



Joseph Henry Martin

May 11, 1935 - August 10, 2022

Joseph Henry Martin, loving husband and father, passed away peacefully on August 10th, 2022, surrounded by family.

Joe was born in Norwood, Pennsylvania in 1935 to John and Emilia Martino. His older sister Joan was thrilled to have a brother.

Joe married Gail Martin on January 5, 1973 in ski clothes, after a full day of skiing at Alpine Meadows, before a justice of the peace in Tahoe City, California. Joe and Gail then successfully raised their blended family, Peter, Shannon, Sarah and Megan, together.

Joe graduated from Villanova University in 1957 and got his Navy Wings in 1959. He served on the USS Forrestal and loved flying; he met his lifelong friends in the Navy. In 1964, Joe took a position as a co-pilot with American Airlines. He was one of the few

Captains to have flown the Airbus A300 when he retired nearly 30 years later at the age of 58.

Joe loved tennis, squash, and golf. He played many years at Hampshire Hills Athletic Club (Milford, NH), and Bald Peak Colony Club, Audubon Country Club, and Quail Creek Country Club (Naples, FL). A proud Italian, Joe was an active member of the Italian Cultural Society of Naples. He was easy to be around, and always loved a good story and sharing his adventures.

The family plans to hold a "Celebration of Life" in the future. We will share the details when they are finalized.

Joe maintained his sense of humor until the very end. Remember him in your happiest thoughts

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Resurrection Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Henry Martin*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Gail, so sorry to hear of Joe's death. As you probably remember he was an integral part of the trio of Tom Sweeny and Pete Arnold and Joe in VA 83 on the Forrestal. As if we hadn't had enough of each other we all moved to American Airlines where we finished her careers. A lot of memories with Joe. He will be missed. RIP Joe, Pete*

Peter Arnold - September 12, 2022 at 02:39 PM



Thank you Mr. Arnold. I still remember you taking all the family pictures that still hang in the house. Shannon

Shannon LaFrance - September 26, 2022 at 08:07 AM



*When flying on Joe's wing, off the carrier, especially at night, it was so relaxing to completely trust my flight leader. When I was dead heading on one of Joe's AA flights, I saw a new level of "smooth" that I could shoot for. Joe was a pilot's pilot. I won't forget you!
Curt Ingham*

Curtis Ingham - December 18, 2022 at 11:27 PM



Thank you for this memory Mr. Ingham.

Shannon LaFrance - December 30, 2022 at 11:27 AM

DL

We flew together on my first flight from the USS Forrestal in 1962. He was a good flight leader & made it all look easy. He will be missed.

Dick Laumeier - December 31, 2022 at 04:38 PM

EB

“ So very sorry to learn of Joe’s passing..my favorite memory of Joe was a trip we flew to Montego Bay some time around 1987. Joe’s daughter Shannon, and my daughter Megan came along and Joe made sure they had a wonderful time. Megan still talks about how kind my Captain was! God bless you all..
Ed Beck

Ed Beck - September 03, 2022 at 07:04 PM

SL

*Dear Mr. Beck, I remember that trip. Thank you for that memory.
Shannon*

Shannon LaFrance - September 13, 2022 at 11:21 AM

JG

“ For years we met for coffee on Friday. If we couldn't meet, we rescheduled it to ensure we saw each other. Sometimes there would be other guys even up to eight but always you and I met. We had donuts, fritters, bagels, or breakfast and lots of good conversation and camaraderie. You always gave your name at NY Bagels as Daryl as you thought there were too many Joe's and many times we'd have to tell you they were calling Daryl. It's been the past two Fridays we haven't gotten together and that saddens me.
I will always think of you then and many other times. Rest in peace my friend. You were a good friend and I miss you.

Joe Grillo - August 17, 2022 at 08:23 AM

SL

Dear Mr. Grillo, Thank you so much for this memory of my Dad. He maintained this same sense of humor during his hospital stay and had us laughing much of the time. Thank you also for being such a good friend. Shannon

Shannon Martin LaFrance - August 19, 2022 at 07:46 AM

MM

*Loved your message Joe. He loved meeting with you, considered you a true buddy. When he described you, he would end the sentence with, "a very smart guy, always interesting".
Thank you Joe. I look forward to meeting you.
Gail*

Mrs. Gail A Martin - September 14, 2022 at 10:24 AM