



# Murl Franklin "Frank" Martin

August 6, 1944 - April 18, 2025

Murl "Frank" Martin, of St. James, Missouri, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Friday, April 18, 2025, at the age of 80.

Frank was born on August 26, 1944, in St. Louis, Missouri, to the late Wilford and Velma (Barnett) Martin. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, returning home in 1967. Not long after, he met the love of his life, Miss Eva "Louise" Martin, and together they built a life full of love and laughter, blessed with two children and over 56 wonderful years of marriage.

Frank adored his family. He looked forward to every visit, often centered around a lively game of dominoes or Yahtzee—favorites he and Louise played together every day in their later years. His grandchildren brought him endless joy, and he cherished every moment spent teaching and watching them grow.

A man of the outdoors, Frank loved to hunt and fish, spending countless peaceful hours on the dock with a line in the water. He also had a soft spot for a little four-legged companion, a beloved Chihuahua who never missed breakfast with him and Louise, always waiting patiently by the stove for her eggs.

Frank was the kind of husband, father, and grandfather that every family dreams of—steadfast, loving, and always ready with a story or a helping hand. He will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing and loving him.

Frank is survived by his devoted wife, Louise Martin of the home; daughter Jeanie Martin and partner Laurie Howell of Waynesville, MO and son Orville Martin and wife Brenda of St. James, MO; grandchildren Dawn Kurtti, Melissa Coffey, Tristan Martin, and Paige Brown (Brett SR); great-grandchildren Dakota Kurtti, Austin Kurtti, Clayton Coffey, Dom Eikermann, Olivia West, Brett Brown Jr., and Autumm Brown; brother, Bill Martin and wife Wanda, of Gray Summit, MO; sister-in-law, Sue Moreland and husband Joe; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilford and Velma Martin; six siblings; and his great-grandson, Shelby Kurtti.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Grady Huggins officiating. Interment will follow at the Vienna Public Cemetery in Vienna, Missouri. A visitation for family and friends

will be held at the Chapel from 11:00 AM until service time.

# Cemetery Details

## Vienna Public Cemetery

Vienna, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James  
117 Seymour St.  
St. James, MO 65559  
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## Service

APR 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Military Honors

APR 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

Vienna Public Cemetery  
Vienna, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Murl Franklin "Frank" Martin.*



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