

Obituary

Lynn E. Martin was born to Margarete and Merle Martin. He grew up on a farm near Hillsdale, Kansas and spent many days and nights working for the family milk delivery company.

He graduated from Paola High School where he served his senior year as Class President. Lynn attended most of the colleges and junior colleges in eastern Kansas for a semester ... or so. He graduated from Emporia State University with an accounting degree. He went on to graduate from Washburn University Law School.

During his time at Emporia State, Lynn met his saint-of-a-wife, Carol. They had one son, Scott, and three amazing grandchildren, Haley, Holly, and Zane.

After law school, Lynn served as the Miami County Attorney for four years. He then opened his private practice working in many areas of law, including criminal, civil, family law, corporate, and trust and estate matters.

Lynn and Carol traveled across America and around the world when paper maps, phrase books, Spanish language records, traveler's checks, and a sheepish smile were the tools of the trade. They made their way on planes, gliders, buses, trains, stick shift cars, sailboats, cruise ships, hot air balloons, dune buggies, and a couple of donkeys. Lynn and Carol ultimately visited all 50 states and 60+ countries.

Lynn selflessly shared his talents. He patiently taught countless children and adults how to water ski, snow ski, and sail. For many years, he personified Santa Claus in delivering the joy and wonder of Christmas to the children of Lakemary Academy and the residents of every nursing home in town. He also funded college and trade school tuitions for decades for folks who could not afford it.

He never "danced like no one was watching." But he did spend a lifetime dancing like everyone was watching... and that was usually true. Lynn and Carol were accomplished polka aficionados but their joy on the dance floor extended to every genre. During a trip last summer to Alaska, Lynn skipped a few hikes and mostly walked with a cane, but he surprised everyone when he showed up late at night at a concert. As he told Zane, "You can't be too tired to dance."

He loved his cars. His favorites included a 1948 Dodge limousine with jump seats and suicide doors, a 1948 Nash Metropolitan, a 1972 Cadillac limousine (with and without the Texas longhorns), and a 1982 Excalibur. He was also a huge motorcycle fan from classic Indians, Harley hogs, and the biggest Kawasaki ever made.

Cheers to a life well-lived! "Wow! What a ride!"

Lynn was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Wayne (Patsy) and Gene (Beverly), and half-sister, Barbara.

Lynn is survived by Carol, his bride of 60 years, son, Scott (Elizabeth), grandchildren, Haley (Alec Crampton), Holly (Matt Howerton), and Zane; practically nephew and niece, Kenneth Latto (Michelle) and Kristen Beerman (Ben); and numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews; extended family, golf partners, and sailing buddies.



Services In Care Of

Dengel & Son

Mortuary - Crematory



In Memory Of



Lynn Edwin Martin

December 11, 1940 ~ June 26, 2026

When I Am Gone

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be thankful for our many beautiful years.
I gave to you my love, you can only guess,
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the LOVE you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part.
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say...Welcome Home.



Rosary

10:30 AM, Friday, July 03, 2026
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Paola, Kansas

Memorial Services

11:00 AM, Friday, July 03, 2026
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Paola, Kansas

Officiating

Fr. Joe Sellas

Music Selections

Jenny Latendresse Jennifer Bollinger
Ave Maria ~ Amazing Grace ~ May the Angels Lead You Home

Memorial Contributions

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City, MO 64116
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