

# David Omen Martin

*October 25, 1929 ~ April 7, 2025*

We announce the peaceful passing of David Omen Martin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great, great grandfather, businessman, inventor, church leader, at the age of 95 on April 7, 2025, in South Jordan, Utah. He was surrounded by his children. He has now joined his sweetheart Virginia and many cherished family members in a joyful reunion in heaven.

He was born to David Martin and Ruby Baird Martin on October 28,1929, in Cowley, Wyoming. He was the youngest of 5 children. He met the love of his life, Virginia, at Stake Conference in San Diego, California. He was in the U.S. Navy, stationed in North Island, California and later in Japan as a Seabee (Construction Battalion), receiving an honorable discharge in 1951.

On October 5th, 1950, David was married and sealed to his beautiful wife Virginia Marie Hedlund in the Mesa Arizona Temple. They made their home in Salt Lake City, Utah, loving and raising their 4 children, Kenneth, Beth Ann, Diana, and Michael.

David loved his grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. The family remembers the fun at reunions in their home and afar. Mom and Dad's ice cream party at their home after General Conference Priesthood Session was continuous for 65 years.

He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and loved serving in many positions including: missionary, Scout Master, Stake Mission President, Bishopric Councilor, Bishop, High Council and Stake President of the Salt Lake Stake. David had a strong testimony of prophets and leaders of The Church, the mission of Jesus Christ, and loved to assert, “This is His Church!”

David was the CEO/owner of Martin Door Manufacturing (Martin Garage Doors) for 61 years. His passion was inventing many items to improve the quality and safety of his garage doors and held scores of US Patents. He was excited about having doors in over 90 countries. David and Virginia enjoyed traveling the world developing lifetime relationships. His goal was to share the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ with nearly everyone he met. He liked having a family business that included many friends, his own children and some of the family of his older brother Leno.

David was a long time member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Salt Lake City Rotary International (Club 24). He served in many leadership positions in fields related to his business. These included: Associate Vice President of the Salt Lake Home Builders, President of the South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, President of the Utah Manufacturers’ Association, President of Far Western Garage Door Association and Director of both the Door & Operator Dealers of America and National Association of Garage Door Manufacturers.

David is survived by his children Kenneth (Sandi) Martin, Beth Ann Griggs Roberts, Diana (David) Haslam, Michael (Terry) Martin, and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great, great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by David and Ruby Martin (parents), Leno (brother), LeNeve, Hazel and Venice (sisters), Julie Ann Griggs (granddaughter), Aliza Sparti (granddaughter), Charles Hossfield (grandson), Laura Henderson Martin (daughter-in-law).

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 19th at Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery Chapel 2350 E 1300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84108.

11:00 am Private Family Viewing

12:00 pm Funeral

1:00 pm Interment at gravesite.

1:30 pm Family Lunch (for immediate family members).

Because of space limitations, a zoom link is available https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83823517321