



George Martin

January 13, 1927 - June 26, 2011

George R. Martin, 84, a resident of Corvallis for the past 44 years, died June 26, 2011 at Regent Court. He was known for his upbeat attitude and offbeat sense of humor. Born Jan. 13, 1927 in Everett, Wash. to deaf parents, Arthur and Rosie Martin, George enlisted in the Navy and spent 1945-46 on a sonar ship in the western Pacific. He attended the University of Washington on the GI bill and earned a Ph.D. in business administration at the University of California Berkeley. George was an accomplished business professional with Certified Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant certifications. He married Kathleen Becker in 1953 in Anchorage, a union of 58 years at his death. They had five children, all Oregon State graduates. George, a former professor of accounting at Oregon State University taught at Northwestern University from 1964-67 before moving to Oregon State in 1967. He retired in 1990 after 23 years at OSU. He had a deep love of family and was a people person with an ability to strike up a conversation with anybody. He was devoted to fitness, a runner in the early 1970s and a lifetime walker who would put in several miles even in his late '70s. He loved to dance, follow OSU sports and travel; he and Kathy made multiple cross-country car trips as well as a couple of visits to Asia. Professionally, George thought of himself first and foremost as a teacher. He sometimes went down unconventional paths to pique interest or make a point. He was willing to overlook a student's mathematical error if the concepts and thought processes were sound. His recall allowed him to name everybody in a large class sitting in assigned

seats. His older brother Will died in 2005. George is survived by his wife, Kathy; sisters Anita Wilcox and Norma Ohmert ; son Jeff (Lynne) and grandchildren Nick (Ellie), Tim and Cami; daughter Velvet Withers (Bud) and grandchildren Ryan (Angie) and Brett; son Jim; daughter Alesia Duncombe (Rich) and grandchildren Scott, Todd, Mitchell and Jenessa; son Gary (Karlene) and grandchildren Kerenza and Clay. In his last years, George battled Alzheimer's Disease. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Center, Alzheimer's Network or Benton Hospice Services. A celebration of life gathering is schedule at 11AM on June 30th in Dennis Hall at the First Presbyterian Church at 9th & Monroe, Corvallis, OR.

Tribute Wall

RP

“*“Brother George”. I say Brother because George was as close of a friend for over 60 years as anyone could possibly know. He was one beautiful loved human being and brought much joy and laughter to so many. I cherish all of the great times we shared. Have a great trip dear friend. We all love you. Good bye for now.*

Ray Pursche - June 29, 2011 at 11:32 AM

EW

“*George was truly special- one of a kind. We will miss seeing his great smile. We deeply appreciate the friendship and support you have given us and hope we can somehow return the favor. Our hearts are with you!*

Ellen Tappan & Ted Wilson - June 29, 2011 at 12:48 AM

RJ

“*Dear Kathy and family: Our thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow, and may the love that surrounds you be a source of comfort at this time. George had a wonderful sense of humor and we both always enjoyed conversations with him. We feel fortunate to have known him. Rod and Barb Johnson*

Rod and Barbara Johnson - June 28, 2011 at 08:14 PM

LK

“ So sorry to hear of George's passing. He was so fun to be around and we always enjoyed our visits with him when you were in Minnesota.

My mom (Georgia) would always talk about what a great dancer he was and loved when he was at the reunions with you.

We will miss him. Sending, love prayers and hugs your way!

Lisa and Kevin Knoop Alyce, Jordan and Hailey

Lisa and Kevin Knoop - June 28, 2011 at 11:18 AM

LK

“ Dear Kathy and Family, Steve and I just opened up the GT this a.m. and saw that George had passed on. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. Having lost my father and Steve's mom to the same disease we know how complex the loss is when you lose someone you love after the struggle with this disease. You are all in our hearts and prayers and we will see you at the memorial on 6/30. Take care of each other. Love, Lisa and Steve Katz

Lisa L. Katz - June 28, 2011 at 10:16 AM