



John William Martin

January 24, 1938 - May 16, 2014

John William Martin, 76, of Chanute, passed away Friday, May 16, at his home. John was born in Culver, Kansas, on January 24, 1938, the son of George Leo Martin and Bernitta Mae (Briggs) Martin.

He graduated in 1956 from Minneapolis (Kansas) High School, where he participated in several sports. He received a B.A. in Business from Emporia State in 1961 and worked for General Dynamics as a production planner for three years before returning to Emporia State to receive a B.S. in Secondary Education. He received a M.S. in Administration from Pittsburg State University.

He was united in marriage to Margaret Jane Elrod on June 4, 1966 in Texarkana, Arkansas. She survives, of the home

John spent his education career at Royster Junior High/Middle School from 1965 to 2000. In his early years he taught social studies and coached basketball and track. He was an administrator at RJH for seven years before following his heart to return to the classroom to work more closely with students.

He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Chanute Area Retired School Personnel, and Kiwanis.

He enjoyed travel, sports and people, but above all, he was dedicated to his family.

Along with his wife, Jane, he is survived by two daughters, Stacy Wagner and husband Bill, of Wichita, and Amy Mussulman, of Wichita; grandchildren Darby Mussulman, Hannah Wagner, Reis Mussulman, Sophia Wagner, and Olivia Wagner, all of Wichita; sister, Rochelle Tennyson, of Ottumwa, IA; niece, Michelle Tennyson, of Lee's Summit; brother-in-law Max Elrod and wife Beth, of Texarkana, AR; sister-in-law Marilyn Cheatham and husband Jeff of Columbus, GA; and several nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Ivan Tennyson.

Cremation has taken place.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 23 at First Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 22 at Countryside Funeral Home Johnson Chapel.

Memorials in his name may be made to First Presbyterian Church or to the USD #413 Foundation and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church Chanute
15 N. Steuben
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

BH

“ I have just learned of John Martin's passing. I apologize for the belated condolence. John was the principal at Royster Junior High School for the first year I taught in 1972-73. He was very helpful to me and was instrumental in preparing me for my 30-year teaching career. I am very thankful for that. I could not have asked for a better principal.

Bradley Hall

bradley hall - September 04, 2014 at 07:00 PM

RC

Brad call me. 316-304-6171. Bob Clasen.

Robert Clasen - April 16, 2017 at 09:57 AM

BL

“ *Mr. Martin was a natural teacher. He always taught with such joy and enthusiasm! I remember being in his class the year Stacey was born. Brenda Laurie Lindsay*

Brenda Laurie Lindsay - June 15, 2014 at 05:37 PM

MG

“ *I will always remember Mr. Martin as a kind, compassionate teacher who challenged his students to be the best they could be. I respected him greatly and consider him to be one of the teachers who inspired and encouraged me most at RJH. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Martin, Amy, Stacy and all the family today and in the days ahead.*

Michelle (Stevenson) Gilbert

Michelle Gilbert - May 23, 2014 at 06:51 PM

ED

“ Jane, I don't need to tell you what a great guy John was, because you already know all that, I was so shocked to see on my computer of his passing. Dale and I were so fond of the two of you. Always enjoyed being around you two. God must have had a special need for the likes of John, to have taken him so young! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love, Esther

Esther Dayhoff - May 22, 2014 at 03:18 PM

KF

“ I loved Mr. Martin's class at Royster. I was there in the late '80s, and am now a high school teacher myself. He was one of my favorites at Royster. My prayers are with your family!

Karen Fresh - May 22, 2014 at 02:11 PM

BK

“ Tony has many fond memories from his Junior High days of Mr. Martin and we both thought highly of him when he taught our daughter, Amber, at Royster before we moved. I know he will be missed by many. The Martin family is in our thoughts and prayers.
Barb (Boaz) & Tony Kline
Canyon, TX

Barbara Kline - May 21, 2014 at 09:40 PM

NS

“ John was a man of integrity, he had compassion & a gentle spirit. We are blessed to have known John, he has left a wonderful legacy. We can all learn a lesson from the way John lived his life, our loss of John here on this earth is Heavens gain. He will forever be remembered with love & a smile. Our prayers & love go out to you Jane!

Delbert & Nan Sheerer

nan sheerer - May 21, 2014 at 08:54 PM

KB

“ A finer man you will never find. It was an honor to work with him at Royster Middle School, and to call him "friend".

*-Kevin Blair
Chanute High School*

Kevin Blair - May 21, 2014 at 08:50 PM

AL

“ Jane, our hearts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. We will be thinking of you all as you celebrate John's life. Love you, Dennis & Ann

Ann Lorenz - May 21, 2014 at 11:36 AM

CS

“ Mr. Martin always had a smile for you . . . no matter who you were or what you had / had not done. ;) I believe his caring attitude as the principal, when I was at Royster, along with some others at Royster kept many of us on the right path. My family will be praying for his in the weeks ahead.

Carolyn (Sergent) Scott - May 21, 2014 at 10:01 AM