salem, Street, Lawrence, MA 01843. To send an online condolence or for more information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.

Events

SEP 25 Visitation 04:00AM - 08:00PM
John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc. - Lawrence
122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA, US, 01841

SEP 26 Funeral Mass 11:00AM
St. Patrick Church
118 South Broadway, Lawrence, MA, US, 01843

SEP 26 Burial
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Waverly Road, North Andover, MA, US, 01845

Comments



“ How sorry I was to learn of your Dad's passing.He was a great friend to my parents and a wonderful co-worker at H. J. Welch Company. Frank always had a positive attitude and that great smile whenever I saw him. When we use to go to Salisbury Beach for many years, I was always delighted to see Frank and Marie taking their walks and stopping to chat to catch up with the family. How proud he was of all his children and grandchildren! Sorry that the scattered Welch family was not able to come to send Frankie off to his great reward! Sincerely, Ann Welch Kearney

Ann Welch Kearney - October 02, 2018 at 03:48 PM



“ A gentleman has gone quietly to the Lord. With prayers and heartfelt sympathy we hope you can find comfort and peace knowing his was a life well lived. Frank & Marie were an amazing couple who actually liked one another and it was a privilege knowing them. Blessings to the entire family.

Sincerely,
Dr. & Mrs. Eugene A. Beliveau

Dr. Eugene A. Beliveau - October 02, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ My condolences to the family. I drove through the old neighborhood today and was telling stories about times spent with Danny, Chuck and Don not knowing of your father's passing. I know you will miss him...he was a great man. Tim Retelle

Tim Retelle - September 26, 2018 at 05:55 PM



“ Your reward is now great. Everything you thought about your faith in Jesus Christ has been realized. Your dedication to your family and your community and your church has been your gift. May others know the importance of giving of one's self to others. Rest in peace. Brian Durkin

Eli Durkin - September 25, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Francis D. Martin.



September 25, 2018 at 08:58 AM



“ We at the Lawrence History Center ~ Immigrant City Archives send our deepest sympathies for the loss of Frank. He and his wife Marie volunteered with our organization for years and are a major reason our archives are so well preserved and organized to this day. Frank's story as a veteran is even recorded for future generations in our Oral History Interview Collection. We have nothing but the fondest memories of working with Frank and Marie. He was a wonderful man and we know your family will miss him tremendously. Again, we are so sorry for your loss.

Amita Kiley - September 23, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Francis D. Martin.



September 23, 2018 at 10:16 PM



“ Christine LeCain purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Francis D. Martin.



Christine LeCain - September 23, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ So sorry, Corinne and Dan and the Martin family for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, the Winn family

Ellen Winn - September 22, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Martin Family on the death of their dear father. May he rest in peace. Sincerley, Mike Garrihy

Michael Garrihy - September 22, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ Frank Martin truly lived an active and fulfilling life. Above all these was his love and care for his wife & family. And never without a joke or two.



William Coco - September 22, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis D. Martin.



September 22, 2018 at 12:13 AM



“ My uncle - my shipmate - is one of the finest men I'll ever know. He lived by example and cared for his wife & family as no man could.

Frank was a "man's man" whose legacy will live on.

I'm honored to be his nephew.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Fair winds & following seas. Godspeed.

