

Donna Mae Martin

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September 10, 2006

Donna Mae Martin, age 77, of Lamar, passed away at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, September 10, 2006 at her home following a long illness. Donna was born May 7, 1929 in Barton County, Missouri to Homer and Lola (Long) Beall. On December 31, 1950, in Lamar, she married Gene S. Martin, who was then a Captain in the USAF JAG stationed at Scott AFB, Illinois. Donna traveled all over the world with her husband; having lived for three years in Naples, Italy, and Yokota, Japan, and more recently in London as a genealogist for her church. She graduated in 1950 from KU Medical Center and had worked as a registered nurse in Springfield and at Lakeview Nursing Home in Lamar. She was a devoted and active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Lamar.

Donna was known for her grace, elegance and style. She was an incomparable homemaker, a welcoming host to countless visitors from all stations of life, and, above all, an unparalleled cook. She also was a talented artist and painter, and pianist for her church. She and Gene were avid travelers who enjoyed trips all over the world, especially to visit their children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Gene Martin, five children and their spouses; Gene Jr. & Kristina Martin of Rockport, Massachusetts, Greg & Stephanie Martin of Glendale, Arizona, Merida & David Solum of Jasper, Missouri, Melanie & Greg St.Clair of Layton, Utah, and Melissa & Patrick Eddings of Lamar, Missouri. She is also survived by a brother, Ralph Beall of Mt. Vernon, Missouri and two sisters, Grace Ann Reese and Norma Norwood, both of Lamar. Donna also has nineteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:00 a.m. Friday, September 15, 2006 Daniel Funeral Home

PRESIDING AND CONDUCTING

President Paul L.Wilson Lamar Branch Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

OPENING HYMN

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

INVOCATION

David Solum

EULOGY

Patrick Eddings

SOLO HYMN

Kristina Martin

REMARKS

Jeffrey Martin

NWAH

"I am a Child of God"-Grandchildren

REMARKS

Melissa Eddings and Gene Martin, Jr.

SOLO HYMN

Kristina Martin

REMARKS

Morris Bird

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide with Me; Tis Eventide"

BENEDICTION

Greg St. Clair

DEDICATION OF THE GRAVE

Greg Martin

INTERMENT

Nigh Cemetery

PALLBEARERS

Joshua Martin Jeffrey Martin Zachary Martin Patrick St. Clair Shelton Solum Nick St. Clair