



## John William Martin

November 11, 1933 - May 8, 2021

John William Martin of Powell, Ohio, age 87, passed away on May 8, 2021. John was born November 11, 1933 in Columbus, Ohio to the late Mary Margaret Kinkade Martin and William Andrew Martin. Retired Planning Administrator, The Ohio Department of Transportation. He graduated from North High School in 1951. Attended Capitol University. He played football for North High School where he was All-City and played for Capitol University. In 1955, he enlisted in the Air Force and was eventually stationed at Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota where he met and married his wife, Judith. An avid competitor and sportsman, he was given his first Labrador Retriever in 1965. Soon after, he became interested in the sport of Retriever Field Trials. He owned only nine dogs in his competitive years. He was unique in the sport in that he raised and trained them himself with his wife and friends. Four of them became Field and Amateur Field Champions, and unheard-of record. Three of them were “double-header” winners. Those are dogs who, with the same handler, win the Open All-Age stake and the Amateur All-Age stake on the same weekend. He is a member of the Double Header Club with these three. His dogs qualified and ran in 37 professional and amateur championship stakes in his career. In 1981, he is the only owner/handler from Ohio to win the National Retriever Championship with NFC/AFC Orion’s Sky. That is the professional national as compared to the Amateur National Championship where only amateurs can compete. NFC/AFC Orion’s Sky was introduced to the National Retriever Field Trial Hall of Fame in 1994, and John was inducted

to the Hall of Fame in 1997. He is a long-time member of the Ohio Valley Retriever Club and Maumee Retriever Club, and a lifetime member of the Engineers Club of Columbus. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael W. Martin and his parents. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Judith Beck Martin; brother, James A. Martin (Cherie) of Fenton, Michigan; daughter-in-law, Carrie Anne Martin of Fredericksburg, Virginia; and grandsons, Ryan Martin and Kyle Martin (Jaslin) of Virginia; and nieces, Marianne Martin of Boulder, Colorado, Deborah Martin of Breckinridge, Colorado, and Stephanie Martin Strohl (Clint) of Park City , Utah. Contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Ohio, 2269 Cherry Valley Road, Suite A, Newark, Ohio 43055 or Field Trial Hall of Fame, Attn: Tanya Brotherton, 505 West Hwy. 57, Grand Junction, Tennessee 38039. Friends may visit at the RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085 from 2-4 PM and 6-8PM on Wednesday, May 19, with a Rosary service at 7 PM. Requiem Mass will be held 10 AM, Thursday, May 20, 2021 at St. Leo Oratory, 221 Hanford St., Columbus, OH, 43206 with Rev. Cannon David Silvey officiating. Interment at Pine Street Cemetery, Gallipolis, Ohio following.

# Cemetery Details

## Pine Street Cemetery

104 Pine St.  
(Note: North Of Donut Shop)  
Gallipolis, OH 45631

# Previous Events

## First Visitation

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Second Visitation

MAY 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Requiem Mass

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MAY **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo Catholic Church  
221 Hanford Street  
Columbus, OH 43206

# Tribute Wall



“ *John William Martin*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Ed & Nancy Schillig purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John William Martin.*



**Ed & Nancy Schillig** - May 17, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for Judy and all those who knew John “Jack” Martin. A tough competitor, and a legend in the Retriever Field Trial world. He was, and still is, the most accomplished owner/handler in the history of the Ohio Valley Retriever Club. Jack and Judy, and their talented dogs, were a formidable team. Too many awards to list here. Always in our hearts.*

**Nancy & Ed Schillig** - May 17, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Ohio Valley Retriever Club purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John William Martin.*



**Ohio Valley Retriever Club** - May 16, 2021 at 08:03 PM

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“ *Much love,Larry and Cindy Huskey purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of John William Martin.*



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**Much love,Larry and Cindy Huskey** - May 13, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of John William Martin.*



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May 13, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *My condolences to the Martins for the passing of my dear friend and the fiercest competitor i have ever met, no matter whatever task was at hand. May you rest at peace now with the wind forever at your back. You will always be missed.*

*William T. Dunn*



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**Bill Dunn** - May 10, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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“ *My condolences to the Martins for the passing of my dear friend and the fiercest competitor i have ever met, no matter whatever task was at hand. May you rest at peace now with the wind forever at your back. You will always be missed.*

*William T. Dunn*

*Oak Harbor Ohio*

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**William T Dunn** - May 10, 2021 at 07:45 AM

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“ *The Kouskouris and Zech Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of John William Martin.*



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**The Kouskouris and Zech Family** - May 09, 2021 at 11:29 PM