



## Harry Martin

July 7, 1925 - October 23, 2007

Harry V., son of Eva Leona (Sharpe) and Isaac V. Martin, was born July 7, 1925 at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. He passed away in Alva, Oklahoma on the 23rd of October at the age of 82 years, 3 months and 16 days.

Harry and his sisters, Maleta and Mary attended school at Medicine Lodge where their father was superintendent. His mother died of a lingering illness when he was five years of age. During the summer months he and his sisters stayed on the farm at Guymon, Oklahoma with their Aunt Ellen and Uncle Harry Sheehan. It was during this time that he learned to love farm life.

In 1932 his father married Bernice Cox. The family moved to Kinsley, Kansas where he was superintendent of schools.

In 1940 they moved to the farm southwest of Alva. He attended Alva High School, graduating in 1943, he enjoyed playing basketball in high school. He always said he wanted to be a farmer from his early childhood days.

In 1945 he entered the Army and served with Occupation Force on Leyte Island in the Philippines until 1947. After his discharge he returned home to resume farming.

On January 21, 1949 he married Shelley Hintergardt at Enid, Oklahoma. To this Union their children Susan Kay, David V. and Michael Lee were born. They have lived for many years on the farm northwest of Alva.

Harry was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Alva Elk's Lodge, Black Wing Post of the VFW and a director on the Woods County Farm Bureau for many years.

Mr. Martin was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Bernice, and a sister Maleta Mae McGlasson.

Harry is survived by his wife, Shelley, of the home, three children and their spouses, Susan Crawford Wetzel and husband Dan, David V. and wife Nancy and Michael Lee and wife Tena. Seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jana Kay DeMarco, Brooke (Martin) and Gene Albright, Sarah (Martin) and Chris Ward, Jeffery Crawford and Chasity, Caleb Martin and Shannon, Christopher and Joseph Martin. Nine great-grandchildren Zachary and Heath DeMarco, Grace and Nathan Albright, Annalisa Ward, and Karena, Cade, Kyle and Camree Crawford, two sisters, Mary Louise Hazard, of Fountain Valley, California and Marjorie Heifner and husband Richard of Louisville, Kentucky, several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

At his request the casket will not be opened.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his memory to Northwestern Oklahoma State Foundation or Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 1:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
626 College Ave.  
Alva, Ok

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Is this the same Harry Martin that was with 1st Marines in WW2 ? I just watched a 13 minute video/interview on Utube of Mr.Martin being interviewed. He was a machine gunner with the first wave of the invasion of Iwo Jima. One tough soldier. RIP Mr. Harry Martin.*

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**David Robert Engel** - June 08, 2021 at 03:50 PM

JC

“ *Dear Mike and Tena,  
I was so saddened to hear of your loss. Your parents were always a bright spot wherever they went. I know you will miss your father terribly, but know that many of us are praying for you and your family. If you ever need anything just let me know.*

*Take care,*

*Julie Prowers Cook*

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**Julie Prowers Cook** - October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *We are sadden by your loss. We always Harry was such a great guy!! Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Trooper Jimmy and Julie Davison Helm** - October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Dear Shelly,*

*I was so sorry to hear about Harry. Please know that Kathy and I are thinking of you and your family. Please accept our deepest sympathy.*

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**Debra Lancaster Triplett** - October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *i am very sorry to hear of the passing of harry.i dont belive in the 30 plus years i have known harry that i ever seen him without his trademark smile.  
he will be missed in and around alva.  
may god bless you all.*

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**raymond knabe** - October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Mike,I was really sorry to hear about your dad. I noticed that he served in the Phillipines in the Army. He must have had quite a life. My thoughts are with you, Tena and the rest of your family.  
In sympathy,Teresa Russell*

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**Teresa Russell** - October 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Shelly and family,  
My deepest sympathies, I have enjoyed getting to know Harry and his family. I will always have fond memories of you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Kathy Boeckman** - October 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *to the martin family i am sorry to hear of the lost of your father. i was in class with mike*

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**larry murrow** - October 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Mike,  
I'am so sorry to here about your Dad.*

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**violet smith** - October 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so very sorry to read of the passing of your husband, father and grandfather. We pray for strength and comfort for all of you.

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**The Kevin Fields** - October 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Mike & Tena, we're sorry to hear of your dad's passing. May God comfort you during these days of sorrow & grief.  
Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.

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**Dudley & Jeanne Winn** - October 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM