



John Stewart Martin

July 4, 1938 - September 21, 2013

John Stewart Martin, lifelong Okmulgee resident and businessman, died Saturday, September 21, 2013 in Okmulgee. He was 75 years of age. John was born July 4, 1938 in Okmulgee to the late Stewart Erwin and Helen (Phelen) Martin. John graduated from Okmulgee High School and attended Oklahoma A & M College. He then went to work for International Harvester Company. John returned to Okmulgee in 1961 to join his father in the family business. He also founded the JHS Ranch at this time. John owned and operated Stewart Martin until his retirement in 2008. Upon retirement, he built a shop and began his dream of restoring a 1947 8-N Ford Tractor. In addition to the tractor project, he spent many hours planning and building a deck, pergola, and native stone waterfall. John founded and was on the Advisory Board of the Southwestern Association Program at OSU-IT. He was also a member of the Southwestern Association as well as the Southwest Hardware and Implement Association, where he served as President. He was a member of the Jaycees as a young businessman and had served on the Junior Chamber International Senate. John served on the Okmulgee County Criminal Justice Authority and on the Advisory Board of the First National Bank and Trust of Okmulgee. He was a Lifetime Member of the Okmulgee Elk's Lodge. John was a member of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Team of Oklahoma-Chainsaw Division. He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Okmulgee. He also enjoyed being involved with the Okmulgee Humane Society. John was always willing to do any job that needed to be

done.

John was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Lori Sue.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Elaine (Johnson) Martin, of the home, sons, David Martin and wife Dana of Okmulgee and Bill Martin and wife Marilyn of McMinnville, Tennessee, step-children, Jamie Pelton and husband Basil of Owasso and Brent Rhinehart and wife Lisa of Oklahoma City, grandchildren, Michael Martin of Okmulgee, John Martin and wife Krystal of Okmulgee, Sarah Martin of Okmulgee, Stewart Martin of McMinnville, Tennessee, Allison Martin of McMinnville, Tennessee, Britni Worley and husband Justin of Tulsa, Kensie Rhinehart of Oklahoma City, Vanessa Pelton of Owasso and Jasmine Lansdowne of Owasso, and great grandchildren, Makenzie, Shyanne, Landon, Kaylee, Miranda, Jaxson and Jacie.

A funeral service to celebrate John's life will be held 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Dennis Taylor and Reverend Jerry Fielder officiating. Interment will follow in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Duaine Janzen, Kyle Powell, Terry Bemis, Nevyle Cable, Fred Harlan, Kyle Mathis, Joey Newton and Bill Paterson. Honorary Casketbearers will be Glenn Campbell, Jim Norris, Bob Coyle and Dave McClure.

Friends may visit he funeral home from 2:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Tuesday. Arrangements are under the direction of the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Okmulgee.

Cemetery Details

Okmulgee Cemetery

2601 South Wood Drive
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-5109

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Okmulgee
303 E. 7th Street
Okmulgee, OK 74447
(918) 756-1677
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee
311 W. 5th Street
Okmulgee, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *John Stewart Martin*

December 20, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *I remember John fondly from my days as a horse crazy teenager. He would always say " I like my horses like I like my women - big chest and rear" . Sorry if this isn't funeral appropriate but it was Classic John. I loved his sense of humor and my thoughts go out to Elaine as I really appreciate your opening up your farm to me when I was a talkative teenager who loved Paso Finos.*

Kim (Thompson) Grundler

Kim (Thompson) Grundler - November 02, 2013 at 08:22 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Elaine. We lost our husbands within a few weeks and I will remember our time in ICU for Floyd and John and our supporting each other.*

Dindy Foster

Dindy Foster - October 04, 2013 at 12:34 PM

BC

“ There are no words we can use to adequately describe how much he will be missed. We shared so many happy times with John and Elaine. These memories will help sustain us in this time. Not only will his humor be missed, but his story telling abilities, some which might be questioned as totally true. One thing you always knew, he was a true friend who would instantly be there if you needed help.

Bob and Cathy Coyle

Bob Coyle - September 25, 2013 at 09:11 AM

JM

“ Elaine and family, John was such a special man. I will miss his humor and smile. He never failed to ask me how Shari was doing. We went on the First National Bank Board the same time. Yesterday that chair was empty, but his presence was felt. Jimmy McClendon

F

Jim McClendon - September 25, 2013 at 08:04 AM

SS

“ *What an incredibly kind man with a contagious smile. John and my father were great friends who loved to joke around with one another! My parents shared many happy memories with John and Elaine. My husband, daughter and I always looked forward to our visits with the Martins, when we came to visit Okmulgee. John will be deeply missed.*

Susan Stancliff (Coyle) and Family

Susan Stancliff - September 24, 2013 at 09:31 PM

SS

“ *John Martin will be dearly missed at First National Bank & Trust. He was a part of the FNB family. He always had a big smile that made you think "what is he up to now" because you knew he had a funny story to tell or was in the process of playing a joke on someone. It was an honor to have John as one of our board directors and an even greater honor to be able to call him "friend".*

*Our condolences to the Martin family from the
Directors, Officers and Employees of
First National Bank & Trust of Okmulgee*

Sharla Stephenson - September 24, 2013 at 04:26 PM

MH

“ *Send our thoughts and prayers to your family.*

Margaret and Rob Hess - September 24, 2013 at 04:23 PM

KH

“ I will never forget the time my grandad, Luther Shoemake, took me to Stewart Martin to buy my first riding lawnmower. John teased me about needing a good one because I would not only mow my lawn but he was pretty sure I would also be mowing the pasture, little did he know he was right. Also, one time during one of the fairs I picked up a stock tank at Stewart Martin's, we loaded it on the front of the flatbed trailer and I was taking it to get ice so we could ice down pop and water (I think it was for the ranch rodeo) as I was driving around the loop the wind caught it, lifted it up off the trailer and it went skidding down the highway. Man, did he ever get a belly laugh out of that one. These are just a couple of memories I have of John and myself, there are many more and usually because of something I did or didn't do, but they will always be with me.

*Elaine and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers
Kristy and Willie Huckabee*

Kristy Huckabee - September 24, 2013 at 04:11 PM

JH

“ Mr. Martin was a great man and a friend to many in this community. Our prayers are with the Martin family during this difficult time.

John and Amanda Hoover

John Hoover - September 24, 2013 at 03:41 PM

DJ

“ The many hours John and I spent operating the sound for services and special occasions for the church are great memories. We had a wonderful time doing that job and those days will not be forgotten. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss.

Duaine and Linda Janzen

Duaine Janzen - September 24, 2013 at 02:51 PM

CH

“ While I didn't know John personally, I knew of his passion for the equipment dealer industry. He made an impact through his advocacy and commitment to be involved to make things better. Because of his dedication, hundreds of young people are participating and graduating as service technicians through a technician training program that he helped implement at OSU-IT. It's a program that has also benefited many of our dealer association members. I'm sure this program is only one of the many great legacies he leaves behind. Our deepest sympathies to your family during this difficult time.

Cory Hayes
Director of Education
SouthWestern Association
Kansas City, MO

Cory Hayes - September 24, 2013 at 01:58 PM

CA

“ Elaine, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Doug, Carol & family

Carol Aird - September 24, 2013 at 01:37 PM

EL

“ John was a great guy, worked with him for 14 years. He loved to pull jokes on anyone. I remember when he first started at the store, he had just got home from college and had smarted off to Stewart and Stewart was chasing him around the counter. I thought, what would he do if he caught him. John was a lot bigger. He was a good guy. Our prayers are with you David, Bill and Elaine. Loyce and Ernie Ledbetter

ernest Ledbetter - September 23, 2013 at 09:50 PM

MM

“ Had many a good talk with John while I kept CB there. His smile would light up a room. My thoughts and prayers are with you Elaine, David and the rest of your family.

Missy Morland

Missy Morland - September 23, 2013 at 08:48 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers coming your way from the Dove family

Joan Dove Fels - September 23, 2013 at 07:34 PM



“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Martin family.



Kellie Mckay-Trantham - September 23, 2013 at 06:32 PM

EJ

“ All of us here at Edward Jones Downtown remember the fun time you guys would have when John and Jerry Remington got together. We will miss those appointments cause they had such a good time teasing one another. May God Bless you and all your family and may the Peace of God touch each and every one of you.



Your Friends at Edward Jones,
James Remington, Marianne Payne, Suzanne Moss and
The entire Remington Family

Edward Jones - September 23, 2013 at 02:08 PM

CD

“ One of my best memories of John was at the old store, down town when I would go in to get a or some parts for the equipment that had broken down. He would love to tease me about all that old equipment. One day I had gone in for a bailer part. Well, here came John having to Joke with me about having to get another part for that old stuff he called it. This time I just smiled and said yep, your right. About that time the parts guy came up with the part I needed. John looked at that part knowing what it was. He ask was that for that new bailer we sold you? I said yep and keep on smiling didn't say a word. John said you don't owe anything. I gave him a (((HUG))) and from then on the real teasing began. Later on we bought a couple of tractors and John delivered them himself. John was a jokester and that I will miss from him.
Elaine, and to the children and grandchildren. I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray that God will put his hands on each one of you and give you strength and comfort. God Bless you all. Chuck.

Charla "Chuck" Davis - September 23, 2013 at 10:39 AM

PD

“ Prescott And Charla "Chuck" Davis lit a candle in memory of John Stewart Martin



Prescott and Charla "Chuck" Davis - September 23, 2013 at 10:07 AM

GR

“ We are richer for having John, Elaine, and the entire family touch our lives! We meet John's family and friends in prayer asking for God's peace, strength, and grace in this time of need.

Gary and Pam Rollins



Gary Rollins - September 22, 2013 at 10:52 PM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for the family.
Roy and Judy

judy achemire - September 22, 2013 at 03:52 PM

LC

“ Linda Crook lit a candle in memory of John Stewart Martin



Linda Crook - September 22, 2013 at 02:06 PM

CA

Elaine, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Doug and Carol & family

Carolyn Aird - September 24, 2013 at 01:34 PM