



Billy S. Martin

November 1, 1929 - April 11, 2025

Billy Sam Martin, 95 of Gibbon passed away Friday, April 11, 2025 at Mt. Carmel Keens Memorial Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 18, 2025 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon with military honors provided by American Legion Post #310 in conjunction with the Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honors Team. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Billy Sam Martin was born in Ada, Oklahoma to Andrew Jackson and Sina Kathryn Anderson Martin of Fitzhugh, OK on November 1, 1929, the eighth in his family.

He attended grade school until the seventh grade at Fitzhugh, OK, and then seventh and eighth grade at Walker Consolidated Dist. # 3. He graduated from Pauls Valley, OK High School in 1947, and attended Cameron Junior College in Lawton, OK, receiving an Associate Degree. He graduated from Oklahoma A & M of Stillwater, OK in 1951 with a major in Agriculture Education and a minor in Animal Husbandry.

In 1951 he taught Vocational Agriculture in the Fleming, CO high school for one year before entering the U. S. Army. He was inducted into the U. S. Army and served from 1952-1954, stationed at Camp Roberts, CA, Ft. Benning, GA,

and Fort Bragg, N.C. He served in the 77th and 99th Special Forces Units. He completed jump school in Ft. Benning, GA. He was discharged in 1954 and accepted a job as Vocational Agriculture Teacher in Cozad, NE. On June 18, 1955 he married Janice Randall and the couple moved to Gibbon, NE where he taught Vocational Agriculture for three years. In 1958 he became a District Sales Representative for the Ralston Purina Company with an area in Central Nebraska, and the couple moved to Fairbury, NE one year and then to Holdrege, NE. Daughter, Jill Renee was born in 1963 in Holdrege. In 1968 the family moved to Grinnell, IA where daughter, Sina Linn was born. At that time Bill served as a District Sales Manager for Allied Mills, Wayne Feeds. In 1972, a feed and grain business, Grinnell Feeders Service, was purchased and he continued in that business until moving to the Gibbon area in 1981, where the family established a home northwest of Gibbon.

Memberships in organizations included Rotary Club in Grinnell, IA and Kearney, NE, Iowa Grain and FeedBoard, Chamber of Commerce in Grinnell, IA and membership and leadership offices in United Methodist Churches in the communities where the family lived.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, brothers; Jack, Barclay and Raymond; sisters, Thelma, Laura, Josephine, Oberia, and daughter, Jill Renee.

He is survived by: His wife, Janice; daughter and son-in-law, Sina and Michael; grandchild, Alycia "Auggie" Lehn; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Bethel United Methodist Church, Kearney Noon Rotary or to Mt. Carmel Keens Memorial Home. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services. The family would also like to thank the staff at Mt. Carmel Home for their loving care over

the past two years.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road
Gibbon, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
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Funeral Service

APR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billy S. Martin



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - April 18, 2025 at 06:32 PM

OM

“ *To My Favorite Home Ec Teacher,*

I remember so vividly the two young teachers who stood at their classroom doors greeting their students AND trying their best, unsuccessfully, to hide the fact that they were smitten with each other!

'Mr. Martin, the handsome dark-haired Ag Teacher, and Miss Randall, the red-haired cutie teaching Home Ec, were admired and loved by all their students!

Ron has so many tales of the fun events that went on 'behind closed classroom doors'!

We so appreciate your attendance at many of our class reunions through the years!

Our Love and condolences, Jan and family. May he rest in Peace and Joy in the Lord.

Ron and Orpha McVicker

Orpha McVicker - April 18, 2025 at 10:06 AM

JC

“ *Janice, Sina and family, I'm saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Sending you prayers of comfort and peace.*

Jodi Cook - April 16, 2025 at 02:51 PM

KW

“ *Add my last name to my memory email (Wilke)*

Kermit Wilke - April 15, 2025 at 04:04 PM

KE

“ I remember Billy, I followed him teaching Vo-Ag in Gibbon, 1958 & 1959, then I was called to come back to the University of Nebraska AG campus to teach a welding class and work on experimental farm machinery.

Kermit - April 15, 2025 at 03:59 PM

EF

“ Ed Martin & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy S. Martin.

Ed Martin & Family - April 14, 2025 at 05:15 AM

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“ Ed Martin & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy S. Martin.



Ed Martin & Family - April 14, 2025 at 05:15 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Early years



Joel Martin - April 13, 2025 at 07:16 PM