

Richard Arnold Martin was born October 5, 1932, in Des Moines, IA, the son of Carl and Beatrice (Metz) Martin. Richard's family moved to Minneapolis, MN where he attended school. Richard graduated from Patrick Henry High School. Following high school, Richard enlisted in the United States Navy in January 1951. He served at the Great Lakes Naval Station. Richard transitioned to the USN Reserves in December 1954 and continued to serve until being honorably discharged in 1959. Following his active service in the Navy, he returned to Minnesota and attended classes for management, economics, business and law-accounting at the University of Minnesota Extension Division.

Richard was united in marriage to Audrey Dorphy on April 16, 1955. The couple made their home in Golden Valley, MN.

He began work with the Western Electric Company, then Northwestern Bell in February 1953 and worked in a variety of positions until early retirement after a thirty-three year career in March of 1986. He worked as an installer, technician, and finished his career as an Analyst and Supervisor. Richard became an accountant in the telecommunications industry. While his clients weren't always thrilled to see him show up to examine the books, Richard loved his job; he loved traveling across the country calling on customers and he loved visiting with and serving those customers.

After retirement, he obtained a real estate license and worked for Caldwell Banker in Minneapolis as an agent. He completely retired to the Alexandria area in 1998.

Richard and Audrey loved coming to Alexandria, MN in the summers for fishing vacations. Following Audrey's death in August 1998, Richard built a home on Lake Le Homme Dieu and made Alexandria his home.

While attending church at Shalom Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Richard met Delores Ofstedal. The two were united in marriage in 2002 at First Lutheran Church of Crystal in Crystal, MN. They made their home in Alexandria. After some time, Richard concluded that his marriage to Delores was a greater blessing than he ever expected; he was richly blessed with all of Delores' family.

Richard loved spending time fishing in the summer. He also grew vegetables and did flower gardening. He loved animals, especially his cat; he enjoyed feeding the animals. It was vest not to bother Richard during a baseball or football game; he was a fan. Richard loved to travel. He travelled extensively throughout his working years and he loved travelling the country with Delores.

Taking time to volunteer service to others was important to Richard. He volunteered as a member of the Lions Club, helped serve Meals on Wheels and assisted with the elderly at Knute Nelson.

On Wednesday, February 19, 2020, Richard died at the age of eighty-seven years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Audrey Martin; and one brother, Carl Martin, Jr. Richard is survived by his wife, Delores Martin of Alexandria; one son, Nathan Ofstedal and wife, Johanna, of Papillion, NE; one daughter, Debra Ofstedal of Tumwater, WA; grandchildren, Anaka Ofstedal, Jonathan Ofstedal, Brittney Ofstedal and Melissa Samples Randolph; and several nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory



Richard Martin

1932 ~ 2020

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done.*

*I'd like to leave a echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.*

*I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When life is done.*

Carol Mirkel

In Loving Memory

Richard Arnold Martin

October 5, 1933



February 19, 2020

Funeral Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Saturday, February 22, 2020
1 PM

Officiant

Reverend David Fleener

Musician

Virginia Hegre

Honorary Pallbearers

Otto Freier
Earle Scott

Kipp Hayes
Bruce Haugen

Interment

Kinthead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

