



Martin Lee Stillings

September 10, 1930 - August 4, 2025

Martin Lee Stillings, of Hot Spring and Franklin, TN, passed in to Heaven on Monday, August 4th, 2025 in Franklin after a long illness. Martin was predeceased by his parents, Francis and Kathryn Stillings, and his wife of 67 years, Barbara Stillings. Surviving are sons Paul Stillings of Monroe, LA, Tim (Melissa) Stillings of Franklin, TN, daughter Marsha (Kerry) Hird of Anderson, IN. Also surviving are grandchildren Greg (Lauren) Stillings of Rockford, MI, Kelsi (Bryan) Slann of Battle Creek, MI, Marcus (Andrea) Hird of Petersburg, TN, Haley (Winston) Voigt of Franklin, TN, and Nathan (Kristen) Hird of Battle Creek, MI. Great grandchildren are Wiley, McKenna and River Hird, Claire, Reese, and Nora Stillings, Jett and Weston Hird, and Celia Voigt.

In 1977, Martin and Barbara opened their home to exchange student Ana Contreras Postiglione, creating a special parent – daughter relationship and family bond that continues to this day.

Martin was born in Bellefontaine, OH, and attended the Church of God. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950, providing security for Andersen Air Force Base and B-29 bombers stationed on Guam during the Korean Conflict. He married Barbara Davey in the Fall of 1954 and entered Anderson College using the G.I.Bill. Supporting family growth and church were some of the driving decisions that led the family to move to Hot Springs in 1962.

Martin worked for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Center as a Vocational Instructor for 26 years, retiring in 1988. After retirement, he assisted Barbara with her business endeavors and volunteer work with Mothers Against Drunk Driving. He was involved in the Oaklawn Church of God business, expansion and educational programs for over 60 years.

Martin's interests in life, besides family and Church, were Studebakers, John Deere, Dodge, and Ohio State Football.

Funeral service will be held at Oaklawn Church of God, 2110 7th St, in Hot Springs, Monday, August 11, 2025. Visitation is at 11:00, and the service at 12:00, followed by a brief graveside service at Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Parkinson's Foundation (Parkinson.org)

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 11. 12:00 AM (CT)

Oaklawn Church of God
2110 7th Street
Hot Springs, AR 71913

Visitation

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