



Dorothy J. Martin

April 11, 1938 - September 8, 2016

Dorothy June Martin, née Koenig, 78, of McAllen, Texas and formerly an Akron, Indiana resident of 60 years, graduated to Heaven September 8, 2016 at 5:30 a.m. with family by her side. She was born April 11, 1938 in Kewanna, Indiana to the late Floyd and Jennie Koenig, née Mills, and lived her childhood in Fulton and Miami Counties. A devoted wife of 62 years, she was married to Ronald "Ron" Martin at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Macy, Indiana on July 4, 1954. She studied cosmetology and was a trending hairdresser, later a business college graduate, and assisted her husband opening Ron's Garage in 1962. As a successful business woman for 45+ years, she managed private and public entities in Indiana and Texas, then retired in 2003.

She is survived by her husband Ron, her son Rick Martin and his wife, Kathleen, of Golden, CO; daughter Krista Riner and her husband, Brian, of Dallas, TX; seven grandchildren, Adam Martin and wife Julie, Alaina Ernest and husband Justin; Brant Riner, EmberLi Pridham and husband David, Savanna Dee and husband Anthony, Caleb Riner and wife Peyton, and Roc Riner; four great grandchildren, Lela Martin, Brooke Pridham, Cedella and Juniper Ernest. She is also survived by four brothers, Larry Koenig, Jack Koenig, Daniel Koenig, and Bruce Koenig; sisters, Bonnie Carroll, Carol Koenig, and Kate Hunt; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives; dear friends of many she so loved.

A midwest family girl to the core, she loved and valued family exceedingly. A good part of family meant spending time with her beloved Ron in family outings, bowling, the races, dancing, helping plant a church in Mexico or just going for a drive and being together. This also included an incredible trek of 1000 miles in 100 days from April to July, 2004, walking from Dallas, Texas to Akron, Indiana to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, encourage people and raise health awareness. Finding heart across America's heartland, they'd the privilege to meet many wonderful locals and community leaders, received awards, write the book "Challenging The Road Ahead" of the event and was able to share their story on television.

Dorothy enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader to a group of special Akron teen girls in the '70s, volunteering for many events; various Sunday school classes and at Friends Place Alzheimer's facility. She relished in gardening, bird watching, the beach, nature hikes, knitting, music and competitive sports. She was at many athletic and artistic events her children, grandchildren and friend's children played in, cheering them on from the sidelines. She could oft be seen throughout the years walking her beloved dog, usually a pekingese, and waving with her unforgettable smile to people going by.

She especially cherished time with her Heavenly Father and holding bible studies. Many attended and grew from her teaching; older children, adult laymen to seasoned theologians alike. She was a member of Palm Valley Church, Mission, Texas. She was loved by many around the U.S. and other countries, who knew her as a servant leader that tirelessly poured her life and wisdom into others and as a spiritual mother and mentor to many. She is now celebrating in God's presence as she hears, "Well done, good and faithful daughter."

Dorothy's family would like to especially thank the dedicated and caring staff at Heart Hospital and Paxvilla facilities, as well as many neighbors family and friends.

Time and Date of Memorial Services: 2:00 pm, Saturday, November 12, 2016

Place of Services: Olive Branch Church 4581 East 1200 North, Roann,
Indiana

Place of Burial Following Services: Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana

Memorial Visitation Hours: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, Saturday, November 12, 2016
at Olive Branch Church, Roann, Indiana

Arrangements are Entrusted to: Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester
Street Akron, Indiana

Memorial Contributions to: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be
made to her memory to a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E
Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Olive Branch Church
4581 East 1200 North
Roann, IN 46974

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

CO

“ Hello to Ron, Rick and Krista, I just read the news of Dorothy passing and was just sad I didn't get there to see all of you. I'm not sure you will remember me but I was a long time customer of Dorothy she cut my hair from the time I was 10 until I was an adult and moved away from the Akron Gilead area. I loved her and she was always so kind and gracious with a beautiful smile. I was Walt and Betty Benzing's daughter Cindy from Gilead and went to school with Bruce and Cathy Keonig. Dorothy was a good friend to my mom for years and years. She will be missed not only by her wonderful family but by many many neighbors and friends. God be with all of you and give you strength. I know I will see Dorothy again in heaven. Love to all

Cindy Oneal - November 22, 2016 at 10:14 AM

ED

“ I am glad I got to know Dorothy and can see why she is so well loved by her family and friends. Truly a gentle spirit.

Eileen Dee - November 13, 2016 at 10:06 AM

ED

“ I am so glad I got to meet her as she was so kind and peaceful. I will never forget the look on her face when she looked at me as she was about to walk down the aisle at Savanna's wedding and said "There's no cake!!!" That is the subject of another story, but the look was priceless. By that I mean, she was STILL calm and composed

Eileen Dee - November 13, 2016 at 09:59 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Shirley Bickel lit a candle in memory of Dorothy J. Martin*



Jim and Shirley Bickel - November 10, 2016 at 05:34 AM

GK

“ *Lynn and I are so sorry for your loss. Aunt Dorothy was a wonderful lady. Such an example to all those she came in contact with. We remember the fun we had when we went to a convention for Amway with her & U Ron and her brother Bruce and his wife Jackie. She knew how to have fun. We pray that you will feel the Lord's loving arms around you. We pray for you all. And we love you all.*

Gary & Lynn Koenig - November 08, 2016 at 09:23 PM

LB

“ *My condolences Dorothy was a wonderful woman. She was one of the kindest women I remember. She will most definitely be missed.*



Lisa Bahney - October 19, 2016 at 08:55 AM

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“ *John Bryant lit a candle in memory of Dorothy J. Martin*



John Bryant - October 10, 2016 at 07:03 PM

TB

“ *Tammy Barnes lit a candle in memory of Dorothy J. Martin*



Tammy Barnes - October 08, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ *J.C. Utter lit a candle in memory of Dorothy J. Martin*



J.C. Utter - October 06, 2016 at 03:22 PM

KR

“ *KATHY ROCCHIO lit a candle in memory of Dorothy J. Martin*



KATHY ROCCHIO - September 14, 2016 at 06:49 AM

SC

“ Dorothy always had a smile for everyone.



Sondra Cumberland - September 13, 2016 at 09:38 PM

GM

“ My Prayers are with the family.



Georgia Moudy - September 12, 2016 at 08:54 PM

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Jim and Shirley Bickel - September 12, 2016 at 05:20 PM

BR

“ Our family chain is broken. As God calls us one by one the chain will be linked again

Brenda Ross - September 11, 2016 at 09:26 PM