



James (Jim) Martin, 86

December 3, 1930 - April 8, 2017

Jim was born on the
Sleepy Eye Ranch
in
Minor County, South Dakota
to
Lee P. and Esther Martin



Jim was predeceased by his beloved wife of **56 years**,
Lorena (Sturdevant) **Martin**
January 15, 1935 - November 24, 2016
She was an excellent cook, a dedicated quilter,
and known for her quick wit, her twinkling eyes, and her generous laugh.

Jim is survived by two brothers, Neal Martin of Koah, Australia and Joe Martin of Columbus, Kansas; two sisters, Sally Ruttkay of Onawa, Iowa and Anna Martin of Hereford, Arizona; his son, Lee D. Martin (married to Melanie Martin) of Vista, California; and his daughter, Janice Freeland (married to Blake Freeland) of Montrose, Colorado.

Additional family includes Janine Washabaugh of Oceanside, California; Dale and Angie Sorenson of Clarksville, Tennessee; and Mike and Neena Blinkinsop of Sierra Vista, Arizona.

He also leaves behind five wonderful grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren as well as numerous friends gathered up over the years.

Jim spent a full, 20-year career in the U.S. Army -- mostly in communications, with other interesting assignments such as Berlin in 1949, and Paris in 1950.

Jim was assigned to Directorate of Weapons Testing, Monitoring Test results, and then reassigned to the 261st Ordnance Detachment in support of special weapons in Japan and then Korea.

Jim retired from The Aberdeen Proving Grounds as an Instrument Calibration Instructor in 1970.

He retired again after working 20 years for various Fort Huachuca organizations including The Electronic Warfare School, Electronic Testing Ground, USACLSA and CEIA/1199th Signal Battalion as a new equipment instructor.

Before his retirement, Jim also became one of the leading authorities for the applications of fiber optics. Many of the processes he created are still in use today.



Jim was a member of:

KING SOLOMON LODGE, N^o 5, F.&A.M.

a **TERRITORIAL LODGE** in **TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA**

and of the



In lieu of flowers, Jim would appreciate donations be made to: Sabbar Shrine Temple Silver Wings Program, 450 S. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

There will be a Remembrance Reception to honor the lives of James and Lorena Martin held at the Elks Lodge BPOE 2065 (1 Elks Lane) of Sierra Vista on:

May 7, 2017 at 1 p.m.

