

Gerald Henry Martin was born on February 3, 1939 at Breckenridge, Minnesota to Henry and Josephine (Lizotte) Martin. The family lived in Wahpeton for a time before moving to a farm near Dunseith, North Dakota. Gerald attended rural schools in the area and later attended Bottineau High School.

At the age of seventeen Gerald enlisted in the US Navy where he served from 1956 until 1960 and again from 1962 until the end of 1964. He went on two Mediterranean cruises and was stationed mainly at Norfolk, Virginia.

After serving in the Navy he returned to Bottineau where he drove truck for a time and then worked in the oilfields until going to plumbing school at Wahpeton in 1968. After finishing school he began working for Selid Plumbing and Heating at Williston where he worked until his retirement in 2001 but continued to work summers there.

On December 23, 1963 Gerald was united in marriage to Loni Holdaas at Bottineau. They lived in Bottineau until moving to Williston in 1968 where they have resided since.

From 1976 to 1991 he was a member of the North Dakota National Guard. He served his country in this way, doing summer camps in Minnesota, Maine, Honduras, and Jamaica. He retired from the National Guard in 1991 but was always a soldier at heart.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Loni of Williston, ND; daughters, Renae (Les) Hanson of Williston, ND, and Patty (Jody) Monson of Billings, MT; granddaughters, Amanda Hanson of Williston, ND and Taylor Monson of Billings, MT; grandsons, Jordan Hanson of Williston, ND and Blair Monson of Billings, MT; sister, Janie (Johnny) Andreoff of Rockford, MN; brother, Dan (Karen) Martin of Brooklyn Park, MN; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Josephine; stepfather, Harold Lee; grandparents, Stephen and Adele Lizotte and Rupert and Jessie Martin; and several aunts and uncles.

In Memory Of Gerald H. Martin



February 3, 1939 ~ November 1, 2009



SAFELY HOME

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Ever restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have no doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh the joy to see you come!*

IN MEMORY OF

GERALD H. MARTIN

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

FEBRUARY 3, 1939

BRECKINRIDGE, MINNESOTA

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

CLERGY

FATHER DENNIS SCHAFER

MUSICIANS

KATHY PEPPE ~ ACCOMPANIST

ALANNA MORIN ~ SOLOIST

CASKETBEARERS

FOSTER DODGE

BRIAN CONOVER

DAVID SELID

BOB AMUNDSON

BLAIR MONSON

JORDAN HANSON

DALE PAPINEAU

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

ALL OF GERALD'S FAMILY & FRIENDS

MILITARY HONORS

NORTH DAKOTA VETERAN'S HONOR GUARD

WILLISTON VETERAN'S HONOR GUARD

INTERMENT

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

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