



Lillian K. Martin

June 26, 1931 - April 15, 2021

TOWNSEND: Lillian K. (Koivula) Martin, 89, of Townsend died Thursday, April 15, 2021 at Health Alliance – Leominster Hospital.

Her husband of 50 years, Roderick H. Martin, died in June 2003.

Mrs. Martin was born in West Townsend, June 26, 1931, a daughter of John and Lempi (Wiik) Koivula and resided in Townsend for much of her life.

She was a 1949 graduate of Spaulding Memorial School in Townsend and continued her education at Keene State College, Keene, NH before receiving her Bachelors Degree in Education from Fitchburg State College.

She began her teaching career in 1953 as a first grade teacher at Lunenburg Elementary School before, in 1964, moving to Spaulding Memorial School in Townsend. She retired from teaching in 1988.

Mrs. Martin was a member of St. John's Church in Townsend.

She leaves her daughter and son in law, Mary T. and Robert Brandimarte of Leominster; her son and daughter in law, Roderick H. and Anne Martin III of Charlottesville, VA; her sister and brother in law, Ellen and Leon Pratt of Rindge, NH; five grandchildren, Michael Brandimarte and his wife Anna,

Steven Brandimarte, Kevin Brandimarte and his wife Ceren, Jeffrey Brandimarte, Nathan Martin; four great grandchildren, Gabriel Brandimarte, Adrian Brandimarte, Jack Brandimarte and Ayla Brandimarte. She also leaves several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was the sister of the late Paul Koivula of Mason, NH and Celia Lorden of Milford, NH.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 11 AM Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery.

Mrs. Martin's family will receive family and friends at calling hours from 4-7 PM Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please see their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Mass

APR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Church
1 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Dear Mary,
I was very saddened to hear of your mother's passing. I have such fond memories of growing up with you and always being treated so warmly by your mother and father. Main Street, Townsend will never be the same...
With deep sympathy and fond memories,
Sara Churchville Joy

Sara Joy - April 28, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Lillian K. Martin.



April 20, 2021 at 08:02 AM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Lillian K. Martin.



April 19, 2021 at 09:26 PM

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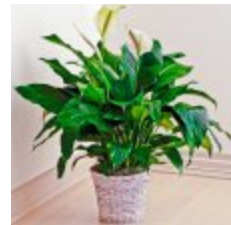
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Nathan Martin - April 18, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Lillian K. Martin.



April 18, 2021 at 03:20 PM

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“ When I think of my mother-in-law, I think of the special gift she had of listening: her kindness and caring was shown in the way that she paid attention to the people around her. Her son remembers her listening patiently when as a boy he talked for many hours about his interests in everything from Spider Man to Star Trek. One of the first times that I met her, she asked what kind of ice-cream I liked. For decades after, whenever we visited, she offered me mint chocolate chip ice-cream. Likewise she never forgot a holiday or special occasion. On birthdays, she always called and sang Happy Birthday over the phone. Her voice was beautiful! I remember the first time I heard her sing, we were all in the kitchen and she just started to sing and it was amazing! It was a stop in your tracks voice coming out of this sweet, humble woman just doing the dishes in her kitchen. And that's the thing about her as well: she didn't sing to get attention or to be admired, she sang because it brought her joy and she loved signing and music. Her birthday songs to us over the years were her gift of song. She gave that love of music to her son, who fondly remembers her love of Eddy Arnold songs. She listened to the stories we told and remembered the smallest details about things that were happening in our lives. Her generous interest was warm and real. She was a thoughtful, loving woman, but she also had incredible quiet reserves of strength, and was strong-minded and hardworking. She met difficulty with grace and quiet determination. Like the lilies that bear her name, she was a beautiful person.

Anne Lindberg - April 18, 2021 at 02:16 PM

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Christine Sullivan - April 17, 2021 at 10:18 PM

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“ *Condolences to the Brandimartes and Lillian’s other family members. I first met Lillian over 25 years ago. Her gentle kind nature never wavered. The most excited exclamation from her lips was, “Oh my goodness.” Lil will always remain in my heart as the most “steady Eddie” person I’ve ever known as well as an incredibly GOOD Person.*

I remember with fondness, her desserts that she prepared for family celebrations, her hearty appetite (always last to finish), and her love of family. It has been an honor to know such a sweet and special Lady!

anna pierce - April 17, 2021 at 09:33 AM

GS

Peace and strength to Mrs. Martin's family. She made going into SMS every day in the first grade a less harrowing adventure.

Glen Shepherd - April 17, 2021 at 07:11 PM

CS

Lillian was like a sister to my mother. She never forgot my birthday! She was such a special family member and will be missed dearly. May her family be consoled by remembrances of everyone who loved her.

Christine Sullivan - April 17, 2021 at 10:14 PM

RM

My sainted aunt Lillian I will always remember with great love. Their was nothing she would not do for the human condition, that extended far beyond blood relatives. She NEVER judged and gave empathy to everyone in all circumstances. That is not an easy thing to do; it takes a soul as pure as possible and a heart that was overflowing with love and kindness.

We all were blessed with having played a role in this lifetime with Lillian and can only hope that we play another in another time and space. Rest In Peace dear aunt, the rest you well deserve.

Richard C. Martin - April 18, 2021 at 08:51 AM