



Pete Martin

August 15, 1930 - October 10, 2011

RENDON -- Pete John Martin passed away Monday, Oct. 10, 2011. Service: 9:45 a.m. Friday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Memorial service: 11:30 a.m. Friday at Blessing Funeral Home, 401 Elm St., Mansfield, the Rev. Mike Ramsdell officiating. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials: Contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, Mansfield. Pete was born Aug. 15, 1930, in Detroit, Mich., to Pete and Jessie Spurrier Martin. He joined the Air Force at 17 and served during the Korean War, with his last assignment at Carswell AFB, and then Texas became his home. A lover of jazz and a dance instructor, his interests ranged from the arts to sports to all his children's and grandchildren's activities. In 1993, Pete retired from Bell Helicopter after 31 years. From an early age, he had a deep faith and kept his witty sense of humor up until his peaceful passing. Survivors: His wife, Wanda; son, Brig. Gen. Richard Lee Martin and wife, Roseann; daughter, Texas poet laureate Karla K. Morton and husband, Stan; grandchildren, Matthew and Kathryn Morton and Kevin and David Martin; brother, Michael Grzesik; sisters, Dolores Bishop, Frances DelGreco; sister-in-law, Judy Grzesik; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest sympathies. You are in our prayers and know that we love you and pray for you at this sad time. The lord is good and his arms open wide to welcome his loved ones. Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

Jerry Kay and Tommy Weeks - October 15, 2011 at 03:12 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Martin family. I know Pete meant the world to his family and those who knew him, and his kindness on my mother's passing was much appreciated.*

Wesley Shackelford - October 11, 2011 at 09:40 PM

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“ *Uncle Pete,
May you have a joyous reunion with your parents, brother and sister.*

*Aunt Wanda, Richard and Karla,
My thoughts are with you all.*

*Love,
June*

June Owens - October 11, 2011 at 06:50 PM