



Gerald A Martin

February 18, 1930 - October 3, 2014

Gerald A. Martin, husband, father of six and founder of Gerald A. Martin, Ltd., one of New Mexico's premiere general contracting firms, passed away at home with his family on October 3, 2014 at age 84, after a prolonged illness. Jerry was born on February 18, 1930 in Fort Stockton, Texas to William Aloysius Martin and Lillian Pauline McLain Martin, one of four children, his siblings being: Daniel Martin (deceased), Evelyn Martin Hooper (deceased) and Marjorie Martin Lalicker. Jerry was honorably discharged following his service in the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1953. He was instrumental in the construction of the Sandia Peak Tramway. He incorporated Gerald A. Martin, Ltd. in 1974, and built it into one of New Mexico's most successful and respected businesses. In his office, a photograph of Jerry in front of a wooden building under construction in Korea is captioned "First Design-Build Project." Jerry would go on to build many of New Mexico's most notable buildings. These include the Sun Center Office Complex, the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa, Roy E. Disney Center for the Performing Arts, the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, and the Rio Rancho City Hall to name a few. Jerry will be missed and remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, kindly disposition and his innate ability to turn acquaintances into friends wherever he went. He is survived by his wife Victoria Martin; his children, Karen Mooney and her husband Mitchell Mooney of Dallas, Texas, Amy Martin Cole and her husband John Cole of Clermont, Florida, Matthew G. Martin and his wife Patricia Cook Martin of Albuquerque, William L. Martin

and his wife Renee Zamora Martin of Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico from his marriage to Marcia C. Martin who predeceased him on February 11, 1985; and Jerry and Victoria's sons, Zane A. Martin and his wife, Nevin Martin of Albuquerque and Lee M. Martin and his wife Caitlin Martin of Albuquerque. Services will be held Tuesday, October, 07, 2014, 10:00a.m. at The Cathedral Church of St. Johns 318 Silver Ave. SW. Should friends desire, contributions may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church 1500 Chelwood Park NE 87112.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 7. 10:00 AM (MT)

The Cathedral Church of St. John
318 Silver Ave. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gerald A Martin.*



October 14, 2014 at 02:28 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gerald A Martin.*



October 14, 2014 at 11:10 AM

DN

“ I MET GERALD FIVE YEARS AGO WHILE I WAS GOING THROUGH CARDIA REHAB AT THE PRESBYTERIAN HEALTHPLEX. I WOULD SEE HIM WALKING THE TRACK ON TUESDAYS. I WOULD WALK WITH HIM, LISTEN AND LEARN HIS JOKES. I AM NOW RETIRED VA EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN. I HAVE ALWAYS HAD GREAT RESPECT AND A PLACE IN MY HEART FOR OUR VETERANS. HE TOLD MEE ABOUT HIS SON ZANE WHO I THINK MIGHT HAVE LIVED NEXT DOOR TO MY FRIEND IN DURANGO CAROLYN O'CONNELL. I WILL MISS OUT ALL HIS JOKES, HE WOULD BE SURPRISED WHEN I REMEMBERED THEM. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH HIM AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. HE WAS A VERY SPECIAL MAN AND VERY IMPORTANT TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO. I WILL SEND A DONATION IN HIS NAME TO SMILE TRAIN WHO HELPS A CHILD WITH CLEFT PALATE REPAIR SAVING THAT CHILD'S LIFE. DR DANA NIGHSWONGER

DR DANA NIGHSWONGER - October 11, 2014 at 11:39 PM

“ Jerry Martin was one of the most professional, honest and funny persons I have ever known. If he had not been such a great Contractor, he would have been a great teacher, I learned so much from him. During our 20+ year surety bonding relationship, so many wonderful adventures started by my asking "what is". At a meeting in the early 80's at his little office at the base of the tram Jerry said something about "jig back". What is jig back I asked and immediately we are in the car headed to the tram to see a jig back tram and all the huge machinery and counter weights. Another time he said something about "sfagatini wall finish". I had visions of tradesmen troweling noodles onto a wall, so what is sfagatini I asked. Immediately we are in the car headed to Tamaya to see the fabulous walls in the lobby of the resort (sfagatini) . Our most wonderful adventure started with "what is chinking?. Jerry was telling me all about the million dollar plus log hunting lodge he was building up north. It was some kind of a log lodge kit with chinking which came from Canada someplace. In a couple of days Jerry is taking Bob Hastings, Mike Mimovich and myself to the Vermejo Ranch where he is building a huge log hunting lodge with chinking (caulking). What a wonderful adventure we had that day. The lodge was fabulous and the Vermejo is beyond description. Jerry was so funny and he so often just popped into my office just to say hello and he always had some corny joke or pun for me. I recently hear this, Jerry this is for you "Did you hear about the frog that was parked illegally? He was toad."

Fair winds my Friend, Vaya con Dios.

Gloria Dominguez

Gloria Dominguez - October 09, 2014 at 05:14 PM

SM

“ With great sadness we say good-bye to our neighbor and friend. Victoria and I carpooled our children to Manzano Day school and became good friends doing so. We have many carpool stories that link our past and bring great joy with those memories including Gerry's warm welcoming manner. Recently I would see him walk the neighborhood with a welcoming wave along the way. He was respected by all who knew him and will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Ben and Shelley Markham

Shelley Markham - October 09, 2014 at 01:58 PM

MB

“ Karen and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our Dads share alot of history and memories when Sandia Ski area was "young". You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless- John Smatana Family

Monica Blaschke - October 07, 2014 at 10:24 PM

TO

“ I remember the day I met him. It was probably October 14 or 15, 1949. He was only 19 years old and had climbed the Sandias from the Albuquerque side and showed up at La Madera Ski Area, my first home in the US. I had just arrived by car from Ellis Island where I disembarked from my ship from Genoa, Italy. My father Giuseppe Olmi and my stepmother, Judy had picked me and my Italian granny at the docks and drove us here in a brand new 49 green Ford. My dad was the manager at la Madera and worked for Bob Nordhaus. Gerry was the second man I met. Pete Totomof being the first. I guess that it was appropriate that the last time I spoke to Gerald was at Trombino's Restaurant/Trattoria one evening. Ciao Gerald, Dorme bene! Tony Olmi

Tony Olmi - October 07, 2014 at 07:20 PM

JC

“ Joe Cruz, President, Star Paving Company purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Gerald A Martin.



Joe Cruz, President, Star Paving Company - October 07, 2014
at 04:45 PM

J.

“ James . purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gerald A Martin.



James . - October 07, 2014 at 12:45 PM

JW

“ Miki and I are so sorry we were not able to attend Jerry's Funeral. We, too, have had a series of Health problems. I am so sorry, also, that Jerry had to go through so much. We also date back a long way. He, Bill (My close Friends) and I formed Design Engineering Corp and operated together on many projects, including the Sandia Peak Tramway. I can tell many stories about that project. We all Knew Ben Abruzzo well and were his natural pick for Martin & Luther and Design Engeering to do the Tramway. I'm sorry we didn't get to meet you, Victoria, but, hopefully, we will.

Our Condolences!

Jim and Miki Woods

James A. Woods - October 07, 2014 at 12:35 PM

AG

“ Aurora Garcia purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers[®] and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket for the family of Gerald A Martin.



Aurora Garcia - October 07, 2014 at 11:46 AM

EC

“ I was so proud to work for Gerald Martin for 10 years before my retirement. I knew Jerry for 30 years before that. Jerry and my Uncle, Mr. Luther, used to be business partners in Martin and Luther Construction, who built the Sandia tram together. They were always good friends and invited each other to their parties. Jerry was always kind, thoughtful and very respectful of everyone. One time when Jerry and I were making a little company movie together, I asked Jerry the question, "What one most important thing has made you successful in your business?" He replied, "Hire the best and let them do their jobs." Jerry was always calm, in control and had time for a joke to lighten your day. He had a way of making each and every person feel important.. I truly respect him and will miss him very much!

Eddie Carr - October 07, 2014 at 10:19 AM

BL

“ From back when we were helping build the Tram cable to the top of the Sandias, to all of the buildings around Albuquerque, we learned how to perform construction projects with pride and quality as a subcontractor for Gerald A Martin. Because of Gerald’s guidance and willingness to teach his subcontractors, his projects not only were better built, but the subcontractors learned how to perform and build to a standard to which they had never been held.

-Bruce Loughridge and Albuquerque Asphalt, Inc.

Bruce Loughridge - October 07, 2014 at 10:17 AM

EG

“ I remember being a little girl and always so excited to go to the Gerald Martin Christmas parties! Jerry would give us the funniest handshakes and help pass out Christmas gifts! He was such a kind man and so very loving. He treated everyone like family. I'm so grateful my Dad and our family are able to be a part of Jerry's amazing company and family. My dad was able to provide an amazing life because of Jerry and the Martin Team. My thoughts and prayers are with the Martin family. We all love you Jerry!!

Elisa Gorenz - October 06, 2014 at 09:01 PM

GS

“ Whenever I show him at lunch he always had a smile, joke, or riddle.

greg sonnenberg - October 06, 2014 at 06:52 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Gerald A Martin.*



October 06, 2014 at 04:02 PM



“ *Jeneane M Herrera purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Gerald A Martin.*



Jeneane M Herrera - October 06, 2014 at 03:00 PM



“ *Jerry was one of the GREATEST men I have ever known. I will never forget his kindness or the opportunities he gave me. It has been a honor and certainly my pleasure to have worked for and known him for 25 years.*
My heartfelt condolences go out to Karen, Amy, Bill, Matt, Zane & Lee.
I will NEVER forget the profound effect he has had on my entire family's lives. He was truly a GREAT MAN!!
Jim Eskew

Jim Eskew - October 06, 2014 at 02:44 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gerald A Martin.



October 06, 2014 at 02:39 PM



“ Its been A honor to be part of Gerald Martin for the last 20 years. I Have been Blessed to Have known Jerry,he touched me and my family's lives and he will Always be in my heart. My prayers and Thoughts are with all Jerry's Family, God Bless you all.With Love Don Redd and Family.

Don Redd - October 06, 2014 at 12:53 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Gerald A Martin.



October 06, 2014 at 10:17 AM

DG

“ I got to know Jerry in the Mid 70's and went to work for him in 1981. During that time He was a Very Understanding Man. He was fair and very thoughtful ,and had all kinds of Great hand Shakes. He treated Everyone like Family. I learned How to Be A Supervisor For A great Company and Have got to Meet So many Great People While Working For Jerry Martin. Jerry trusted me to do some of the Largest Jobs in New Mexico For the Company . For That I will always be grateful And thankful to The Martin Family and Martin Team. I even got to know my Wife while working for Gerald Martin Const. It seemed that Great things were always going on Around the Company. My Wife and I will Miss Him So much . God Bless You Jerry and The Martin Family. Sincerely Don & Joyce.

don gorenz - October 06, 2014 at 08:23 AM

LB

“ Among his many accomplishments Jerry was a superb pilot. I had the good fortune to share some fine trips with him back in the 1960s. Happy Landings Jerry.

Lonnie Brown

Lonnie Brown - October 06, 2014 at 08:08 AM

DG

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Dante Gutierrez-Zamora - October 04, 2014 at 03:57 PM