



## Mr. Elbert William Martin

October 7, 1946 - April 27, 2019

Elbert William Martin passed away on April 27, 2019 after a lengthy illness. Elbert was born October 7, 1946 to Elbert and Gladys Martin in Buffalo Missouri. He attended school and graduated from Buffalo. He enjoyed playing basketball, football and baseball for the Bison's. He made many lifelong friends from these years.

Elbert married Helen Marie (Gregg) Martin on July 22, 1966 in Charity, Missouri. To this union he has one daughter Lora Ann (Martin) Brooks and one son Mickey Lynn Martin. He was most proud of his three grandsons Alexander Brooks, Ryan Brooks and Cooper Martin. They made Papa's last year's very special.

He served in the United States Army from April 1967 to December 1968 having made the battlefield rank of Sergeant. He was injured by a landmine on Valentine's Day of 1968. During his service he was very honored to have earned his Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple heart. The Vietnam War would help shape his character and define the ideals of honor, duty and sacrifice that would be forever part of him.

He spent 33 years working for the United States Post Office and was a very active member of the American Postal Workers Union and serviced as a Steward and fought for workers' rights. During his tenure he made lasting friendships, stories and jokes that he enjoyed telling. He was very proud of his brick "package" that was delivered all over downtown Springfield, but always would find its way back to him.

Elbert was committed to service. He was on numerous boards and coached both of his children in any sport they showed interest in. The impact on the lives of all the children he coached is immeasurable. He always loved to see his "kids" (as he referred to the players on his teams) and enjoyed the fond memories they shared with him as adults.

He spent his retirement going to auctions and spending as much time with his grandkids as he was allowed. He loved them all and would do anything for them.

Elbert is preceded in death by his parents Elbert and Gladys; his siblings Leland, Bob, Maxine, Eugene, Imogene, Howard, Bill, Dorothy, Kenny, and Albert. He is survived by his wife Helen; daughter, Lora Brooks (husband Jason); son Mickey Martin (wife Tracie); grandsons Alexander, Ryan and Cooper; siblings Anna Lou Bartee and Joseph Martin; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the

Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home with Pastor David Van Bebber officiating. Interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery under the direction and care of the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo. Visitation will be from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Bethel Cemetery Fund.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Bethel Cemetery

Bethel Road  
Charity, MO,

**MAY**   **Visitation**                      01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo  
931 W. Main St. P.O. Box 993, Buffalo, MO, US, 65622

**MAY**   **Service**                      02:00PM - 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr. Elbert William Martin.



April 30, 2019 at 12:40 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Elbert William Martin.



April 29, 2019 at 05:33 PM

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**Mickey Martin** - April 29, 2019 at 01:56 AM



“ We owe Elbert a lot. He came within inches of giving his life for us in this war. He came home severely wounded, he fought a hard battle to recover and then went to work like he thought he was supposed to do. He did not really want to talk about any of what he went through but we know it was very difficult for him. He is an American Hero in my book and that is the way I will remember him. He was a great husband to my cousin Helen and to his children.

**Vern Mynatt** - April 29, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ Dad will always be my hero.

**Mickey** - May 01, 2019 at 12:45 AM



“ Elbert trained me to be his fill-in when he would be off at the South Side Station downtown. One of the nicest men I have ever met! Taught me a lot & treated me so good. I have thought of him often & know he will be greatly missed.

Bonnie Fisher

**Bonnie Fisher** - May 01, 2019 at 10:25 AM



“ So sorry. Elbert was a great man. He is still missed by people at the Post Office. He was a good union steward and had a great sense of humor! We miss him.

**Greg** - May 04, 2019 at 09:10 AM