



## Lawrence Thomas Martin

December 26, 1928 - November 12, 2014

Lawrence Thomas Martin was born December 26, 1928 at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, Michigan. His loving parents, Howard and Betty, raised him on the family farm near Charlotte. Tom was proud to have the farm recognized as a “Centennial Farm.” Tom was an active Eaton County 4-H member, showing sheep. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1946, and attended MSU the following year. Tom married Madeline Montie on July 6, 1950, and they were happily married for over 58 years until her death in 2008. Tom owned a livestock trucking business, farmed, and worked at A-E in Charlotte. Later he became a salesperson for various agricultural companies: Federal Fertilizer, John Blue, Wilde Manufacturing, Michigan Chief Sales, and Murray Equipment. Tom and Madeline enjoyed spending time with family, friends, snowmobiling, and traveling in their RV. Tom was a life-long member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte, and a group of friends called the “Conversation Club.” Tom was preceded in death by an infant son, Larry Thomas, and his beloved Madeline. He is survived by daughter, Peggy (Phil) Heinze; grandchildren, Jenni (Jim) Stehlik, Kristin Heinze, Kyle (Amanda) Heinze; great granddaughters Anika Rose, Josie Madeline Stehlik, Kaili Ann and Allana Jo Heinze; brother-in-law, Myron (Leone) Montie; sister-in-law, Ann Kimball; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many special friends. Visitation will be held Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM, with a Rosary Service at 5:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral services will be held Friday, November 14, at 1:00 pm at

the St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte, Michigan. Memorials are suggested to Eaton Community Palliative Care. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Lawrence's Book of Memories at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence Thomas Martin*



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**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Blessings on your family Peg. I will be praying for you all and for the repose of your father's soul in heaven. Malinda*

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**Malinda Frybarger** - November 19, 2014 at 12:41 PM

CB

“ *Condolences to Tom's Family and Friends. Cliff and I were sad to learn of Tom's passing. We had a great time catching up with Tom and relatives at his Farm a few summer's ago. He will be missed!*

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**Cliff & Carolyn Braun** - November 15, 2014 at 11:07 AM

CG

“ *Peggy and Family, We are saddened to hear of the passing of Tom. We have many happy remembrances of times spent with your family. May you all find comfort in your own memories.*

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**Charles and Nina Gulliver** - November 14, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ *Lawrence Thomas Martin*

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November 13, 2014 at 07:34 PM



“ *We enjoyed talking to Tom at Dad's visitation this spring, and loved hearing stories about their experiences trucking sheep to the fairs...So nice to meet someone who was a life-long friend...*

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**Terry & Leah Horn** - November 13, 2014 at 06:47 PM



“ *It was a pleasure getting to know Tom, he was truly one of the nicest guys I have ever met. I never got to know my grandfather(s) but if I had I would have wanted one just like him. Although his was not a part of my life for a long time he was a joy to be around and I thank God for allowing me to meet such a wonderful man. It was a pleasure being his nurse and spending time with him. I offer the family my condolences, he will truly be missed. I enjoyed our late night talks tremendously. Bre*

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**Bre** - November 13, 2014 at 02:54 PM



“ *It's not goodbye Tom, it's til I see you again! Rest in peace, you've earned your halo in heaven and I hope it's just as you described. My thoughts and prayers to the wonderful family he has created. See you again my friend*

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**Kristina Conley** - November 13, 2014 at 01:01 PM

JS

“ Tom was a good friend of our family in Carmel Township. I use to babysit for him and his wife. My prayers and hugs out to the family at this time.

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**Judie (Rhodes) Silvis** - November 13, 2014 at 09:17 AM