

## Richard Dean Martin (1927-2010)



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Richard Dean Martin, a former resident of Barstow for nearly 45 years, entered into rest at his home in Victorville, on May 1, 2010. Born in South Pasadena, Calif., on November 23, 1927, he attended the first class of Barstow High School when it first opened. He later enlisted in the Army from 1946 to 1949, where he worked as a machinist. After getting out of the service he lived in Idaho for quite some time. In 1960 with his four children, with very little money, the family came to Barstow to start anew. The challenge seemed too big and Richard was about to go back to Idaho, when his son Joe said "Dad, are we living without even trying?" The rest was history.

Richard's heart was always into working on cars and trucks throughout his life, and he opened Martin's Garage in Barstow, on First Street across from Del Taco from 1961 to 1983. He was a good and giving man that worked long hours on many Santa Fe Trucks - however one thing that could get him away from work was a trip to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm or Magic Mountain. He would ride the fastest rides with children and loved every minute of it. He did this until age 76 using the "wheel chair rule" to get himself and his grandchildren to the front of the line at all of the theme parks.

He can be remembered as a loving, compassionate and hardworking leader, that was always dedicated to his family and his community. Richard was a member of the Barstow 1st Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was also a president of the Newberry Springs Branch.

He is survived by two sons, Joe Martin of Honeyville, Utah, Richard Jr. Martin of Barstow, Calif.; three daughters, Paula Crandal of Baker, Calif., Cindy Saari of Victorville, Calif., and Sharon Gillean of Grand Junction, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Ollie Martin.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2010, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2571 Barstow Road in Barstow. A Graveside Blessing will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday May 10, 2010, at Mountain View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road in Barstow.

Arrangements entrusted to Horizon Memorial Services of Barstow 252-5222.

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