

*In  
Loving Memory*



**Merna F. Martin**

*Born*

January 4, 1915  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Entered Into Rest*

February 18, 2004  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Age*

89 Years, 1 Month, 14 Days

*Life Celebration*

10:30 A.M.

Saturday, February 21, 2004

Selby Funeral Chapel  
Shenandoah, Iowa

*Words of Comfort*

Reverend Artis Ferrel

*Memory Register*

Enie Martin

*Caring for Flowers*  
Marcia Allely - Carol Mount

*Pianist*                      *Soloist*  
Becky Hoenshel      Susie Schaaf

*Musical Selections*

“Amazing Grace”  
“Old Rugged Cross”

*Ushers*

Jim & Pat O’Hara

*Casket Bearers*

Todd Butterbaugh - Cory Davis - Troy Davis  
Brian Gilbert - Darrin Gilbert - Randy Martin

*Honorary Bearers*

Chad & Chuck Martin

*Final Resting Place*

Rose Hill Cemetery  
Shenandoah, Iowa

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***The Twenty-Third Psalm***

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for His name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art  
with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil:  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will  
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Merna F. Martin

Merna Faye Martin, age 89, the daughter of Royal A. and Elsie (Nelson) Brink, was born January 4, 1915, on the family farm south of Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away February 18, 2004, at the Gardenview Care Center in Shenandoah.

Growing up the second oldest of 11 children, Merna could be relied upon to help raise the other children, do chores, drive the tractor, as well as find time to do the outdoor activities she so enjoyed. Her father instilled in her a love of sports, particularly baseball and tennis. In fact, her father, Roy, built a tennis court on their farm, where Merna and her sister, Shirley, and a host of friends and neighbors learned to master the game. Both men and women put that skill to the test in the Shenandoah City Tournament in 1937 where Merna walked away with the trophy.

Receiving her education in the Shenandoah school system, Merna graduated from high school in 1932, received Normal Training and taught school for a short time at Honeycreek country school.

On September 20, 1941, Merna was united in marriage to Charles D. Martin and together they raised six children, Rodney, Ed, Sandra, Sharon, Charlotte, and Darlene.

Following the death of her husband in 1958, Merna moved her family to Shenandoah. Her sense of humor and quick wit helped sustain her as she continued the job of raising her children alone. She was employed at Earl May Seed and Nursery Company for over 30 years, retiring at the age of 65. Her love of the outdoors continued, and often times she could be seen working in her yard and garden and tending to the flowers around the house. It seemed there was no task or job she wouldn't accomplish from refinishing furniture to constructing her driveway out of old red bricks.

Preceding Merna in death were her parents; husband, Charles, in 1958; youngest of her children, infant son, Gary Dean Martin; sister, Mildred Brink; and brothers, Dale, Willard, Boyd and Eldon Brink.

Survivors include her children, Rodney Martin and wife, Cheryle, of Grimes, Iowa, Ed Martin and wife, Patsy, of Shenandoah, Sandra Dallas and husband, Harold, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sharon Davis and husband, Chris, of Readlyn, Iowa, Charlotte Butterbaugh of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Darlene Carlson of Pleasant Hill, Iowa. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, Randy and Chad Martin, Lisa Burt, Lori Lee Barnett, Darrin and Brian Gilbert, John and Jean Dallas, Holly and Chuck Martin, Troy and Cory Davis, Jenny Smith, Todd Butterbaugh, Kristina Sickels, Suzanne Runyon, and Wendy Carlson plus 18 great grandchildren. Other survivors include Merna's sister, Shirley Hunter of Canon City, Colorado; brothers, Glen Brink of Farragut, Iowa, Lee Brink and wife, Mary, of Stockton, California, Russell Brink and wife, Vernice of Farragut, and Gene Brink of Saint Louis, Missouri plus other relatives and friends.



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*Services Entrusted to the Selby Funeral Chapel, Shenandoah, Iowa*

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