



## Russel Leo Martin

June 4, 1940 - August 23, 2015

Martin, Russel of Taylor. Age 75. Beloved husband of Frances. Loving father of Cheryl (Keith), Kimberly (Rick) and Tina and (Ted). Proud grandfather of Andrea (Mike), Krista (Alex), Alicia, Ashley, Jeremiah and Leah. Great grandfather of Austin, Stephen and Aubree

# Cemetery Details

**Michigan Memorial Park**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG 27. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Kernan Funeral Service  
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# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Catherine Wright-Volante lit a candle in memory of Russel Leo Martin*



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**Catherine Wright-Volante** - August 28, 2015 at 02:39 PM

TH

“ *Condolences to Fran and family. Sorry for your loss; we are thinking of you.*

*I remember Shorty as a strong and proud man with a sense of humour.*

*Peace,*

*Tim and Sharon Holmes, Perth Ontario.*

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**Tim Holmes** - August 26, 2015 at 09:22 AM

LS

“ *Love, Marty & Kim Jones and sons. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Russel Leo Martin.*



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**Love, Marty & Kim Jones and sons.** - August 26, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russel Leo Martin.*



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August 25, 2015 at 05:35 PM

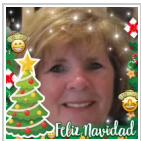


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**Shirley McLeod-Paff** - August 24, 2015 at 09:39 PM

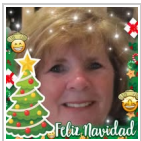


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**Shirley McLeod-Paff** - August 24, 2015 at 09:38 PM



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**Shirley McLeod-Paff** - August 24, 2015 at 09:37 PM



“ Where do you start when someone has been in your life as far back as memory goes. I was 5 years old when Shorty (Russel) came into my sisters life and from that day forward, everything changed. My very first clear memory of him was the first Christmas he shared with us. There was a beautiful brown teddy bear under the tree for me. Shorty said, "Who's that from?"...I looked at the tag and declared "It's from SANTA". I don't know if he realized that I couldn't read (after all, I was only 5) but I remember him gently sounding out the words on the card...and darned if he wasn't right, it said "SHORTY".

After that there were many firsts for my family and me. First hamburger and fries at a real restaurant, First Milk Shake, First taste of pepsi (that's one I wish he hadn't given me a taste of, lol). Then there was the Carnivals, Drive- In Movies, Christmas at the Rotunda, Barnum & Bailey Circus, trips to the beach, camping in a tent, First trip to meet our Canadian family, First visit to Detroit to visit Grandma McLeod, First time meeting my father...All of the things children would normally do with their fathers, we did with him. I could go on, but I would end up writing a book.

He helped my mom make improvements to our house. New roof, indoor plumbing, scraping and painting the outside of our house, mowing the huge yard we had...The one that sticks most in my mind was fixing the faucet so that I could reach it and get a glass of water without help. He would make an adjustment and have me try to turn it on. He didn't quit until I could show him I could reach.

Even after he and Fran married and had children, I was always a very active part of their family. He and Fran would pick me up on the week-end to stay at their house.

Things were not always peaches and cream. When I hit my teen years, he acted like a father and had no problem telling me how it was and how it was going to be. Like a teen, I would let it go in one ear and out the other. Those were tumultuous times, but we made it through.

*The one most important memory I have was when my Andrea died. Shorty stepped up and helped Gene plan her funeral and found the funds to pay for it. Afterwards he drove to my house 2 to 3 times a day to check on me and Gene. He took us to here grave site the first few times we went to visit. He tried to make sure we kept busy so we didn't have time to think. Trips to Ohio to the Lion Safari, Sea World anything to keep us busy.*

*When my mom got sick, he was always there, taking care of business. Nothing was too big or too small for him to do to help.*

*By now you can see how important he was to my past, my present and with my memories my future. I have tried to think of what life would have been like if he had not been part of it. I can honestly say, he was an integral part of who I was, who I am and who I will be in the future.*

*To my sister, Fran, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren remember: As long as he lives in your heart, he did not die. TCampbell*

*Written with love and gratitude in my heart, Shirley/Aunt Shirley*

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**Shirley McLeod-Paff** - August 24, 2015 at 07:51 PM

DA

“ *Darlene Aldis lit a candle in memory of Russel Leo Martin*



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**darlene aldiss** - August 24, 2015 at 06:00 PM



“ Shirley McLeod-Paff lit a candle in memory of  
Russel Leo Martin



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**Shirley McLeod-Paff** - August 24, 2015 at 05:43 PM

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**darlene aldís** - August 24, 2015 at 05:30 PM

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**darlene aldís** - August 24, 2015 at 05:25 PM

SL

“ This story comes from Sheron Long,,, After my Husband passed away Russel and Frannie were after me to come and spend time in Fl. with them. So I checked the airlines to see if and what kind of flight I could get. I called the two of them and said I would come down for two weeks. Well that did not go over to good and I was told come down and ride back with them. This is Feb. and they would not be coming home till April. So as you see I went. It was a great trip and Frannie and I keep Russel on the go shopping, dinner out, DQ, riding the beach and fun at Bike Week. So now were home and ever time he would tell the story it was,,,, Can you imagine I had to spend SEVEN WEEKS in Fl. with these two women don't you feel sorry for me and we would laugh and say you had fun and you know it...

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**Sheron Long** - August 24, 2015 at 05:23 PM

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**darlene aldiss** - August 24, 2015 at 05:10 PM

SF

“ This story started in 1978 when two Family's came together and became GOOD Friends !! Over all the years of Fishing, Hunting, Camping, trips to Vegas, Florida and many more. Our Children grew up together and having Graduations, Weddings, Children of their own. We have had a Life of Fun and Sorrow. Russel and Richard (Dickie) shared a lot together and now they will share a lot more. May they sit in Heaven and watch over all of us again. Just as they did now earth. Oh What a Life We All Shared.....  
The "Long Family" sends "Love to All"

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**Sheron Long and Family** - August 24, 2015 at 03:51 PM