



Lynn L Martin

September 11, 1941 - March 12, 2019

Lynn Luther Martin, 77, departed this life on March 12, 2019, in Alva. The memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Alva High School Auditorium with Dr. W. Jay Tyree officiating. Wharton Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. He was cremated and interment will be at a later date at the Alva Municipal Cemetery.

He was born September 11, 1941, in Springfield, Missouri, to Luther Washburn Martin and Jeanne Frances (Reynolds) Martin.

As a small child, Lynn moved with his parents to Cedartown, Georgia. In August 1947, they made their home in Rolla, Missouri, where his father and partners put KTTR-AM on the air. He graduated from Rolla High School in 1959, attended the Missouri School of Mines (now Missouri University of Science and Technology) in Rolla and the University of Missouri at Columbia before earning a BA in psychology from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva.

As a young teen, Lynn began his entrepreneurial career distilling water and selling it to neighborhood customers for use in their steam irons. His Grandmother Martin helped him purchase his first camera, and he worked as a freelance photographer for a local newspaper while still in high school. He began his radio broadcasting career in high school as a deejay on KTTR-AM and also climbed the radio tower to replace lights.

Lynn married Marione Elaine Derrickson on February 1, 1963, in Licking, Missouri. They made their home in Rolla where Lynn was news director at

KTTR-AM. They moved to Alva in December 1968 after purchasing KALV-AM which they operated until it was sold in 1988. They began the Newsgram free publication about 1971, and it grew from a half sheet of headlines at restaurants into a publication now circulated weekly to everyone in three counties. On April 1, 1990, they bought the Alva-Review-Courier. Lynn continued his interest in photography, purchasing a studio in Alva which he operated until his illness. He always said he never intended to retire. Lynn was a member of the College Hill Church of Christ in Alva and led songs for their Sunday morning service at Bill Johnson Correctional Center. He was a longtime member of the Alva Kiwanis Club where he served in many capacities including president and a member of the BJCC advisory board. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Kurt Reynolds Martin and a sister Marta Ann Martin Ward.

Lynn is survived by Marione, his wife of 56 years; a daughter, Marisa Dye and her husband Darrel of Ponca City; seven grandchildren, Katherine Lunn and husband Trey of Alva, Jolie Kuhlmann of Torrington, Connecticut, Kaitlyn Dye, Jessica Dye, Whitney Dye, Luther Kuhlmann and Addie Dye, all of Ponca City; one great-granddaughter Gabriella (Brie) Lunn; two sisters, Judy Jeanne Martin Doering and her husband Harlan of Tyler, Texas, and Tara Lee Martin Calhoun of Norman; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Christ Bible Chair in Alva or the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Foundation through Wharton funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

1698 Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Alva High School Auditorium
501 14th Street
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Wharton Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Lynn L Martin*



Wharton Funeral Chapel - March 14, 2019 at 10:35 PM

BB

Beautiful. Lots of memories.

Bill and Linda Beeler - March 14, 2019 at 11:36 PM

MD

Prayers for the family.. He took many nice photos for me.

Martha Draper - March 15, 2019 at 02:38 PM

SW

A beautiful tribute to a life-long community supporter!

Sonja Williams - March 15, 2019 at 02:54 PM

LS

Lyn took our wedding photos..he came to our rescue when our other photographer had to bail on us at the last minute...we have wonderful pictures to remember that day 37yrs ago..he made them special..may you find comfort in the days to come...Rod and Lariss Sims

Larissa Sims - March 15, 2019 at 08:51 PM

BS

Praying for your whole family. We appreciated everything he did for our community. He will be missed!

Bob and Monica Schmidt - March 17, 2019 at 11:49 AM

SI

Tara I am so sorry for your loss but happy for your Brother who is in no more sickness or pain!! He is now happy and singing with the Angels!! Prayers for you and His family for Peace, comfort, and consolation!! Feel God's arms holding you close!! Love you! Susan (Flanagan) Ingram

Susan Ingram - March 20, 2019 at 04:32 PM

SS

“ *So many good times were shared between Lynn and I. He taught me so much, always believed in me, and extended a hand every time I needed it. He will be sorely missed, but his memory will live forever in my heart.
I love you always, Lynn. See you on the other side.*

Stacy Sanborn - March 16, 2019 at 07:05 PM

BB

“ *There will never be another Ben and Lynn Show. Thank you for lighting the way.*

Ben Buckland - March 16, 2019 at 01:26 PM

KF

“ *I remember Lynn and all of the pictures he has captured of every milestone in my life. I will never forget all the countless tips he taught me in the photography business from the right angle to the way to handle a bride's most special day. One of my best memories is when he let me steer the plane on the way home from a wedding while he rested from a hard day of shooting weddings. We took a lot of pictures together and he was always teaching every step of the way. I don't know how the community of ALVA will ever be the same without him. Rest In Peace with your Heavenly Father.*

Kiley Feely - March 16, 2019 at 12:20 PM

MN

“ I began my broadcast career in 1971 at KALV and worked for Lynn. I had the afternoon show for two years before I graduated from NW in 1974. I worked with Bill Hull and Mike Hamilton. Marione was great to work with. KALV was one of the first automated stations and Lynn lead the way in a small market station. It was a fun time. Lynn and Jan nabuearbous had the morning show. I learned so much and stayed in broadcasting education and educational broadcasting my entire career. So thankful to get the start at KALV. Mark Norman Retired ED of Oklahoma Educational Television Authority. OETA. Thanks Lynn. Rest in Piece.

Mark Norman - March 16, 2019 at 12:03 PM

JD

“ Lynn,
I already miss you and am glad that you are no longer hurting. I love you very much,
I'm sure that your immediate family is missing you as well.

Love,
Your Sister, Judy

Judy Martin Doering - March 16, 2019 at 11:03 AM

CW

“ Lynn and his family are such an integral part of the Alva Community and I know he will be missed. Lynn gave me my first job as "Circulation Director", which meant I was in charge of the delivery team for the Alva Review Courier.

Love and prayers to the family.

Connie (Kenyon) White-Buckley



Connie (Kenyon) White-Buckley - March 15, 2019 at 08:52 PM

KJ

“ Lynn took our wedding pictures in 1976. They were and still are very special. He was far ahead of his time in photography. He had so many amazing ideas. He will be deeply missed.

Kathy & Stephen Jones

Kathy Jones - March 15, 2019 at 08:04 PM

DC

“ Mr. Martin was a cool guy who took awesome photos and really cared about the Alva Community. His is going to be greatly missed and Alva won't be the same without him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. God bless you all.

Donise Cinnamon - March 15, 2019 at 04:02 PM

JM

“ Prayers for the family 🌸 I'm a reader of the Newsgram, I keep up with what's going on in Alfalfa with this wonderful newspaper! Thank you all

Judy Metcalfe - March 15, 2019 at 11:37 AM

GH

“ Lynn was a special man who recognized talent in men & women of all ages. He gave me one of my first jobs in broadcasting as a "beat reporter" for the Jr High Sports scene! Armed with a microphone and recorder, he sent me to cover sports. That evolved into several other assignments, including dressing as Santa Claus on more than one occasion. Lynn was always interesting and fun and impacted us in many ways. He also is largely the inspiration for my love of photography.

G Bill Hull - March 15, 2019 at 07:32 AM

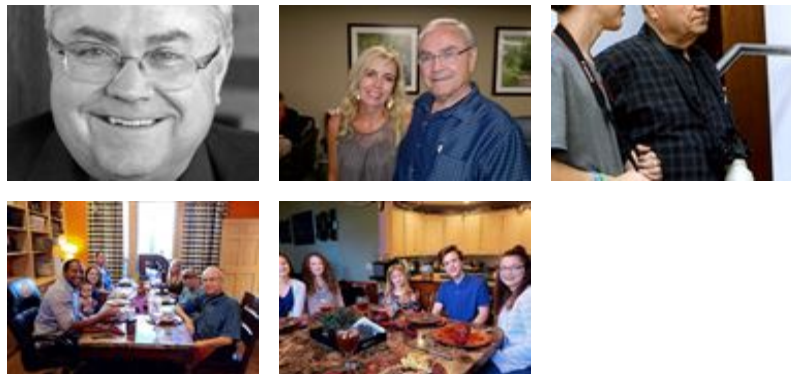
SO

“ It is such sad news. Lynn has played an important role in the life of Alva and Woods County - and beyond - with the newspaper and his studio, and church. His family has my deepest sympathy. He will be greatly missed.

Sandie Olson - March 14, 2019 at 11:24 PM



“ 45 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wharton Funeral Chapel - March 14, 2019 at 09:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn L Martin.*



March 14, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all* 🌹 🌹

Leota Betts - March 14, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ *Dear Family of Lynn Martin,
He will be missed by many. You never know what you have until it is gone. Family our prayers will be with you. I am sure on many occasions you will and have asked over the last 9 months....Lynn what are we suppose to do?
Love you all and Marionette will sure remember you.*

Bill and Linda Beeler - March 14, 2019 at 05:48 PM



Sorry Marionne smart phone changed your name.

Bill and Linda Beeler - March 14, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ *We will lovingly remember Lynn as a brother in Christ, honest and fair businessman and employer, talented photographer (so thankful for all the pictures he took of our children thru the years). We will remember his friendliness, smile and laugh. Sending love and prayers to Marione, Marisa and the family.*

Ken and Cindi Gunselman - March 14, 2019 at 05:40 PM

TM

“ Prayers for you and your family Tamra (Nelson) Martin



Tamra Martin - March 14, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lynn L Martin.



March 14, 2019 at 12:01 PM



“ To the family.. I'm so sorry to hear of Lynn's passing. He was a great photographer and his photography was awesome! May God hold you close and comfort you during this difficult time. ❤️



Kathryn Racette - March 14, 2019 at 11:07 AM

JS

“ So sorry for your family's loss. Lynn is with his maker and pain free.



jim Scribner - March 13, 2019 at 11:48 PM

JK

“ Thank you Lynn for being responsible for my nineteen year journey in broadcasting. All is well.
R.I.P. my friend.

Judy Trekell Kirby - March 13, 2019 at 08:07 PM

RK

“ Raymond Knabe lit a candle in memory of Lynn L Martin



Raymond Knabe - March 13, 2019 at 07:09 PM

JH

“ Janita Hofen lit a candle in memory of Lynn L Martin



Janita Hofen - March 13, 2019 at 06:08 PM

JG

“ Thank you for all the memories Lynn, taking pictures we will have forever.. Alva has lost a great man.....



Jane Gaskill - March 13, 2019 at 04:50 PM